

WOLFSON INSTITUTE OF POPULATION HEALTH NEWSLETTER ISSUE 63: 27 September 2024

In this issue of our Wolfson Institute of Population Health Newsletter, we celebrate the achievements and work of staff and students throughout September.

FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Colleagues

I am enormously proud to report that the new [list](#) of the top 2% of most impactful scientists globally includes 24 of our WIPH researchers. The list, published on 16 September and assembled by Stanford University and Elsevier, includes scientists who are either in the top 100,000 scientists globally or the top 2% of researchers working in their subfield, according to their *c-score* (a composite measure of how often other researchers cite their work). Our WIPH researchers, listed below, make up 13% of the impactful QMUL scientists in this year's publication, a contribution that far exceeds what would be expected based on our size. This is a hugely impressive achievement - my congratulations to all.

Claudia Cooper	Graham MacGregor	Peter Sasieni
Carol Dezateux	Ranjit Manchanda	Suzanne Scott
Ruth Dobson	Rohini Mathur	Trevor Sheldon
Chris Griffiths	Boby Mihaylova	Beth Stuart
Feng He	Alastair Noyce	Deborah Swinglehurst
Richard Hooper	Seif Shaheen	Steph Taylor
Stamatina Iliodromiti	Clare Relton	Fiona Walter
Jennifer Lau	John Robson	Jianhua Wu

As we say goodbye to summer and welcome autumn, it's a very busy time. Colleagues are returning from conferences, where I hope they had productive times sharing their excellent research and making new collaborations. We continue to induct new students, so please make them very welcome when you meet them across our campuses.

We had a very good turn-out for Lola Oyebode's Inaugural Lecture on Wednesday. Lola has contributed so much already, as lead of the Centre for Public Health and Policy, and we were entertained by a masterclass in concise, witty and fascinating insights from her life and work (see news story below). We continue our Inaugural Lectures series from later this autumn through to the spring - more invitations soon, and do join us when you can.

An important upcoming date for your diaries is the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry's annual William Harvey Day to be held on 10 October, and featuring several WIPH members who will be presenting their work and taking part in the poster competition – please do register to attend.

With best wishes

Fiona



MEET WIPH

MEET - Clare Robinson, Centre for Evaluation and Methods

How would you describe your roles and responsibilities?

I'm a Senior Lecturer in Medical Statistics, based in the CEM Pragmatic Clinical Trials and Methodology Research Units. A significant part of my role involves leading the statistical work for clinical trials run in collaboration CEM. I am engaged in methodological research aimed at improving the design, analysis, and reporting of clinical trials, and I have a strong focus on supporting the growth and development of early-career statisticians and PhD students in our Centre.

What has been your greatest professional achievement?

My involvement in the IRIS (Identification and Referral to Improve Safety) trial, conducted in UK general practice and focused on a training programme to help healthcare professionals identify and refer women experiencing domestic violence to specialist advocacy services. Results showed a significant improvement in identification and referral rates, and the intervention has now been commissioned by local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups, and is running in >30 areas in England and Wales, with more than 450 practices receiving the training. Follow on work from this study was awarded the 2020 RCGP Research Paper of the Year. In my methodology work I'm particularly proud of my paper on sample size methods for cluster randomised trials, which was recognized as one of the 55 most influential methodological papers in the field of clustered designs.

What aspects of your role do you most enjoy?

I truly enjoy the variety of trials, challenges, and problem-solving aspects of my role. Each trial I work on inevitably presents a new challenge, that requires us to collaborate and come up with creative solutions.

What would be your second choice as a profession?

When I was younger, I imagined becoming a vet, but I quickly realized I'm far too squeamish for that career path. These days, I'd be perfectly happy owning a small

craft and fabric shop, teaching classes, and sharing my passion for crafts and sewing with others.

What do you enjoy doing outside work?

With two young boys, time to myself is rare, but when it happens I'm out running or working on my latest craft project. My 8yr-old has also sparked in me a newfound love for fossil hunting, and we've spent hours searching for treasures along the Jurassic Coast.

Something most people don't know about you?

That I quite enjoy a bit of DIY and decorating; if there is something to sand, caulk, paint, or fix around the house, I'm there, giving it a go....despite my cat working against me by being able to locate and sit on any freshly painted area!



GENERAL INSTITUTE NEWS

PhD success

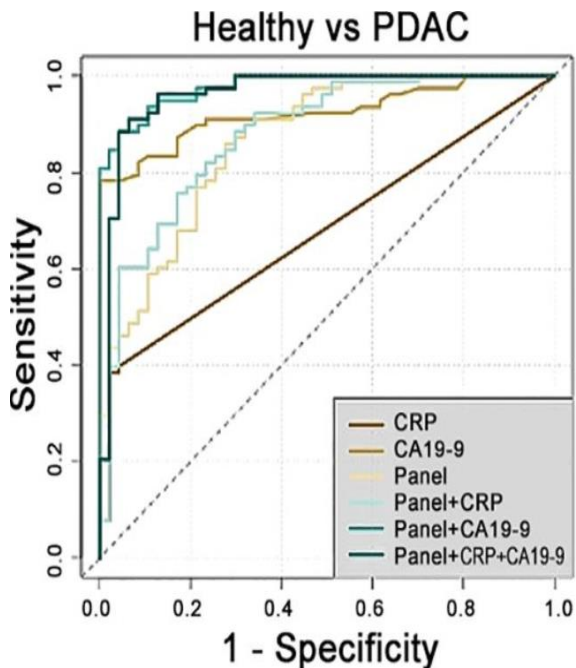
4 September (Lucie Hogger. Centre for Primary Care)

