

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

This issue features updates from across the School, including the launch of the NIHR Three Schools' Prevention Research Programme Funding Calls. We also share recent publications, researcher spotlights, blog posts, news and upcoming events such as our mental health seminars.

### News:

#### Celebrating Excellence in Primary Care Research and Education: SPCR Colleagues Honoured

The NIHR School for Primary Care Research (SPCR) is delighted to congratulate several of our colleagues who have recently received awards.



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#### SPCR PhD Writers' Retreat 2025: A Space for Reflection and Progress

Earlier this year, a group of SPCR-funded PhD students gathered in Reading for the annual SPCR Writers' Retreat.



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#### University of Cambridge Launches World's Largest Atrial Fibrillation Screening Trial

Building on a former SPCR study the University of Cambridge is set to transform stroke prevention through the world's largest atrial fibrillation (AF) screening trial.



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### Blog Posts:

#### Connections and Opportunities: Reflections on impact during a PhD

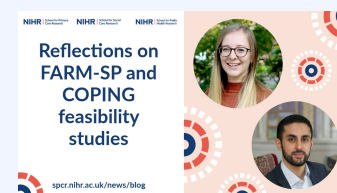
Dr Francesca Dakin, a former NIHR SPCR trainee, reflects on her SPCR-funded PhD research, highlighting the impact, connections, and opportunities it created throughout her doctoral journey.



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#### Reflections on FARM-SP and COPING feasibility studies

In this blog post, Tamsin Fisher and Faraz Mughal reflect on FARM-SP and COPING feasibility studies whilst attending the The Society for Academic Primary Care (SAPC) Mental Health Special Interest Group Conference.



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#### From Bristol to Milan: A PhD journey through AI, ultrasound & espresso

In this blog post, Kerstin Nothnagel reflects on her journey from Bristol to Milan, exploring AI, ultrasound, and the research culture that shaped her PhD experience.



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## New NIHR Three Schools' Prevention Research Programme Funding Calls

The NIHR Three Schools Prevention Programme has launched three new funding calls.

- Prevention Research Project Awards – round 2
- Prevention Follow-on Research Awards
- Prevention Career Development Awards (CDA)

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## NIHR Three Schools Prevention Programme funding opportunities

- Research project awards
- Follow-on research awards
- Career development awards



## Researcher Spotlight:

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### SPCR Researcher Spotlight



**Dr Jane Vennik and Dr Grace Turner**

Impact of continued SPCR funding and long-term connection



We are pleased to share the next edition of our SPCR Researcher Spotlight series, featuring two of our researchers, Dr Grace Turner from the University of Birmingham and Dr Jane Vennik from the University of Southampton.

This series highlights the impact of continued SPCR research capacity and development funding since its introduction in 2010.

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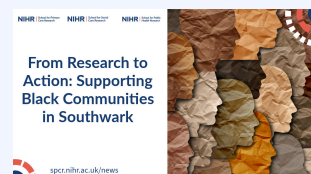
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## NIHR Three Schools' Updates:

### From Research to Action: Supporting Black Communities in Southwark

Former Three Schools' Mental Health Programme award holder Stephanie Ejegi-Memeh is continuing to make an impact through her work championing equity in black-led public health.



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### Three NIHR Research Schools' Mental Health Programme Newsletter | Q2 - June 2025

The Q2 Three NIHR Research Schools' Mental Health Programme Newsletter is out now. Sign-up to our newsletters to stay updated about our latest news, publications and funding.



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## Mental Health Programme Online Seminars

**Participatory modelling focusing on stakeholder engagement**  
Tuesday, 15 July 2025, 12pm to 1pm

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**Women's prisons: how can we engage lived experience to improve primary care for women with severe mental illness?**

Wednesday, 24 September 2025  
12pm to 1pm

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## IN Focus:



### Cervical Screening Awareness Week

19 June - 24 June 2025

## SPCR IN Focus | Cervical Screening Awareness Week 2025

To mark this years Cervical Screening Awareness Week 2025, the NIHR School for Primary Care Research (SPCR) is highlighting a project that explores barriers to cervical screening for under-screened individuals, helping to promote equitable access to preventative healthcare.

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### Publications:

[Arm Based on LEg blood pressures \(ABLE-BP\): can systolic ankle blood pressure measurements predict systolic arm blood pressure? An individual participant data meta-analysis from the INTERPRESS-IPD Collaboration](#)

Sinead McDonagh and Chris Clark et al writes for British Medical Journal.

[SPCR Project: 512](#)

[Violence and Abuse towards General Practice Staff by Patients and the Public: A Scoping Review](#)

Shihning Chou et al writes for British Medical Journal.

[SPCR Project: 614](#)

[Associations between burnout and career disengagement factors among general practitioners: a path analysis](#)

Maria Panagioti et al writes for Front. Public Health.

[SPCR Project: 411](#)



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### Publications (Continued):

[Identifying risks in dementia care: Insights from a qualitative study with clinical pharmacists](#)

Nathan Davies et al writes for PLOS One.

[SPCR Project: 575](#)

[Practitioners' views on the measurement and management of postural hypotension in general practice: a qualitative inquiry](#)

Cini Bhanu et al writes for British Journal of General Practice.

[SPCR Project: 705](#)



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