



NOTA International Conference 2027 Paper and Proposal Submission guidelines

Deadline: All abstracts must be submitted by no later than 11:59pm (BST) on **Monday 30th November 2026**

No extensions will be granted.

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All abstracts must be submitted online using the electronic abstract portal. This can be accessed via the [CONFERNECE WEBSITE](#). Please carefully proofread your abstract before submitting. **Abstracts sent via email will not be accepted.**

Please read these guidelines carefully before writing and submitting your abstract to ensure compliance with the required type and format.

Abstract Themes/ Topic

Please select the topic area that best reflects the primary focus of your submission.

Assessment

Submissions relating to the assessment of harmful sexual behaviour, sexual offending, risk, need, responsivity, strengths and protective factors. This may include assessment tools, formulation approaches, case management frameworks, and methods used within clinical, forensic, criminal justice, social care, education, or community settings.

Treatment, Intervention and Therapeutic Approaches

Submissions focused on interventions designed to prevent, reduce or respond to harmful sexual behaviour and sexual offending. This may include therapeutic models, treatment programmes, rehabilitation initiatives, trauma-informed practice, behaviour change approaches, family interventions, and service evaluations.

Prevention

Submissions exploring primary, secondary or tertiary prevention of sexual abuse and harmful sexual behaviour. This may include public health approaches, early intervention, education, awareness programmes, community initiatives, online safety, and work aimed at reducing risk before offending occurs.

Research

Submissions presenting original research, service evaluations, quality improvement projects, evidence reviews, or emerging findings relevant to the prevention, assessment, treatment, management, or understanding of sexual abuse and harmful sexual behaviour.

Policy

Submissions examining legislation, policy development, professional standards, commissioning, strategic initiatives, or organisational responses relating to sexual abuse prevention, safeguarding, offender management, victim protection, and public protection.

Safeguarding

Submissions focused on protecting children, young people and adults from sexual harm. This may include multi-agency practice, risk management, victim-centred approaches, professional decision-making, learning from reviews, organisational safeguarding, and strategies to promote safety and wellbeing.

If your submission spans multiple themes, please select the category that best represents the main focus of your work.

Abstract Types

Accepted submission types are **Workshops, Research Presentations, and Poster Presentations**. Each format offers a different way to share research, professional practice, service developments, innovation, and learning. When submitting your proposal, please select the presentation type that best reflects your intended content and delivery format.

Pre-Conference Workshop	90 or 45-Minute Workshop	Research Presentation	Poster Presentation
An extended interactive workshop providing an opportunity for in-depth exploration of a topic through discussion, learning and practical activities. Pre-Conference Workshops will take place on Monday 10 May 2027 from 2:00pm-5:00pm (including a refreshment break) . Only four workshops will be selected.	An interactive session that actively engages participants through discussions, practical exercises, case studies or skills-based activities. Workshops should provide opportunities for delegates to contribute, reflect and apply learning. Workshops can be 90 minutes or 45 minutes long. Accepted 45-minute workshops will be paired with another complementary 45-minute workshop to create a 90-minute workshop session within the conference programme.	A short oral presentation focused on research findings and their relevance to practice. Presentations should clearly outline the research aims, methodology, key findings and implications.	A visual presentation of research, evaluation or practice-based work displayed during a dedicated poster session. Posters provide an opportunity for informal discussion and feedback from conference delegates.

Abstract Submission Format

- Please ensure that all information provided through the submission portal, including presenter details and affiliations, is complete and accurate. Authors are encouraged to ask a colleague or "critical friend" to review their submission to ensure it is clear, concise, and free from spelling, grammatical or factual errors.
- All submissions must be written in English and should reflect an appropriate standard of academic writing.
- Abbreviations may be used provided they are written in full when first referenced.
- Authors must provide the details of the lead presenter, including full name, email address, professional role and country of residence. Details of up to two co-presenters may also be included.
- Submissions must be made under one of the following presentation formats: Pre-Conference Workshop (3 hours), 90-minute Workshop, 45-minute Workshop, 15-minute Research Presentation, or Poster Presentation
- Authors must select the most appropriate topic area: Assessment, Treatment/Intervention/Therapeutic Approaches, Prevention, Research, Policy, or Safeguarding.
- Where applicable, authors should indicate whether the work presented is a completed project or work in progress.
- Submission titles must not exceed 20 words.
- Abstracts should be written in a narrative format and must not exceed 300 words.
- Authors must also provide a short session description of no more than 75 words. This may be used within the conference programme, website, marketing materials and social media promotion.
- Submissions must include up to five key learning outcomes, outlining the knowledge, skills or insights participants will gain from attending the session.
- A lead presenter biography of no more than 100 words must be provided.
- NOTA is committed to promoting ethically rigorous research and ethical research practice. By submitting an abstract, authors confirm that all relevant ethical standards have been met and that any necessary ethical approvals have been obtained.
- Authors are expected to declare any actual or potential conflicts of interest relevant to their submission, including affiliations with organisations, commercial entities or projects that may be perceived to influence the content of the presentation.
- Any additional information relevant to the submission may be included within the designated section of the submission form.

