



**7TH International Prader-Willi Syndrome Caregivers' Conference
to be held in Cambridge, UK, 28 – 30 June, 2027.**

Call for abstracts and submission guidelines

If you are involved in the professional support of young people, adults, and older individuals with Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS) whether in a direct caregiving role or in a managerial or leadership position, we invite you to share your vision, successes, challenges, and experiences with delegates at the **7th International PWS Caregivers' Conference, 28 - 30 June 2027 in Cambridge, UK.**

We also welcome contributions from other professionals and experts in the field whose knowledge and experience can enrich understanding and practice in PWS care.

Please ensure you follow these guidelines.

Desired themes include, but are not limited to, the following key priorities in residential care for people with PWS, which will shape the conference programme. While other relevant topics may be considered, contributions should align with these themes where possible:

1. Understanding behaviour:

Behaviour plays a central role in the lives of people with PWS and those who support them. This theme will explore how brain function, cognition, and emotional processing influence behaviour, and how a deeper understanding can inform more effective and compassionate support strategies.

2. Communication and relationships:

Effective communication is essential to building meaningful relationships and delivering high-quality care. This theme will consider approaches to communication, as well as the importance of strong partnerships between caregivers, families, and individuals with PWS.

3. Day-to-day living and support practices:

Structured routines, nutritional management, and proactive approaches to crisis prevention are fundamental aspects of residential care. This theme will explore practical strategies that support stability, safety, and well-being in everyday life.

4. Workforce challenges in PWS care:

Staff recruitment, retention, and well-being remain significant challenges in residential settings. This theme will examine how to support and sustain a skilled workforce, reduce burnout, and create positive, resilient care environments.

5. Rights, inclusion, and quality of life:

Supporting people with PWS to live fulfilling lives requires careful consideration of rights, autonomy, and protection from harm. This theme will include self-advocacy, ageing, inclusion, and the balance between individual freedoms and necessary restrictions.

6. Current research in PWS:

Emerging research and evidence-based practice, focusing on how findings can be applied in residential settings and how individuals with PWS can be involved in research in meaningful and practical ways.

7. International perspectives on residential care:

Models of residential care across countries, highlighting diverse practices and innovations, as well as challenges in regions where such provision is not yet established and alternative forms of support are required.

8. Environment, design, and technology:

The role of architecture, environmental design, and emerging technologies can enhance residential settings and improve outcomes for people with PWS.

Submissions may include:

- Case studies
- Approaches and procedures that have proven effective in practice
- Contributions from different professional disciplines
- Suggested areas for further development or research
- Academic research related to PWS and residential care

Abstract Guidelines for the 7th International Prader-Willi Syndrome Caregivers' Conference, 2027

Notes on applying:

- Abstracts should be written in English.
- Please indicate on your abstract whether you are applying for **oral presentation, poster or either**.
- Poster presentations will take place during a dedicated early evening poster session. Presenters are expected to be present at their posters during most of the poster session.
- Presenting authors of accepted abstracts will be required to register for and attend the conference.
- A reduced registration rate will be available for students.
- A limited number of travel scholarships will be available. Applicants from less well-resourced countries are particularly encouraged to apply.

Abstract Template:

- Abstracts should fit on 8.5" x 11" paper with 1" margins.
- Abstracts are limited to one side of one page.
- The word count should not exceed 220 words.
- Underline the person giving the presentation.
- Include Author(s) Titles and Organisation.
- Email addresses of all authors.
- Suggested structure: Introduction, Methods, Results and Conclusions.
- See sample Abstract Format below.

Abstract Guidelines:

- Please ensure you have the permission of each named author to have this abstract submitted.
- By submitting an abstract you give us permission to include it in our conference programme.
- By submitting an abstract you agree to attend the conference or send a substitute. If you are unable to attend or send a substitute, then your abstract will be removed from the programme.

Review Process:

Our panel of reviewers will rate the submissions based on the following criteria:

- Clarity
- Relevance to PWS and the scope of the conference

Important dates:

22 January 2027 – Abstracts due to the IPWSO office

19 February 2027 – Authors will be notified of the outcome

26 March 2027 – Last day for early-bird registration (fees increase after this date)

Visas:

Attendees travelling to the UK may require a visa depending on their nationality.

If you may need a visa, we encourage you to begin preparing early. While visa applications typically open 3 months before travel, gathering documents can take time. Early supporting letters are available on request - see our [Visa information](#) page for details.

Submit abstracts via the IPWSO website:

- Upload your abstract as a PDF or Word document (.doc/.docx).
- Save your file using the following format:
Last name, first name of first author – brief title
- When ready, please visit the [Call for abstracts page](#) to complete your submission.

For any questions about the abstracts, please email IPWSO Project Manager, Shelly Cordner, scordner@ipwso.org.

Sample Abstract Format for IPWSO Caregivers' Conference 2024

Approaches to Behaviour in Prader-Willi Syndrome Care Homes

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