

Conference information

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the South West SAPC conference in Southampton. This document will give you basic information about the conference and venue. If you have any further questions please contact our team at sapcsw2026@soton.ac.uk



Getting there

The conference hotel is:

Leonardo Royal Hotel Southampton Grand Harbour
West Quay Road
SO15 1AG

Please note that there is another Leonardo hotel located in Southampton so make sure you use the full name!

By car

If you are driving, please note the address and postcode above. The hotel has a car park and parking is free on the days of the conference. If you are staying overnight, you need to add your car registration to the system at the hotel reception.

By air

Southampton airport is located just outside of the city. It is a short walk to the Southampton Airport Parkway train station which has good links to Southampton Central. Alternatively, the airport is roughly a 20 minute car or taxi journey from the hotel.

By train

The closest train station is Southampton Central. This is a 16 minute, mostly flat, walk to the hotel or a 5 minute car or taxi journey.

By taxi

If you are arriving by train there are usually taxis available outside of the station. If you need to book a taxi, details of a local company are below. Alternatively, there are usually plenty of Ubers in Southampton.

Radio taxis: phone 023 8066 6666 or download the app by searching 'radio taxis Southampton' in your app store.

WIFI

Free wifi is available throughout the hotel.



Social media

The conference hashtag is #sapcsw2026. The University of Southampton Primary Care Research Centre will be posting conference updates from Bluesky and LinkedIn. Details below:

Bluesky: @uos-primarycare.bsky.social
LinkedIn: Primary Care Research Centre, University of Southampton



Accessibility

The entrance from the street into the conference venue is step free and there is an accessible toilet on this floor. Many conference activities will take place on this floor. Breakout session rooms are located on the first floor which can be accessed via the lift in the main hotel lobby.

Information about Ramadan

We are aware that some of our guests will be fasting for Ramadan on the days of the conference. With this in mind :

- On both days, the lunch will be available as a packed lunch
- A shared quiet/faith room will be available throughout the conference
- The conference dinner is scheduled for after Iftar

Evening entertainment

At 6.30pm, we will host reception drinks in the hotel bar. The dinner will begin at 7.30pm in the Mayflower Suite and be followed by a DJ and dancing until midnight, if you choose to stay.

Quiet/faith room

We have allocated boardroom 2 as a quiet space. It is located on the first floor and is clearly marked on the venue plan. Feel free to use this room if you want a moment to yourself. It is for anyone to use.

Food and drink

Teas, coffees and other refreshments will be available throughout the day from the Mayflower foyer and the first floor mezzanine.

The lunch buffet and dinner will be chef's choice and account for all dietary requirements outlined at registration.

Finding your way around

The venue: to get familiar with the venue, please watch our walkthrough video here: <https://youtu.be/0bGaMjCR71s> . We also have a map of the conference room layout on the conference website.

Southampton: The hotel is within easy walking distance of the city centre. Why not try the 'walk the walls' walking route – there is a copy of this on the conference website.

Hotel information

If you need further information, the hotel website is:

<https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/southampton/leonardo-royal-hotel-southampton-grand-harbour>

Luggage and storage

On arrival at the conference you will be able to leave your luggage in a designated area in the Mayflower Suite at your own risk.

Please check with the conference team on arrival.

Checking in

We have arranged a group check-in. Those checking into the hotel on the 5th March can go to the check-in desk at the hotel reception after 3 pm to receive their key card without filling out any forms.