- By submitting an abstract, authors confirm that they are authorised to present the work, have obtained agreement from all co-authors, and grant NOTA permission to use the submitted title, abstract, biography, headshot and session description, in whole or in part, for conference, promotional and marketing purposes. Authors retain copyright of their presented work.
- All submissions will be subject to a blind peer-review process. Authors should therefore ensure that the abstract text itself does not contain identifying information relating to individuals, organisations or institutions wherever possible.
- The Scientific Committee reserves the right to reassign accepted submissions to an alternative presentation format where this is considered more appropriate.

After Submission

Each abstract will be reviewed by the conference planning committee. The reviewers will evaluate the abstracts according to the quality of the content, the quality of the writing, and the educational value. Specifically, they will assess if the abstract:

- Has an informative title and is structured as recommended, with correct spelling/grammar and coherent writing.
- Has educational value.
- Provides context.
- Concisely describes the content.
- Is of relevant interest to the conference delegates.

Research Presentations - What happens if the abstract is selected as a research presentation?

If the abstract is selected as an oral presentation you will be contacted with a date and time of the presentation. Presentations are 15 minutes to include 5 minutes for questions. Only one of the named authors may present and they must register as a paying delegate. Oral presenters will receive a 10% discount on the conference registration fee. You will be asked for a copy of your presentation in advance of conference. On the day of your presentation, please report to the registration desk, located at the main registration area. If you wish to preview your slides, you will be directed to the AV team.

Workshops – What happens if my submission is selected as a workshop?

If your submission is selected as a workshop, you will be contacted with the date and time of your session. Workshops will be scheduled as either a 90-minute workshop or a 45-minute workshop. Accepted 45-minute workshops will be paired with another 45-minute workshop to create a shared 90-minute session. Presenters will be asked to provide any presentation materials in advance of the conference. Workshop presenters must register for the conference and will receive a 25% discount on the conference registration fee. On the day of your workshop, please report to the registration desk. If you wish to preview your materials, you will be directed to the AV team.

Pre-Conference Workshops – What happens if my submission is selected?

If your submission is selected as a Pre-Conference Workshop, you will be contacted with further details regarding delivery of your session. Pre-Conference Workshops will take place on Monday 10 May 2027 between 2:00pm and 5:00pm, including a refreshment break. Only four Pre-Conference Workshops will be included within the programme. Presenters selected to deliver a Pre-Conference Workshop will receive complimentary registration for the full conference. Presenters will be required to provide any presentation materials in advance and should report to the registration desk on arrival.

Poster Presentations - What happens if the poster is selected?

If your poster is accepted, you should bring this with you to conference. You should also submit a PDF version by Tuesday 20 April 2027 as your poster will also appear on the conference app in PDF format. In order to present your poster at conference, you must register as a paying. All posters must be portrait and A0 in size (1189mm x 841mm) - landscape posters will not be displayed. You must declare any conflicts of interest on your poster. Posters are a representation of your submitted abstract. You may not amend the title after acceptance. Velcro tabs will be providing for you to attach your poster to the poster board

- The submitting author will be notified of their outcome the week commencing **14 December 2026**, by email to the same email address provided in their NOTA profile.
- It is the author's responsibility to ensure email addresses are current, updated, and that emails from the NOTA events team can reach them. Full presentation guidelines will be included in the acceptance email.
- For all accepted abstracts, the lead author will be required to accept the offer to present at the conference by **Monday 18 January 2027** and must have completed a registration for the conference by **Monday 15 March 2027**. If the registration is not confirmed by that date, the abstract will be excluded from the conference programme.

If you are experiencing problems submitting your abstract, please do not hesitate to contact the NOTA Events Team by emailing conference@nota.co.uk or by calling 01506 690191

Thank you for your interest in presenting at NOTA International Conference 2027. The contribution of presenters is critical, and we value your input greatly.