Congratulations to Lucie Hogger, who passed her PhD on the medicines practices of people with dementia and their family carers, in the context of polypharmacy. Funded by an NIHR Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowship and under supervision of Deborah Swinglehurst and Nina Fudge, Lucie's thesis was described as 'stellar' by her examiners. Her research highlights the web of materials, practices and interactions that support medicine taking, and includes a newly defined practice of 'epistemic overreach' by family carers. Lucie is now working with an artist to produce a graphic novel of findings for carers.



Urinary C-reactive protein as a pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma marker

6 September (Oleg Blyuss. Centre for Cancer Screening, Prevention and Early Diagnosis)



An evaluation of the diagnostic value of uCRP, alone and in combination with a previously established urine biomarker panel (REG1B, LYVE1 and TFF1) for early detection of pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC) finds a significant difference in uCRP medians between controls and PDAC patients. When uCRP was combined with the panel it achieved an AUC of 0.878 in healthy vs PDAC groups but researchers found that adding plasma CA19-9 to the panel yielded a better performance, with an AUC of 0.978 in the healthy vs PDAC comparison. Authors say that measuring uCRP is feasible, and that it could be a promising biomarker in various diseases, including other cancer types.

Aga Khan University delegation visit

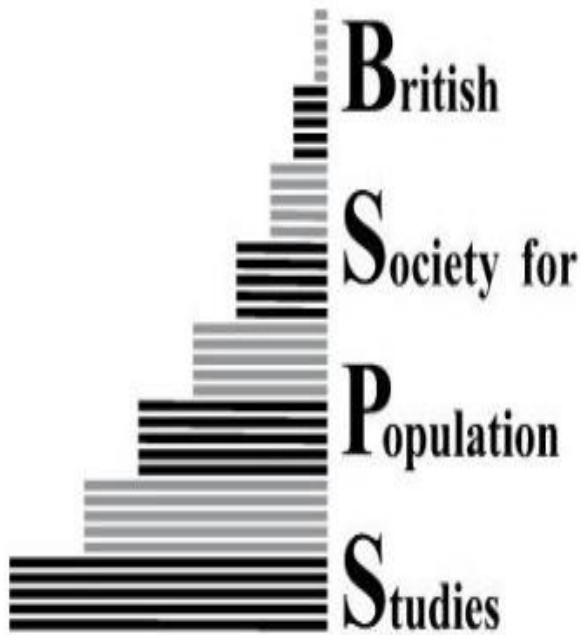
9-11 September (Lola Oyeboode. Centre for Public Health and Policy)

CPHP Centre Lead Lola Oyeboode hosted a visit by Romaina Iqbal and Maria Mubashir, from Aga Khan University, with whom she is currently working on a research project on the food environment of very deprived urban neighbourhoods. Funding from the International Science Partnership Fund was used to complete a write-up of a pilot study examining the food environment in Azam Basti (Karachi) and constructive discussions were also held about building on this pilot study with a larger grant.



Annual Conference of the British Society of Population Studies

10 September (Fiona Samuels. Centre for Public Health and Policy)



Fiona Samuels presented on 'Child marriage, mental health and norms: global and Nepal-specific evidence' in a session on early marriage and early fertility at the 51st LSE British Society of Population Studies conference in Bath. Drawing on a decade of qualitative research, Fiona discussed changing patterns of child marriage and the intersections with mental health in Nepal. Her findings show that despite girls staying longer in schools (supported by programmes offering incentives, eg: cash), and thereby delaying child marriage, 'love' or 'elopement' marriages have reversed some of these gains. Fiona also discussed how marrying young affects a girls' ability to negotiate timing and number of children.

On being a Professional Stranger

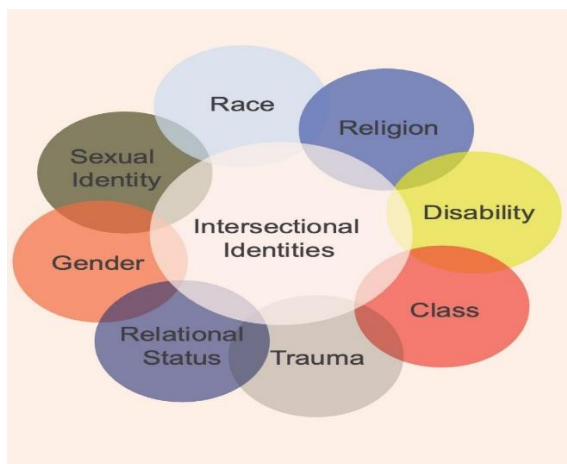
11 September (Deborah Swinglehurst. Centre for Primary Care)

For anyone who was unable to attend the inaugural lecture by Deborah Swinglehurst on 11 September, a recording has now been made available online here. Deborah's lecture was entitled *On being a Professional Stranger: People, Paradox and valuing the Particular*.



