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The banner features the NIHR School for Primary Care Research logo in the top left and a decorative grid of squares in the top right. The main text is centered and reads: 'PRIMARY CARE CLINICIANS PHD PROGRAMME', 'OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS', 'Closing Date:', and '12 December 2024' (with the date in a red box), and '11.59pm'. A decorative grid of squares is also present in the bottom left corner.

The Primary Care Clinicians PhD programme is now open for applications. Applications for the 2025 programme are welcomed from clinicians of all disciplines working in UK primary care, for example: practice nurses; health visitors; dentists, primary care pharmacists; optometrists working in primary care and general practitioners (NB this list is not exhaustive)

**Closing date: 11.59pm Thursday 12th December 2024**

[Find out more](#)

Potential applicants are invited to attend webinar on Monday 23 September, 2 – 3pm to find out more about the programme

[Please register your interest for this event](#)

# SPCR News



## Winner of the RCGP SAPC Outstanding Early Career Primary Care Scientist Award

Congratulations to former SPCR doctoral student and clinical academic community nurse at the University of Cambridge Dr Ben Bowers. Who was recently awarded the RCGP Scientific Foundation Board (SFB) and the Society for Academic Primary Care (SAPC) 2024 Award for Outstanding Early Career Researchers.

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## National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Senior Research Leader for Nursing

Congratulations to SPCR colleague Dr Andrew Finney from the Keele School of Nursing and Midwifery who has been awarded the post of National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Senior Research Leader for Nursing and more recently, the title of NIHR Senior Research Leader as part of an NIHR nursing research leadership programme.

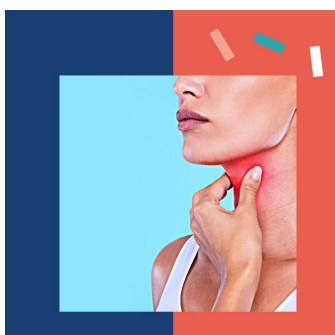
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## Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences

Congratulations to former SPCR Board member Gene Feder, Professor of Primary Care at the University of Bristol, who has been elected a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Science. Fellows are selected for their exceptional contributions to the advancement of medical science.

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## Test for sore throats cuts antibiotic use by nearly a third

A clinical scoring test developed by NIHR-funded researchers has cut the use of antibiotics prescribed for sore throats by nearly a third. Used daily in primary care, the FeverPAIN score is a cost-effective approach to manage patients' symptoms and reduce antibiotic use.

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## The PALP-AF Study

The PALP-AF Study is funded by the NIHR School for Primary Care Research (FR9). It is led by Dr Christopher Clark and Dr Rosina Cross and brings together a diverse team of researchers. PALP-AF aims to design a patient-led self-help and exercise-based resource for patients with Atrial Fibrillation.

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# SPCR Blogs



## Being a Clinical Academic Physiotherapist

Deborah Ancliff shares her insights on her role as a clinical academic physiotherapist supported by a NIHR SPCR post-doctoral award.

[Read more in our latest blog post](#)



## What's new in Perinatal Anxiety

Professor Carolyn Chew-Graham reflects on the recent webinar focussed on perinatal anxiety that was supported by the School for Primary Care Research.

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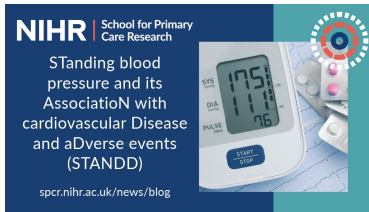


## Safety of COVID-19 vaccination in children

Using electronic health records from over 5.1 million children and young people in England, Emma Copeland assessed the safety of COVID-19 vaccination in this age group.

[Read more in our latest blog post](#)

## STanding blood pressure and its Association with cardiovascular Disease and aDverse events (STANDD)



The STANDD study is funded by the NIHR School for Primary Care Research ([FR8 - Project No. 682](#)). STANDD aims to understand more about standing blood pressure and the risk of having future health problems, such as a heart attack, stroke or falling over.

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## Reaching and engaging people with long lasting pain: Experiences of a public contributor and research ambassador

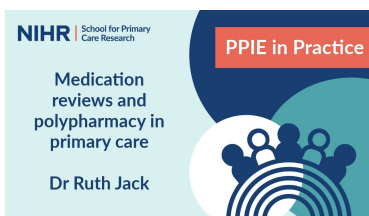


In this blog post, John Alexander reflects on his experience of being involved in a Public Involvement and Engagement project with Sarah Harrison, Krysia Canvin and Mel Holden from Keele University alongside public co-applicant and expert by experience, Louise Trewern.

