

brighton and sussex health research partnership

Partnership News

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Launch Success

The HRP launch event took place on 30th September 2022 at the Attenborough Centre for Creative Arts at the University of Sussex. Almost 150 people working in health and care research from across the region came to meet and hear about our vision for the HRP. Our Academic Director Prof Martin Llewelyn gave an overview of the partnership and its potential to transform research and care for our patients. We were especially honoured to have Professor Richard Trembath of Kings Health Partners there to deliver the keynote speech, on what it takes to grow a successful health and care research partnership. Each of the workstream leads presented the scope and plans for their work.



Scott Harfield (UHSx—Infrastructure) and Nicky Perry (CTU—Building Research Capacity) enjoy a cuppa



Following the lectures, there was great opportunity for networking, and many partners and colleagues held stalls highlighting their projects.

A key theme that came out of the day was the importance of committed engagement from

Partners to achieving shared research success. Professor Trembath highlighted the challenges, but also the enormous rewards we could achieve by creating opportunities for our local population to participate in research which addresses their health and care needs.

All of the lectures from the day are now available to view on the HRP Web Page www.bsms.ac.uk/hrp. And for a more detailed account of the day, see [this news article](#) by our Working Capacity Workstream lead, Nicky Perry.



Academic Director Martin Llewelyn takes a question from the audience.

About the BS HRP

The Health Research Partnership (HRP) is an exciting initiative that will bring together academic and NHS partners across Brighton and Sussex to further strengthen our research profile, attract more funding and deliver more large scale research that will have an impact on the future care of patients accessing our services. The HRP will allow each of its partner organisations to realise their research ambitions — maximizing opportunities for staff, patients and our local population to participate in research which impacts on their health and medical care.

Our Partners and Collaborators

The HRP is a partnership between:

- Brighton and Sussex Medical School
- University of Sussex
- University of Brighton
- University Hospitals Sussex
- Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board

and collaborates with:

- NIHR Clinical Research Network, Kent Surrey and Sussex
- Research Design Service South East
- NIHR Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) Kent, Surrey and Sussex



First HRP Board

Following the launch the HRP board met for the first time bringing together senior leaders from our NHS partners, University Hospitals Sussex NHS foundation Trust, Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust, our Integrated Care Board NHS Sussex, Brighton and Sussex Medical School, University of Sussex and the University of Brighton. The board considered work plans for the first year of the HRP emphasizing the importance of an inclusive partnership considering health and care services in the region. Work plans for the workstreams are being developed but include:

- opportunities for providers to set research agendas which can drive transdisciplinary research collaborations with the universities,
- joint research career development support across the partnership
- development of shared research infrastructure to support health and care research

The Board will meet again in the new year to agree the detail of the work plans.



Meet the Partners — Professor Kathryn Greenwood

As Professor in Clinical Psychology at University of Sussex, Psychosis research lead in Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and lead for the Mental Health research strategic focus area in the School of Psychology, I contribute to the HRP Academic Groups strategy. My aspiration is that the HRP brings together researchers across discipline, focus and geography to work together to secure high impact funding and disseminate high quality research that makes a tangible difference to public and mental health policy, research and practice.



HRP web page goes live

The HRP web page is now live, and can be found at bsms.ac.uk/hrp. At the moment the page offers a full description of the HRP's work, why it matters and who is involved. There is also media page where you can find all the videos from our launch event.

As the HRP develops, the website will become a central signposting hub for researchers across the partnership.

HRP Survey

We launched our Research Survey at the launch event, and it closed on 18th November. We had 150 responses from across the partnership, and at all academic and clinical levels.

The Research Survey will be a vital tool in assessing the challenges facing researchers at all levels. Although some of the issues are universal (e.g. lack of research time, difficulty accessing support), it also threw up specific areas of enquiry which will help inform our direction of travel over the coming months.

Many thanks to all of you who contributed.

ARC KSS Quick Research Guide

Our colleagues in ARC KSS recently launched the [Your Health and Social Care Research Quick Guide](#), a resource to help those working in health and social care to start or develop their research journey. Packed with information, links and personal stories, this fun interactive resource is a must for those starting out in research.

RDS Research Journey Seminar

Prof. Sumita Verma (BSMS) and Prof. Clara Strauss (UoS, SPFT) will be discussing their research journeys in this online seminar on Wednesday 8th February 2023, 12.30-1.30pm. Email a.lux@brighton.ac.uk for more information.

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