

Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care (FPHC) Student and Trainee Group (STG)

Essay Competition

Applications are welcomed for the FPHC STG annual essay competition 2026 on the topic of:

“ Making Decisions with Incomplete Information: The Reality of Pre-Hospital Care”

Essays must be written by the following:

- Medical student **or** (GMC registered) resident doctor (F1-F2, junior clinical fellow or completing core training in Anaesthesia, Emergency Medicine or ACCS)
- Paramedic student **or** currently completing NQP programme (HCPC registered)
- Nursing student **or** have qualified within the last 2 years (NMC registered)

Please note:

- All applicants must be the sole author of their essay.
- The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is not permitted to be used in the writing process.
- The word limit is 1000 words (excluding references and headings)
- To submit your essay, please complete the essay submission form and email to:
fphc@rcsed.ac.uk
- Deadline for submission: **20:00 Sunday 26th July 2026**

The prizes for the competition are the following:

- **First place:** £100 cash prize
- **Second place:** Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care Foundation Material for Pre-Hospital Care
- **Third place:** Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Teddy Bear

Each prize winner will also receive a certificate providing evidence of their achievement. Please note that winning essays will be uploaded to the FPHC website and shared on FPHC social media.