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## PPIE in Practice - Medication reviews and polypharmacy in primary care

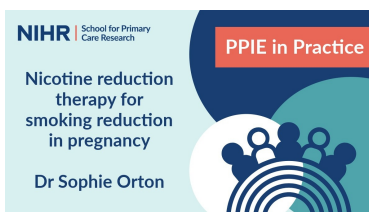


Ruth Jack, Senior Research Fellow at University of Nottingham shares more about how members of the public were involved in her project 'Medication reviews and polypharmacy in primary care' funded by the SPCR. This blog is part of our 'PPIE in Practice Series'.

[Read more in our latest blog post](#)

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## PPIE in Practice - Nicotine reduction therapy for smoking reduction in pregnancy



In our new video blog series 'Public Involvement and Engagement in Practice', Halle Johnson (Public Involvement and Engagement Manager) speaks to Dr Sophie Orton, Senior Research Fellow from the University of Nottingham about her recent research focused on smoking reduction in pregnancy.

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## SPCR Trainee Blog Post: Reflections on a visit to Parliament

Francesca Dakin, one of our SPCR Trainees, reflects on her recent visit to UK Parliament presenting findings of the Remote by Default 2 study.

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## Community Pharmacy and General Practice Collaboration and Integration: what works, when and why?

In our latest blog post, SPCR Award holder Sophie Parks et al, discuss Community Pharmacy and General Practice Collaboration and Integration: what works, when and why?

[Read more in our latest blog post](#)

# NIHR Updates

# Funding Call for NIHR Three Schools' Dementia Research Programme

The NIHR Three Schools' Dementia Research Programme has new funding opportunities.

- Research Projects – outline proposals are due **by 23 September 2024**
- Career Development Awards – applications are due **by 16 October 2024**

[Go to funding details](#)

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## NIHR Three Research Schools Prevention research programme - Pre and Post-Doctoral Fellowships and Career Development Awards

The NIHR Three Research Schools Prevention research programme is inviting applications for Pre and Post-Doctoral Fellowships and Career Development Awards. Applications should be co-developed with members of at least two of the Three Research Schools (Public Health, Primary Care, and Social Care Research). Fellowships are to start no earlier than January 2025 and Career Development Awards no later than April 2025. Awards will only be made to NIHR Three School Member Institutions. Applications should be submitted by **17:00 on Friday, 13th September 2024**.

Further details about these calls, including what the funding offers, eligibility criteria, application process, selection criteria, timelines, and commissioning process can be found via the call links towards the bottom of the page [here](#).

Any queries should be sent to [sphr.prevention@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:sphr.prevention@ncl.ac.uk).

If you would like to receive updates about this Programme, please sign-up to the NIHR [mailing list](#).

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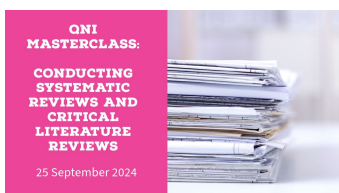
## NIHR Bursaries

Regulated Health and Care Professionals can apply for NIHR bursaries to pay the course fees to undertake master's level courses aligned with the [Clinician Researcher Credentials Framework](#). The qualifications are for experienced healthcare practitioners who want to take on leadership roles in clinical research delivery, such as Co-Investigator or Principal Investigator.

These bursaries are part of a wider [HCP funding program](#) which has ten streams of work to develop careers within specific professions. Consequently, the bursaries are not available for some professions including doctors, dentists and clinical research practitioners. NIHR recognise the impact this has on many colleagues who have a desire to undertake these courses and we are continuing to work with the Department of Health and Social Care in trying to address this. This restriction applies only to bursary and not course applications; all professions are eligible to apply for a place on one of the courses. If you do not meet the eligibility criteria for the Regulated Health and Care Professionals bursaries, you can visit the Clinician Researcher Credentials [funding information](#) page to see what other funding is available. If there are any updates about bursaries for other professions NIHR will email people registered for updates to inform them of this. You can register for updates by completing this [form](#).

For further information, please visit the [NIHR website](#).

## Events



### QNI Masterclass | Conducting Systematic Reviews and Critical Literature Reviews

Wednesday 25 September 2024, 1pm - 2pm

This free 1-hour masterclass with Dr Diane Bunn is focused on conducting systematic reviews and critical literature reviews.

This masterclass is part of a series of events by the QNI's [Community Nursing Research Forum](#) and is open to all community nurses and midwives interested in research.

[Register here](#)

# Communications



## We're on LinkedIn

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## Three Schools' Mental Health Programme Newsletters

Find out what's happening with the [Three Schools' Mental Health Programme](#). Sign up to the quarterly newsletter to receive automatic emails to your inbox.

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