British Sociological Association Medical Sociology Conference

11 September (Sharifa Battashi. Centre for Preventive Neurology)



At the Medical Sociology Conference at Warwick University Sharifa Battashi spoke on *Participatory Research into Minoritised Experiences of MS Care*, a study she is conducting with Alison Thomson. Sharifa detailed the study aims and processes, and explored the dynamics of peer researchers' intersectional identities and the challenges these complexities introduce to the conduct and delivery of peer research.

Annual Meeting of the European Association for the study of Diabetes

12 September (Samuel Hodgson, Daniel Stow. Centre for Primary Care)

CPC Genes & Health researchers presented at the 60th annual meeting of the European Association for the study of Diabetes in Madrid. Sam Hodgson spoke on 'Partitioned polygenic scores and extremes of polygenic risk provide mechanistic insights into type 2 diabetes and gestational diabetes in British Pakistani and Bangladeshi populations', and Daniel Stow presented on 'Using multistate models and polygenic risk scores to understand cardiometabolic disease in British Pakistani and Bangladeshi populations: showcasing the Genes & Health cohort'.



European Arts Therapies Conference

12 September (Megan Tjasink. Centre for Psychiatry and Mental Health)



At the EAT Conference in Ghent, PhD student Megan Tjasink presented findings from her paper on *Hospital clinicians' experiences of a work-based group art therapy intervention aimed at reducing burnout: Qualitative findings from a clinical trial*. Megan discussed art therapy to alleviate symptoms of burnout and psychosocial distress in healthcare workers (HCWs) and how understanding HCW experiences of participating in art therapy is key to developing, evaluating and implementing effective and acceptable interventions.

German Society for Social Medicine and Prevention annual Conference

12 September (Alison Thomson. Centre for Preventive Neurology)

Alison Thomson led a sold-out workshop on *Participation and co-creation in Health Research* at this conference in Dresden, at the prestigious German Hygiene Museum. Alison introduced the foundational principles of co-creation in health research, and explored core aspects of participatory research, highlighting its significance in improving health research processes and enhancing public involvement. The workshop addressed common challenges and barriers to effective participation, and provided participants with problem-solving skills to overcome these obstacles.



Podcast: CA125 testing for ovarian cancer in general practice

12 September (Garth Funston. Centre for Cancer Screening, Prevention and Early Diagnosis)



In a collaboration with the Target Ovarian Cancer group, Garth Funston features in a video and podcast on the use of CA125 testing in primary care for women presenting with symptoms of ovarian cancer. The video is part of a targeted campaign to raise awareness of ovarian cancer symptoms and testing among general practitioners, and is available through the [Target Ovarian Cancer website](#) and on [YouTube](#).

Early stage cervical cancer survival: post-surgery sentinel lymph node biopsy

12 September (Ranjit Manchanda. Centre for Cancer Screening, Prevention and Early Diagnosis)

Assessing whether sentinel lymph node (SLN) biopsy in addition to lymphadenectomy is associated with survival benefit, a retrospective study compares outcomes in 1083 patients with cervical cancer treated with primary surgery and no adjuvant therapy. Lymph node assessment was performed by SLN (with ultrastaging protocol) plus pelvic lymphadenectomy in the SLN group (300 patients) or pelvic lymphadenectomy alone in the non-SLN group (783 patients). The SLN group had better 5yr disease-free survival (96 v 92%), a lower death rate, and lower rate of central pelvic recurrences. The use of SLN and a low pathological stage were the only independent factors associated with improved disease free survival. Authors say the association of SLN with improved survival might be explained by the reduced number of missed nodal metastases due to the use of the SLN ultrastaging protocol, and that SLN biopsy should be recommended in patients with early-stage cervical cancer, even if lymph node dissection is performed.

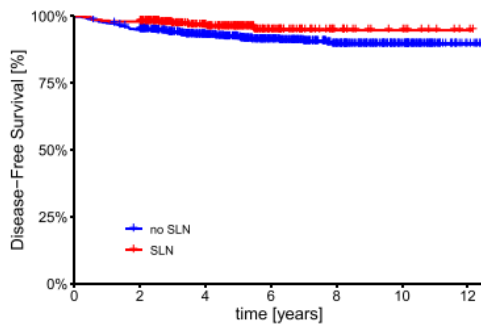


Fig. 2. Disease-free survival in patients undergoing lymphadenectomy and SLN biopsy versus non-SLN biopsy (p = 0.024).

