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## SPCR Funding Opportunities

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Public Involvement & Engagement Fund

Application Deadline  
1pm on  
23 May 2024

Funding Call  
Now Open!

### Public Involvement & Engagement (PPIE) Fund

SPCR has launched a new PPIE funding call to provide researchers with funds to explore and develop new relationships with groups, organisations and communities currently under-served by research or health and care in general.

Funding can be requested for up to £8,000 for projects up to 18 months. Applicants do not have to apply for the full £8,000 and smaller funding requests are welcomed as well. The SPCR aims to fund a combination of smaller and larger projects. The funding is open to researchers based in the NIHR SPCR member departments.

Applicants will be required to submit a video and an application form detailing their project. The deadline to apply is **1pm on Thursday 23rd May 2024**.

[To find out more about the fund and apply click here.](#)

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## SPCR PhD Studentships

The nine SPCR member universities are now recruiting for their 2024 PhD Studentships. New opportunities will be added as they are made available.

[PhD Studentships in Primary Care 2024](#)

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## Dementia Research Doctoral Studentships

Fifteen Three Schools' Dementia programme Research Doctoral Studentships focusing on dementia-related practice are now available. New opportunities will be added as they are made available.

[Find out more on the School for Social Care Research website](#)

## SPCR News



### Eczema in children: uncertainties addressed

Around 1 in 5 children have [eczema](#) (also known as atopic eczema or atopic dermatitis). They typically have inflamed and dry, itchy skin. During flare-ups (periods of worsening symptoms), their skin becomes vulnerable to cracks, bleeding and infection. NIHR have put together a new collection which brings together major NIHR research, including SPCR funded projects, on the prevention and treatment of eczema.

[Go to the full article](#)

## SPCR Blogs

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## Ends and new beginnings: Research on the social prescribing link worker role



In recognition of Social Prescribing Day, Thursday 14 March 2024, SCPR Award holder, Stephanie Tierney from the Centre for Evidence Based Medicine, University of Oxford reflects on a study that has recently finished on the implementation of the link worker role, and on another that is in progress on this topic.

Reblogged with permission from Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences

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



## Reflecting on organising the 2023 NIHR Post-Doctoral Career Development Event

SPCR member Dr Tom Kingstone shares a reflection on his role in organising the 2023 National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Post-Doctoral Career Development Event.

[Read the full blog post](#)

# SPCR Publications

**Even short periods of diabetes remission are linked to lower risk of heart attack and stroke.** Hajira Dambha-Miller et al writes for The BMJ.  
SPCR funding [SPCR2014-10043]



**Administering injectable medications prescribed in the anticipation of the end of life in the community: A mixed-methods observational study.** Ben Bowers et al writes for Science Direct.  
SPCR funding [SPCR-146]



**Precision Medicine—Are We There Yet? A Narrative Review of Precision Medicine’s Applicability in Primary Care.** Will Evans et al writes for MDPI. SPCR funding GP career progression fellowship [C019]



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**A qualitative exploration of the barriers and facilitators to self-managing multiple long-term conditions amongst people experiencing socioeconomic deprivation.** Megan Armstrong et al writes for Wiley Online Library. SPCR funding project reference [539](#)



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**Access and triage in contemporary general practice: A novel theory of digital candidacy.** Francesca Dakin et al writes for Science Direct. SPCR funding DPhil award number 1189008.



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**Supporting your support staff during crises: recommendations for practice leaders to develop a relational workplace.** Francesca Dakin et al writes for BMJ Journals.



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**Improving access to general practice for and with people with severe and multiple disadvantage: a qualitative study.** Lucy Potter et al writes for BMJ Journals. SPCR funding project reference [465](#)



**Talking in Primary Care (TIP): protocol for a cluster-randomised controlled trial in UK primary care to assess clinical and cost effectiveness of communication skills e-learning for practitioners on patients musculoskeletal pain and**

**enablement.** Matthew Ridd et al writes for BMJ Journals.

SPCR funding project reference [563](#)



**d-Mannose for Prevention of Recurrent Urinary Tract Infection Among Women**

**A Randomized Clinical Trial.** Matthew Ridd et al writes for BMJ Journals.

SPCR funding project reference [385](#)



## NIHR Updates

# Future-Focused Leadership Programme: Leaders stream - now open

Applications for the Future-Focused Leadership Programme (FFLP): Leaders stream, are now open. The Leaders stream is open to leaders based within NIHR or delivering a national role for NIHR. This 12-month programme will show how to lead across organisational boundaries, influence others and lead strategy. Applications close 7 June 2024.

