

Collaboration catalyses outstanding research and impact

The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) School for Primary Care Research (SPCR) is a partnership between nine leading academic centres in England.

Works to increase the evidence base for primary care practice through high quality research and strategic leadership, and to build capacity in primary care with a well established training programme

Brings research and practice closer together:
Supports a resilient and sustainable primary care sector in England which meets national priorities and local needs
Strengthens capacity and influences decision making



At the heart of the School is a commitment to be guided by the lived experience and perspectives of patients and the public in all that we do

Shares expertise with non-members:
Collaborates with institutions beyond the School membership
Holds a strategic national leadership role across the primary care sector

Conducts world-leading research which:
Responds to the needs of local populations and local health and care systems
Addresses the impact of England's changing demographics on disease burdens and service demands
Increases the evidence base for effective primary care practice

SPCR's collaboration model

Is an effective use of funding, amplifying its impact beyond funding institutions separately

"...practical impact, efficient resource utilisation and the leveraging of research funding...value for money."
- Midterm review panel (Feb 2024)

Strengthens the primary care research sector, including professions beyond general practice

"Has increased the breadth of professional disciplines and communities...that have traditionally had a low research base."
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Develops partnerships beyond School members and outside the NIHR; SPCR has awarded over £600,000 to non-member organisations since 2021, including UK and overseas higher education institutions and charities

"The panel were pleased by the School's success in leveraging funding from NIHR and other funders, including in partnership with non-members."
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Key achievements

Increasing the evidence base for primary care practice:

Funded over **700 projects** since 2006

Increasing research capacity in primary care:

Made over 600 awards including studentships, pre- and post-doctoral awards, bridging, undergraduate internships and primary care clinician career progression awards

Levered an additional £70m+ in further funding from NIHR, charities and other institutions

Involving and engaging patients and the public. Since 2021 the School has:

- Involved **215** members of the public in our projects
- Worked with **96** different public partners
- Invested **£500k** in patient and public involvement