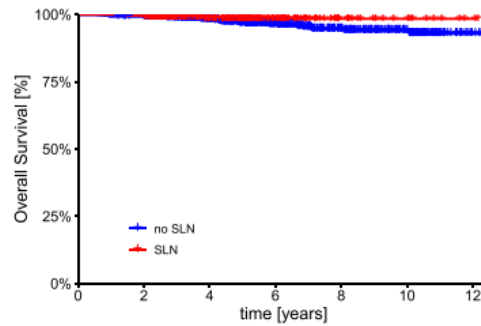


Fig. 3. Overall survival in patients undergoing lymphadenectomy and SLN biopsy versus non-SLN biopsy (p = 0.160).

CEG team release updated immunization software tool

12 September (Ana Gutierrez, Anna Billington, Carol Dezateux, Isabel Dostal, Milena Marszalek, Zaheer Ahmed. Centre for Primary Care)

Version 3 of the [APL-Imms tool](#), used in GP practices across NE London since January 2022 to help more children receive routine immunisations on time, has been released. This version features a 'due soon' button giving staff 4wks' notice of vaccinations due, each child's next booked appointment is visible, and it provides new filters to view children about to 'fall off the QOF cliff', as well as a more intuitive interface. Preliminary evaluations show that practices using the tool have improved the timeliness and uptake of MMR vaccinations, and those visited by a CEG facilitator improved more.



Effectiveness of spironolactone to treat persistent facial acne in women

13 September (Beth Stuart. Centre for Evaluation and Methods)



A double blind randomised trial uses an Acne Specific Quality of Life (ASQoL) symptom subscale to evaluate whether spironolactone is clinically and cost effective in treating acne in 410 women. Participants were randomised to either 50mg/day spironolactone or placebo until wk6, increasing to 100mg/day to wk24. From a mean baseline ASQoL score of 13 across both arms, scores at wk12 were 19.2 for spironolactone and 17.8 for placebo, and at wk24 21.2 and 17.4 respectively. No serious adverse reactions were reported. Spironolactone resulted in better participant- and investigator-reported outcomes than placebo, and economic analysis suggests that spironolactone is likely to represent value for money for the NHS.

Informed consent 'almost impossible'

15 September (Stephen Hibbs. Centre for Primary Care)

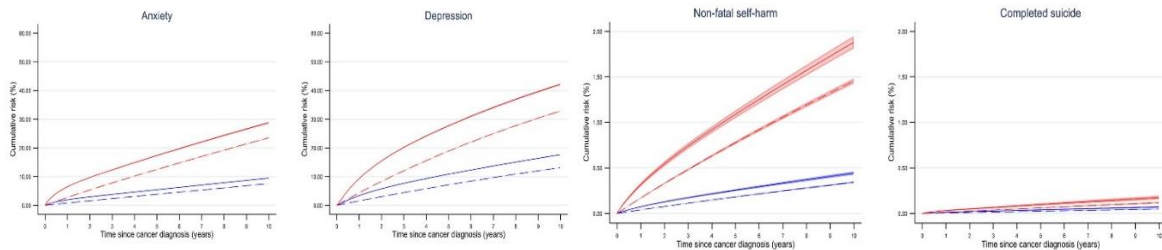
In many situations informed consent is recorded despite patients not understanding the intent of their treatment. A commentary article suggests that some of the difficulty lies with the clinician, but the intensity and immediacy of illness can distort a patient's ability to 'hear' the treatment risks or that testing could lead to unexpected findings that may have implications for family members. Simple measures (eg; explanatory videos) can go some distance to overcome barriers to genuine consent, but *genuinely informed* consent at the outset of treatment will still sometimes remain unattainable. Authors say that recognising that informed consent is difficult, sometimes almost impossible, challenges the notion that total patient choice is always the priority.



Mental health in cancer survivors v cancer-free comparators

16 September (Garth Funston. Centre for Cancer Screening, Prevention and Early Diagnosis)

Examining the risk of depression, anxiety, non-fatal self-harm and suicide in survivors of the 20 most common cancers in the UK, researchers compared e-health records of 850k cancer survivors with 8million cancer-free patients. Survivors of all 20 cancers had higher risks of experiencing a new episode of anxiety and depression v controls, with evidence of raised risks of non-fatal self-harm in 17/20 cancers and completed suicide in 8/20 cancers. Effect sizes were greatest in cancers with poorer 5yr survival. Increased risks persisted in medium-to long-term cancer survivors. Authors say the findings suggest a need for improved psychological support for all patients with cancer.



International Population Data Linkage Network Conference

17 September (Nicola Firman and Marta Wilk. Centre for Primary Care)

A CEG team delivered presentations at the 2024 International Population Data Linkage Network (IPDLN) conference in Chicago. In a session on mental health, Marta Wilk spoke on 'Associations between household overcrowding and adult mental illness in an ethnically diverse urban population: cross-sectional study using linked primary care and housing records'. In the vaccine session, Nicola Firman presented on 'Residential mobility and receipt of measles, mumps and rubella vaccination: analysis of linked primary electronic health records in a disadvantaged London region', showcasing the analyses using Unique Property Reference Numbers and health records to understand household health in NE London.