[Apply to the FFLP](#)

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## Develop your leadership skills on NIHR Learn

New e-learning resources are available for health and care researchers to help develop leadership and management skills. The free modules are suitable to those new to leadership or experienced and who are NIHR members. The six modules currently available cover hybrid working, self-awareness, inspiring others with a clear vision, strategic awareness, agile working and a leaders toolkit.

[Log in or register on NIHR Learn and select Leadership Development and then Leadership e-learning Modules](#)

## Events



### QNI Masterclass: Choosing appropriate Research Methods

Wednesday 15 May 2024

This free 1-hour masterclass with Professor Clare Jinks is focused on choosing appropriate research methods. 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.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



### SAPC Mental Health Special Interest Group Primary Care Mental Health Conference

Wednesday, 15 May 2024, [Keele University](#), Staffordshire

We invite you to attend the forthcoming SAPC Mental Health Special Interest Group - Primary Care Mental Health Conference to be held on Wednesday 15th May 2024. The focus of the conference is:

**"what is important in primary care mental health research?"**

We have two excellent keynote speakers confirmed at the event, Dr Adam Geraghty from the University of Southampton and Dr Caroline Mitchell from the University of Sheffield. It will certainly be an event not to be missed.

The day will commence at 9.30am and finish at 3.30pm. Refreshments and lunch will be provided throughout the day and free parking will be available. To reduce the need for private transport, we are offering a free shuttle bus service available from 3.45pm onwards from Keele Hall to Stoke on Trent railway station.

The cost for attending will be £40 for SAPC members and £80 for non-SAPC members. Non-members may be able to [join SAPC](#) and become eligible for the SAPC member rate.

Registration deadline is Monday 6 May 2024

[Register here](#)

Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Claire Ashmore on [c.ashmore@keele.ac.uk](mailto:c.ashmore@keele.ac.uk).



## NIHR Webinar: Develop your strategic awareness

Thursday 23 May 2024, 1 - 2pm

Are you a health or care professional interested in becoming an NIHR Research Professor? Join us at a free event to hear from funding committee members and a previous NIHR Research Professor and allied health professional. This will be an interactive day, where you will also have the chance for one-to-one conversations with the speakers.

This webinar is open to NIHR Academy Members/leaders and publicly funded organisations conducting and supporting clinical research within the UK.

[Register for this webinar](#)



Webinar

**What's new in perinatal anxiety?**

Thursday 6 June 2024 10am to 1pm

Registration via Zoom: <https://keele.zoom.us/j/9222222222>

Places are limited

Hosted by:  
 Carolyn Chew-Graham  
 Professor of General Practice Research, Keele University  
 Susan Singh  
 Professor of Maternal and Child Health, City University, London  
 Heather Gibbins  
 Professor in Perinatal Clinical Psychology, University of Exeter  
 Julie Francis  
 Keele Family CIC



# Perinatal Anxiety Workshop

Thursday 6 June 2024, 10am - 1pm

Discover the latest insights, research, and strategies related to perinatal anxiety. Perinatal anxiety affects many new and expectant parents, and understanding its impact is crucial. Our expert panel of speakers will delve into the most recent developments. Whether you are a healthcare professional, researcher, or simply interested in the topic, this event is for you. Engage in thought-provoking discussions, gain valuable knowledge, and connect with like-minded individuals.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to stay up-to-date with what's happening in the field of perinatal anxiety. Register now to secure your spot!

[Register for this webinar](#)

## Communications



### Three Schools' Mental Health Programme Newsletters

Find out what's happening with the [Three Schools' Mental Health Programme](#). Sign up to the quarterly newsletter, take a look at the [December edition](#).

[Subscribe to the Three Schools' newsletter here](#)

### Subscribe to the SPCR newsletter

Details of publications and dissemination work, related to SPCR funded research, can be shared with the School by emailing Heather Gibbs: [h.g.gibbs@keele.ac.uk](mailto:h.g.gibbs@keele.ac.uk)

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