

Short Biography

Dr Marta Di Forti is a Professor of Drugs, Genes and Psychosis at the Dept of Social, Developmental and Genetic Research, KCL. She leads the first Cannabis Clinic for patients with Psychotic disorders in UK. In 2021 she awarded the Royal College of Psychiatrist Researcher of the year prize. In 2020 she was granted a MRC Senior Research Fellowship to expand her research in the role of cannabis use in psychosis and its underlying biology. Her MRC SRF employs technologies like Virtual Reality, genetic data, DNA Methylation data and peripheral levels of endocannabinoids from human participants in parallel to running an animal model experiment of pubertal exposure to cannabinoids to investigate biological markers of susceptibility to psychosis among heavy cannabis users. She found and runs the first and only in Europe, Cannabis Clinic for Psychosis, which supports young adults with psychosis to stop/reduce their use. For this work, in 2025 she was awarded the Outstanding Translational Research Award by the Schizophrenia International Research Society.