Self-reported health may lead to underestimation of health inequalities

17 September (Lola Oyebo. Centre for Public Health and Policy)



Analysis of data from the annual Health Survey for England shows that among people who reported their health as 'poor', those living in areas of high deprivation are likely to have worse health than those living in the least deprived areas. The results suggest that socioeconomic status modifies how individuals perceive or describe their own health. Self-reported health is used to calculate healthy life expectancy, which in turn is used to calculate resource allocation (eg. in local authority funding, areas with lower healthy life expectancy receive a greater proportion of resources). The study concludes that using self-reported health as a proxy for health status could underestimate health inequalities and have implications for public health practice and policy.

Virtual care pathways for people living with HIV

17 September (Sophie Spitters. Centre for Primary Care)

Evaluating the evidence on virtual care (VC) for HIV, a review considers the need for tailored approaches, especially for marginalized populations. In 26 studies identified, videoconferencing was the primary mode, with results showing that people living with HIV generally accepted VC, with high attendance and satisfaction rates, and that 87% achieved HIV viral suppression, but data on other health outcomes was lacking. Authors say that a gold standard for VC models is crucial to ensure appropriate and effective reviews for people living with HIV in virtual settings.



Preparing for disease-modifying dementia therapies in the UK

17 September (Claudia Cooper, Charles Marshall. Centres for Psychiatry and Mental Health/Preventive Neurology)



Recent MHRA licencing of the anti-amyloid antibody lecanemab is at odds with the almost simultaneous release of draft guidance from NICE, indicating that the treatment benefits are too small to justify the costs of prescribing lecanemab through the NHS. Authors of a [commentary](#) article say that the UK health care system is not capable currently of delivering disease modifying therapies (DMT) for patients with dementia, and call for urgent action to prepare for this without compromising non-pharmacological care. They say that even if cost-benefit assessments of lecanemab were favourable, without appropriate investment, re-structuring existing limited services to accommodate a small minority of people who are eligible for DMT risks taking resources and non-pharmacological care away from the larger group of people who are ineligible for these therapies, thereby worsening their outcomes.

Making decisions about having children vaccinated

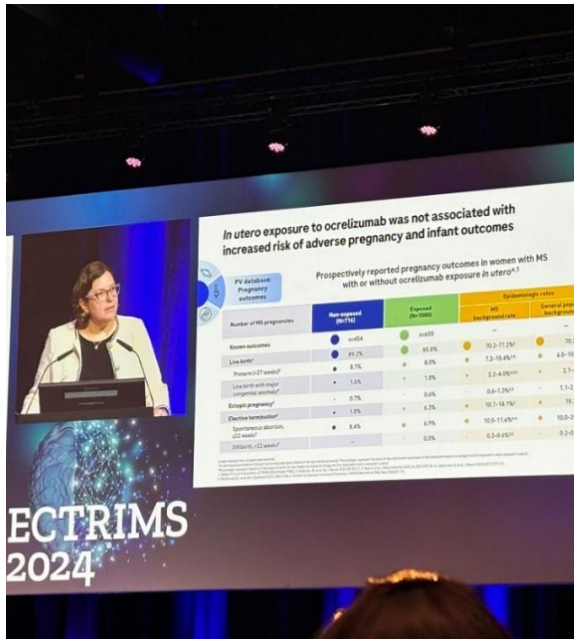
18 September (Milena Marszalek. Centre for Primary Care)

Milena Marszalek (CEG) has produced a 4-minute film exploring how parents decide whether to vaccinate their children. Co-created with a parent group in Tower Hamlets, the film weaves together information about the MMR vaccine with the narrative of a mother who consults her practice nurse and local imam. The film, [available](#) in English and Bangla, is being shared on social media, at health centres, among local clinical staff networks, and at a community screening [event](#) on 2 October. The project was funded by the NIHR School for Primary Care Research and Barts Charity.



European Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis

18 September (Ruth Dobson, Ben Jacobs, Imogen Collier. Centre for Preventive Neurology)



A CPN team delivered presentations and posters at the annual ECTRIMS congress in Copenhagen. Ruth Dobson’s talk on Balancing MS management with family planning included findings that *in utero* exposure to ocrelizumab is not associated with increased risk of adverse pregnancy and infant outcomes. Ruth also co-chaired a session on diversity and equity in MS, and posters were presented by Ben Jacobs (Genetic analysis of MS risk in diverse ancestral populations) and Imogen Collier (Practical learnings from a co-designed qualitative study exploring patient experiences of multiple sclerosis and menopause).

