Speaker biographies

**Dr Emily Mayberry**  
Senior Clinical Psychologist – Sheffield MND Care Centre and Clinical Neuropsychology Services, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Dr Mayberry’s role focuses on delivering specialist neuropsychological assessments and interventions.

Dr Mayberry also holds research posts as a ScHARR Clinical Research Academy Fellow and SiTrAN Honorary Research Associate. Dr Mayberry’s clinical and research interests focus on improving psychological support for people with MND, their family members, and for MND healthcare professionals. This includes identification of cognitive, behavioural, and emotional support needs, as well as interventions to improve quality of life particularly Acceptance and Commitment Therapy.

**Dr Sian Hocking**  
Principle Practitioner Psychologist – South Wales MND Care Network

Dr Hocking has experience of working within neuropsychology with a range of diagnoses including traumatic and acquired brain injury, stroke, and MND since gaining a doctoral qualification in Clinical Psychology in 2015.

She been part of the South Wales MND Care Network since 2018, working on developing a psychological model of care for patients and their families in South Wales.

Dr Hocking works as a therapist on the COMMEND research trial, exploring the use of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for use with people living with MND. Her clinical interests in MND centre on seeking to improve the psychological care of people affected by MND, and to see psychological care embedded alongside physical healthcare in clinical services.