

Welcome to the latest edition of the NIHR School for Primary Care Research (SPCR) newsletter.

Welcome to the February 2026 edition of the NIHR School for Primary Care Research (SPCR) Newsletter, bringing you the latest research highlights, mental health programme updates, involvement and inclusion news, publications, and updates from across the SPCR community.

News:

New research priorities identified for childhood food allergy

Children, families and healthcare professionals across the UK have identified the Top 10 research priorities for childhood food allergy, marking a major step forward in shaping future research and care.



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SPCR Intern Contributes to Published Research on Generalist Medicine

A former School for Primary Care Research (SPCR) intern has contributed to a international publication examining the role of generalist physicians in modern healthcare.



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SPCR InFocus : World Cancer Day 2026

The SPCR has funded research projects that advocate for better care and support for people affected by cancer, and these projects reflect our commitment to evidence-based improvements that enhance quality of life, inform care pathways, and place patients at the centre of care.



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SPCR PhD Studentships opportunities

We have recently updated our PhD funding opportunities webpage on our website. Member opportunities will be advertised on the website as they are made available.



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Blogs:

Reflections of a Community Involvement & Engagement Model: The Listening Café and Community Conversations

Sonia Newman, Patient & Public Involvement (PPI) Officer at the University of Southampton, reflects on approaches to involvement and engagement through The Listening Café and Community Conversations.



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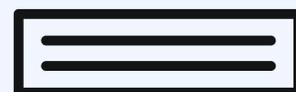
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Three NIHR Research Schools' Mental Health Programme Masters Scholarships

A new funding opportunity is now open: Master's Scholarships to build future capacity in academic mental health research. Courses can be studied full-time for one or two academic years or part-time for a maximum of two academic years, but STRICTLY must not extend beyond 30 November 2028. Deadline: **13:00 on 26 March 2026.**

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Three NIHR Research Schools' Mental Health Programme

Masters Scholarships Funding

Deadline: 13:00 on Thursday, 26 March 2026.



SPCR Involvement & Inclusion:

NIHR School for Primary Care Research

PPIE in Practice

PPIE in Practice - Inequalities in the awareness, diagnosis and treatment of Genitourinary Symptoms of the Menopause

Dr Jo Burgin



In our latest episode of Public Involvement in Practice, we speak to Dr Jo Burgin, Centre for Academic Primary Care, University of Bristol to tell us about how they involved the public in their project exploring inequalities in the awareness, diagnosis and treatment of Genitourinary Symptoms of the Menopause.

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SPCR Masterclass:

Engaging people experiencing socioeconomic deprivation in research

www.spcr.nihr.ac.uk/news



Drawing on real examples from NIHR-funded work and co-designed studies this masterclass explores practical and meaningful ways to involve people experiencing socioeconomic deprivation in research.

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NIHR Three Schools' Updates:

NIHR Three Schools' Dementia Research Programme

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POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP SCHEME

The School for Social Care Research (SSCR) has opened applications for the NIHR Three Schools' Dementia Research Programme Post-Doctoral Fellowship Scheme, which supports early post-doctoral researchers to develop independent careers in dementia research. **The application deadline is 5:00pm, Friday 1 May 2026.**

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Keele Mental Health Researchers Lead £11m NIHR Award

Two researchers with strong links to the Three Schools' Mental Health Programme are helping lead a major new National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) investment at Keele University.



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Mental Health Programme Seminar Series

- [Meeting the mental health needs of people in agricultural communities](#)

Thursday, 26 March 2026, 12pm to 1pm

SPCR Undergraduate Internship Programme 2026

The NIHR School for Primary Care Research (SPCR) is pleased to announce the launch of the Undergraduate Student Internship Programme 2026. A fantastic chance for UK undergraduate students to gain hands-on experience in primary care research.

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Undergraduate Student Internship Programme

Applications now open



Publications:

[Generalism as a cross-disciplinary practice in medicine: Mixed-studies systematic review](#), Sophie Parker *et al* writes for *Can Fam Physician*. 2026 Jan



Anna Stevenson's medical student internship was funded by NIHR SPCR.

[Violence and abuse towards staff by patients and the public in general practice since COVID-19](#). Shihning Chou *et al* writes for *British Journal of General Practice*.



[SPCR Project: 614](#)

[What do patients and clinicians think about continuity in general practice in England? a qualitative study](#) Patrick Burch *et al* writes for *British Journal of General Practice*.



[SPCR Project: 690](#)

[Social and Ethical Aspects of Remote and Hybrid Care in the Special Allocation Scheme in general practice \(SEARCH\): A mixed methods feasibility study protocol](#). Natassia Brenman *et al* writes for *NIHR Open Research*



[SPCR Project: 717](#)

[Methods to establish a Pregnancy Register in the QResearch Database](#). Julia Hippisley-Cox *et al* writes for *the British Journal of General Practice*



[SPCR Project: 591](#)

[Identification and Management of Binge-Eating Disorder and Bulimia Nervosa in Primary Care Settings: A Qualitative Systematic Review of Healthcare Professionals' and Patients' Perceptions](#). Stella Kozmér *et al* writes for *the International Journal of Eating Disorders*



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