APOLLO Podcast

18 September (Apollo Social Science Team. Centre for Primary Care)

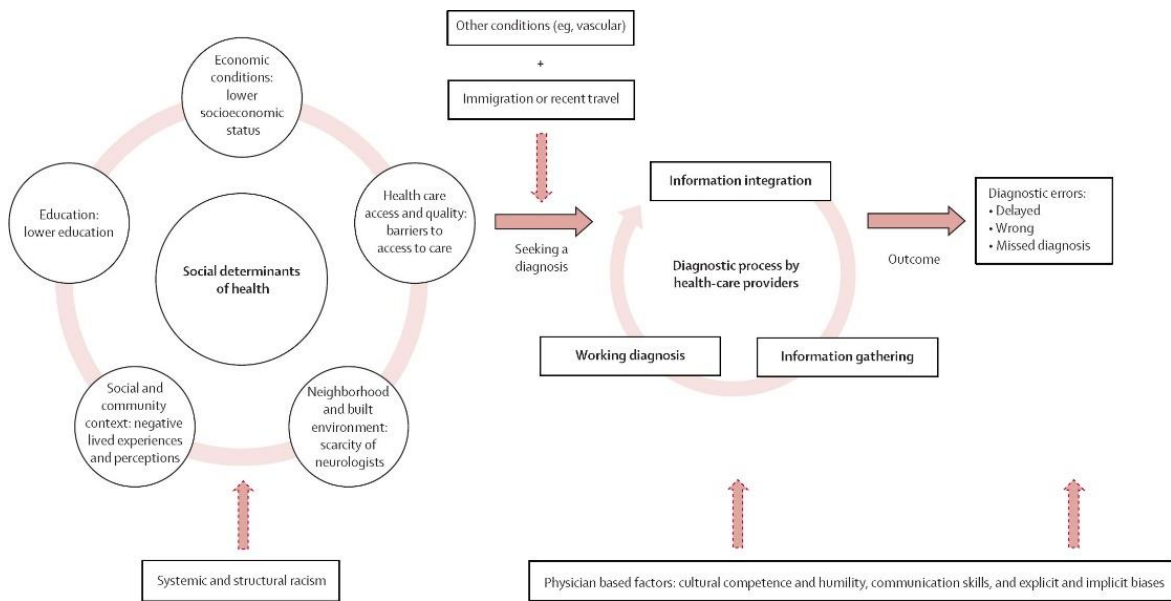
A new episode of the Thinking In Between podcast is now available. This episode features Elspeth Davies, an anthropologist finishing her PhD at the University of Cambridge. Elspeth’s research focuses on social and ethical dimensions surrounding efforts to diagnose risk and prevent cancer. In this episode, she shares three ideas that have shaped her work and thinking: The notion of acquiring bodies, Reworking the Social Determinants of Health, and Opportunities and ethical issues in using Facebook ethnography.



MS diagnosis in people from minority ethnic and racial backgrounds

19 September (Ruth Dobson. Centre for Preventive Neurology)

The differential diagnosis of suspected multiple sclerosis (MS) has been developed with a focus on White populations. A new paper suggests that better understanding of changing demographics, clinical characteristics of people from minority ethnic or racial backgrounds, and the social challenges they face might facilitate equitable clinical approaches when considering an MS diagnosis. Authors say neuromyelitis optica, systemic lupus erythematosus, neurosarcoidosis, infections, and cerebrovascular conditions (eg. hypertension) should be considered in the differential diagnosis for people from minority backgrounds in N America, N Europe, and Australasia, and that the diagnosis in people from these backgrounds requires a comprehensive approach that considers the complex interplay of immigration, diagnostic inequity, and social determinants of health.



CCSPED Away Day

19 September (Centre for Cancer Screening Prevention and Early Diagnosis)



The CCSPED Away Day on Thursday 19 September at Senate House in London brought together >70 staff and students from across the two units. Centre co-leads Peter Sasieni and Suzanne Scott highlighted the centre's achievements over the past year, and the current research programmes. Following a team building and speed networking exercises, the keynote talk was given by Anbalakan Paramasivam, Research Programme Manager for Prevention and Population Research at Cancer Research UK (CRUK). The day concluded with a career development and discussion session, and a social event.

Barts Charity Impact Report

19 September (Ranjit Manchanda, Alastair Noyce. Centres for Cancer Screening, Prevention and Early Diagnosis/Preventive Neurology)

The 2023-24 Barts Charity Impact Report highlights funding for Ranjit Manchanda’s work studying ovarian cancer markers that could lead to earlier diagnoses and save lives, and Alastair Noyce’s research on nitrous oxide, which led to the first national guidelines, endorsed by the Association of British Neurologists and standardising clinical management across the UK. The report also includes details of the £1.7million Barts Charity investment to help establish the WIPH Centre for Preventive Neurology, the only centre of its kind in the UK.



European Geriatric Medicine Society Annual Congress

20 September (Liz Sampson. Centre for Psychiatry and Mental Health)



Early work from the UK delirium policy project, being conducted by the NIHR Policy Research Unit in Dementia and Neurodegeneration, was presented by Liz Sampson at the 20th Annual Congress of the European Geriatric Medicine Society in Valencia. Liz delivered a talk on ‘Victims, villains, and heroes: Influencing policy makers to improve the care of Delirium Superimposed on Dementia’ in the session on ‘Dementia and delirium – towards joined up thinking.’

Theoretically underpinned primary care resources for patients with asthma

20 September (Atena Barat, Liz Steed, Steph Taylor. Centre for Primary Care)

To improve supported asthma self-management in UK primary care, the IMPLementing IMPROved Asthma self-management as RouTine (IMP²ART) programme developed a whole-systems approach, including patient resources, professional education, and organisational strategies. The resources developed aimed to encourage patients to attend asthma reviews (invitation letters) and enquire about asthma action plans (posters), and to equip patients with the knowledge to manage their asthma (information website). Feedback from interviews and an online survey was used to refine the resources, including highlighting the seriousness of asthma, enhancing trustworthiness, and adding social support resources. The IMP²ART strategy is now being tested in a UK-wide cluster RCT.

Asthma causes **121,000** A&E visits each year.

But did you know that... **Asthma Action Plans** can...

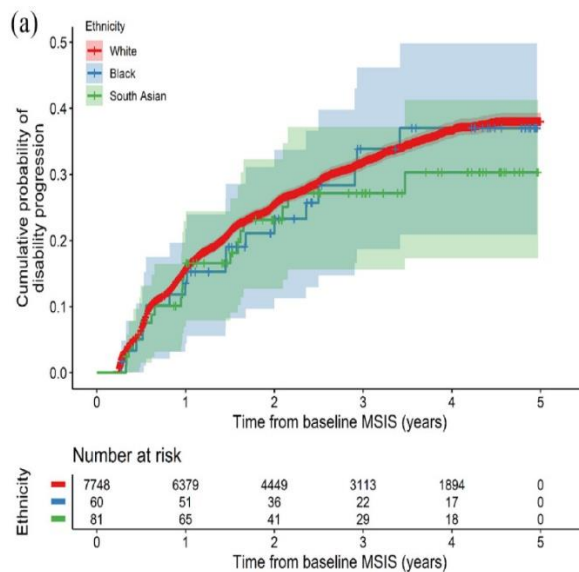
- reduce symptoms
- improve quality of life

1 in 3 people in the UK already have an asthma action plan.

Ask your GP or asthma nurse for an asthma action plan or visit: www.asthmaandlung.org.uk

Relationship between ethnicity and MS characteristics in the UK

20 September (Ben Jacobs, Ruth Dobson. Centre for Preventive Neurology)



Exploring associations of ethnicity with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) impact and disability progression, a new study examines data from 17,314 people in the UK MS Register. Findings show that age at MS onset and diagnosis was lower in those of South Asian (median 30.0) and Black (median 33.0) ethnicity compared with White ethnicity (median 35.0). Researchers found no association between ethnic background and MS severity, and say that their results suggest that other factors (eg. socioeconomic status and structural inequalities) may explain previous findings.

Labour Party Annual Conference

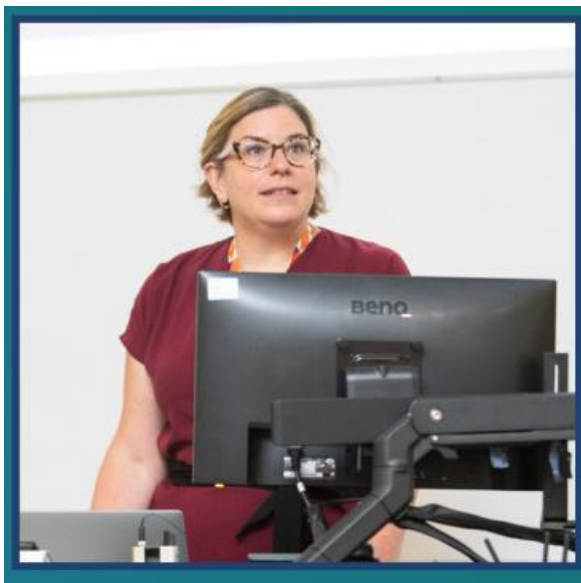
23 September (Victoria Tzortziou Brown. Centre for Primary Care)

RCGP Vice Chair for External Affairs, Victoria Tzortziou Brown, took part in a panel on 'Bringing care out of hospitals and into the community: GPs and primary care leaders provide solutions to one of Labour's priority health goals' organised by Rebuild General Practice at the 2024 Labour Party Annual Conference in Liverpool. The panel discussed the government's priority health goals for general practice, and GP retention, the importance of support continuity of care, and the need to allocate resources according to evidence and population need, as a means of tackling health inequalities.



