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Welcome to the April Newsletter



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Spring is 'springing' into action, with a warm Easter break and students arriving back to campus.

It was quite a busy end to the term in March, with a lot of activity in Canterbury due to the meningitis outbreak. Students are now returning, with appointments for their second vaccination, and moving forward towards the end of their academic year and exams.

I am particularly interested in the student activity at the moment, as I work with my public involvement partner Amanda Bates (lead for CHSS – Centre for Health Service Studies) to build a student patient and public involvement network for our research centres. I have included a photo of our recruitment campaign recently in the Templeman Library.

In this newsletter, I will provide details of our current training opportunities in 2026, as well as updates and news, including our recent Instagram post for the NIHR Quality, Safety and Outcomes Policy Research Unit.

If you have any updates or news, please feel free to send to me for wider circulation.

Take care,
Sarah



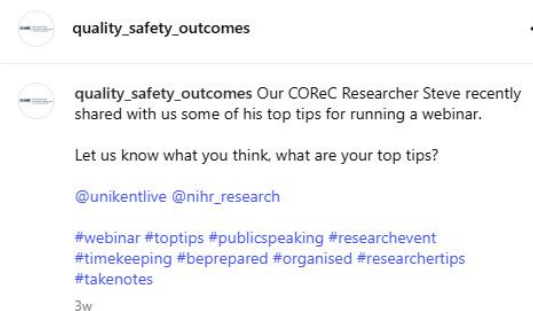
NIHR QSO PRU on Instagram

Did you see our COREC researcher, Steve Allan's, top tips for chairing a webinar on our Instagram page?

You can follow NIHR QSO PRU (National Institute for Health and Care Research Policy Research Unit in Quality, Safety and Outcomes of Health and Social Care) on Instagram by searching '**Quality Safety Outcomes**'.



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Training Opportunities

Reviewing Lay Summaries as a public partner (January & May dates)

This training is provided by NIHR (National Institute for Health and Care Research) Oxford Biomedical Research Centre. It is an informative and practical online session to learn about the importance of lay summaries in medical research, and to provide skills and confidence to become a lay reviewer.

In this session, you will receive practical advice from a public partner and researchers who work in patient and public involvement in research. You will review a lay summary and get a checklist of what to do if you are asked by a reviewer.

We received great interest from our Public Involvement Research Advisor Network (PIRAN) for this session and have been able to support 5 members to attend this training by providing an involvement gift voucher. Whilst we are now unable to provide gift vouchers for anyone else to attend, the May training session is still open for enrolment.

[Click here](#) for more information

Understanding the Research Process (May & June dates)

Amanda Bates (Patient Experience and Public Involvement Lead, CHSS) will be running 2 online sessions on 'Understanding the Research Process'.

In this session, you will receive information on how the research process works, where Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) can influence decisions, how PPIE fits into the bigger picture, and ask any questions about the process.

Again, we have received great interest from members in PIRAN, and will be able to support 10 members to attend the two sessions.



News, Webinars and Bulletins

- Webinar: Public Perceptions of the NHS and general practice (Wed 22nd April 13:00 – 14:15). Hosted by the Health Foundation. [More Info here.](#)
- Latest [news](#) from the Co-production Collective
- [Further information](#) about the Care Show (Excel London, 29-30 April 2026)

Acronyms & Links

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NIHR

National Institute for Health and Care Research

NIHR QSO PRU

Policy Research Unit in Quality, Safety & Outcomes of Health and Social Care

PIRAN

Public Involvement Research Advisor Network

PPIE

Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement

