

NIHR Three Research Schools Early Career Event
Wednesday 20th November 2024
The Milner York (formerly Principal Hotel York), Station Road, York,
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Welcoming all early career researchers across the NIHR Three Schools for Public Health, Primary Care, and Social Care Research to join us for this exciting opportunity to learn more about the work of the Schools and their programmes or research. There will be time for facilitated networking, engagement in interactive discussions and opportunities to foster collaborations across the Schools.

09.30 – 10.00am	Registration, coffee, tea and networking
10.00 – 10.15am	Welcome and Introduction from Three NIHR Research Schools Rona Campbell, SPHR, Stephanie Taylor, SPCR Phillip Whitehead, SSCR
10.15- 11.00am	Keynote: Beth Scott, Deputy Director, Research Programme Branch, DHSC
11.00- 11.30am	Eugene Tang, NIHR Clinical Lecturer in General Practice, Newcastle University. The value of collaboration - How to build a research team across a network, how to contact people and network across the NIHR Three Schools. <i>Eugene is a mixed methods clinical academic in primary care and current NIHR Clinical Lecturer. His research interests are in cognitive impairment/dementia particularly in stroke patients and how clinical pathways can be optimised to improve patient care. He has been PI/Co-I on a number of NIHR Three Schools grants from all three themes (Mental Health, Dementia and Prevention).</i>
11.30- 1.00pm	Facilitated networking session <i>Join Jeni Smith, Founder and Networking Strategist at NetKno, for an engaging and interactive networking session designed to help you connect with colleagues across the Schools. Jeni will guide you through essential topics, including the principles of effective networking, the importance of network diversity, and how to foster innovation through meaningful conversations and connections.</i> <i>This session aims to enhance your confidence in networking while providing you with the tools to expand your professional network across all three Schools through interactive activities.</i>
1.00- 2.00pm	Lunch and further networking
2.00- 3.30pm	Parallel sessions (choose one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Involvement and Engagement - The Sixth Sense Halle Johnson & Angela King <i>This interactive session is designed to help attendees understand essential communication skills required to foster accessible and inclusive involvement & engagement in research. Through activities and games, attendees will learn strategies to communicate complex information in an accessible way and discover various approaches to support diverse groups to be involved in</i>

	<p><i>research. Attendees will leave with practical examples, tools, and techniques to enhance inclusivity and engagement within their projects.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicating your research to different audiences Amy Johnson, Andi Sull, Laura Ritson & Laura Haviland <i>Join us for a hands-on workshop where you'll work with your peers to create a communications plan. The session will inspire innovative thinking in creative communications tailored to diverse audiences and stakeholders. We'll discuss using AI, press releases, infographics, videos and more. You'll go away equipped with the skills to develop your own communications plan as well as tips and tools to help effectively communicate your research to different audiences.</i>
3.30-3.45pm	Break
3.45-4.30pm	Careers Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chris Doble, Senior Programme Manager, NIHR Coordinating Centre <i>Chris Doble is a Senior Programme Manager at the NIHR who works within the NIHR Academy managing a number of career development funding opportunities as well as working with NIHR Infrastructure centres and Schools to support their career development opportunities. Chris would be happy to talk with attendees about career development and fellowship opportunities offered by NIHR at the event. Before joining NIHR, he completed my PhD at UCL and worked for the Royal Society managing early to mid-career fellowship programmes.</i> Jayeeta Rajagopalan, Research Officer, London School of Economics <i>Jayeeta is a Research Officer at the Care Policy and Evaluation Centre (CPEC) at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Previously, she worked as an Early Career Researcher (ECR) on the Strengthening Responses to Dementia in Developing Countries (STRiDE) project in India between 2020-2022. She holds a BSc in Global Health and Social Medicine from King's College London and an MSc in Global Health Policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Her key research interests include unpaid care, dementia care and support and care inequalities.</i> Elizabeth McGill, Assistant Professor and SPHR Post-doc Launching Fellow, LSHTM <i>Elizabeth McGill is an Assistant Professor in Public Health at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and an NIHR School for Public Health Research Post-Doctoral Launching Fellow. She is interested in the commercial determinants of health and bringing a systems lens to public health evaluation.</i> Ruth Plackett, Zinc-NIHR Innovation Fellow and Three Schools Mental Health Postdoctoral Fellow, UCL <i>Ruth Plackett is a Senior Research Fellow at UCL's Department of Primary Care and Population Health. Her research primarily focuses on social media and its impact on young people's mental health. Ruth's broader research interests include digital health and mixed methods research. She is currently undertaking an NIHR Three Schools' Mental Health Programme Fellowship at UCL, where she explores the relationship between social media use and the mental health of young adults, and how primary care can better support young</i>

	<p><i>people’s mental health. Additionally, Ruth completed a Zinc & NIHR Innovation Fellowship this year, enhancing her understanding and connections with industry and digital health startups</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Louis Goffe, NIHR Local Authority Academic Fellow, HDRC, Public Health Team, Gateshead Council</p> <p><i>Louis Goffe is part of the first cohort of Advance Fellows as part of NIHR’s Local Authority Academic Fellowship Programme, as well as a Lead Researcher in Gateshead Council’s Health Determinants Research Collaboration. The current focus of his research is active travel and supporting under-represented groups to walk and cycle more. Louis is a researcher in applied public health with almost 17 years of experience who has taken an interdisciplinary approach to understand the mechanisms that create healthier and more equitable environments, applying expertise and knowledge from the natural, health, and computer sciences.</i></p>
<p>4.30pm</p>	<p>Close</p>

Upcoming Three Schools Funding Opportunities

Prevention

Funding call	Approx. launch date	Closing date	Funding panel	Start date	Estimated award
Research projects round 1	September 2024	29 th November 2024	January 2025	April 2025	8 awards x £250K
Career Development Awards round 2	June 2025	TBC	October 2025	March 2026	5 Awards x £30K
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Impact Accelerator Awards	November 2025	TBC	February 2026	April 2026	5 awards x £40K

Mental Health

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Career Development award	October 2024	15 th November 2024	January/ February 2025	April 2025	£30k each x 10
Impact Accelerator Award	October 2024	Mid-December 2024	January/ February 2025	April 2025	£25k each x 12
Projects to improve PPIE	October 2024	Mid-December 2024	January/ February 2025	April 2025	£50k each x 5
Short Placement Scheme	January 2025	End February 2025	March/April 2025	June 2025	£15k each x 8

Dementia

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Impact Fund	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Seed Fund	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Career Development Awards round 3	Spring 2025 – subject to funding	TBC	TBC	TBC	Up to £60k
Research projects round 3	Spring 2025 – subject to funding	TBC	TBC	TBC	Up to £500k