Ruth Dobson: Chair of FMD Research Culture and Environment Committee

23 September (Ruth Dobson. Centre for Preventive Neurology)

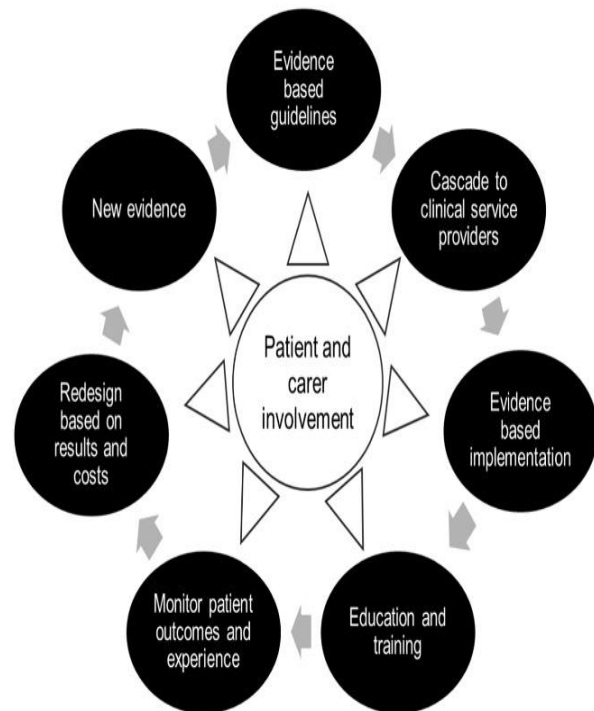


Congratulations to Ruth Dobson, who has been appointed Chair of the FMD Research Culture and Environment Committee. Ruth will be in post for 3yrs, and will lead the Committee to ensure that all our researchers have equitable access to the tools they need to conduct the highest-quality research. Ruth said: *Research culture and environment underpins and affects so much of what we do within FMD - from our daily work life to the quality and rigour of our research outputs. I very much look forward to working with the FMD RC&E committee to ensure that this important topic is recognised and addressed.*

Involving patients in guideline development

24 September (Sophie Spitters. Centre for Primary Care)

Authors of a review article address the gap between publication of new treatments and successful application in clinical practice, noting that guidelines do not always lead to timely patient benefit. They argue that effective guideline implementation through integrated care pathways requires patients to be involved at all stages, to close the knowledge/practice gap. Using the example of patients with allergic diseases, they point to a gap in evidence linking patient involvement to improved outcomes, and recommend use of Core Outcome Sets and Patient Reported Experience Measures that have been developed for allergic diseases to monitor the effects of implementation research and the impact of patient and carer involvement on outcomes.



London Bangladeshi Health Inequalities Summit

24 September (Sarah Finer. Centre for Primary Care)



Representing Genes & Health, Sarah Finer delivered the keynote talk on 'Improving Health in British Bangladeshi communities through research' at the London Bangladeshi Health Inequalities Summit. Her keynote addressed the important role of genetic research in reducing diabetes disparities in British Bangladeshi communities and improving their health outcomes. The Summit was organised by the London Bangladeshi Health Partnership, which brings together an interdisciplinary group of health partners and Bangladeshi community representatives to respond to the health priorities of Bangladeshi communities in London.

Inaugural Lecture: Lola Oyeboade

25 September (Lola Oyeboade. Centre for Public Health and Policy)

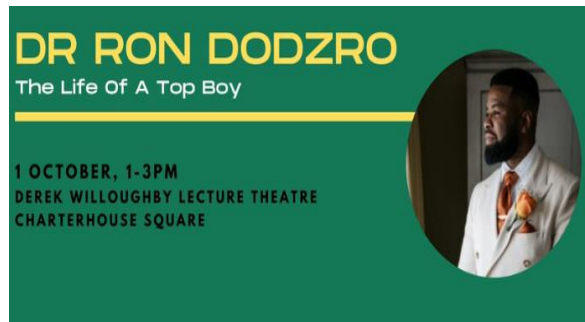
Our congratulations to Lola Oyebode, who presented her inaugural lecture entitled 'Fruit salad: A portfolio of public health research' at the Perrin Lecture Theatre in Whitechapel on Wednesday 25 September. Lola spoke about how her background led to her interest in public health research in the UK and globally. The event concluded with a celebratory reception in the Pathology Museum in the Garrod Building.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Black History Month Guest Lecture 1 October 1-3pm

CPMH will this year be marking Black History Month with a guest lecture from Dr Ron Dodzro, entitled "The Life of a Top Boy". Ron will be discussing his work on trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder among black men. All are welcome to attend this in person event at the Willoughby Theatre at Charterhouse.



Book event: Sick of it - The global fight for women's health 2 October 7pm

Jamie Ross (CPC) will lead a panel discussion alongside panel members QMUL colleagues Rageshri Dhairyawan (Blizard) and Sophie Harman (School of Politic and International Relations) at this in person event to discuss women's health, community, and the importance of movement. Sophie is the author of 'Sick of It', a powerful call to confront the reasons why politics is jeopardising women's health across the world, and Rageshri is the author of 'Unheard: The Medical Practice of Silencing'. This in-person event will be held at Bård Books London E3 5QR. Tickets available [here](#).



William Harvey Day 10 October 9am-5pm

The FMD flagship conference will return once again this October to showcase our current cutting edge research. Featuring talks from researchers at all stages of their career, working across disciplines and in a variety of fields WHD24 is sure to demonstrate the breadth and depth of our activity in FMD. The event will be held at the Robin Brook Centre from 9am-5pm. [Register here](#)



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