



ARC KSS RESEARCH WEEK 9-12 September 2024

Celebrating ARC KSS Research Capacity Impact: a Vision for the Future

Monday 9 September

10.00-11.00am
virtual

Beyond the Ivory Tower: Building Bridges with Community Research

In this session, Patrick Nyikavaranda will explore the transformative power of engaging community organisations in research, particularly within the context of community-based projects. Drawing on his expertise and the innovative EMBaRK framework, Patrick will discuss the benefits of community research, how it aligns with and expands upon co-production principles, and practical strategies for researchers to establish meaningful partnerships with community stakeholders. Participants will gain valuable insights into fostering collaboration, maximising research impact, and creating positive social change

Speaker: Patrick Nyikavaranda, Managing Director, Diversity Resource International and ARC KSS PhD candidate.

11.00-12.30pm
virtual

Realist evaluation in Primary Care taster session

This taster session will explore what it means to take a realist approach, and how one might go about it i.e. the science/ philosophy, and the design of a realist study.

*Speakers: Professor Harm Van Marwijk, ARC KSS Primary and Community Health Services Theme Lead and Head of Department, Primary Care and Public Health, Brighton and Sussex Medical School.
Dr Ruth Abrams, School of Health Sciences, University of Surrey.*

14.00-15.00pm
virtual

Building public health research capacity and culture in local government

Responsibility for the health of the population transferred from the NHS to local government in 2013. Our constantly changing world regularly throws up new challenges to health. This session will discuss how ARC KSS have been tackling the evidence gaps in Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

Speaker: Professor Lindsay Forbes, ARC KSS Theme Lead for Public Health and Clinical Professor of Public Health, Centre for Health Services Studies, University of Kent.

Tuesday 10 September

9.30-10.15am
virtual

From Inquiry to Impact: Reflections on an ARC PhD Path

In this session, Roxana Pomplun, ARC KSS PhD candidate, will share experiences on undertaking a PhD, her research journey and present her research on Algorithms of Emotional Turbulence: Younger Adolescents' Perceptions of Algorithmically Curated Social Media Platforms.

Speaker: Roxana Pomplun, ARC KSS PhD candidate, Starting Well: Children's Mental Health Theme.

Tuesday 10 September

11.00-12.00noon
virtual

Thinking strategically in your research career

In this session, we will share areas where you can think strategically about maximising your chances in your research and your career. It will include areas such as how to think about building a programme of related research, putting yourself in the best position for your goals (what now, soon and later), what funding to seek and when. The session will include small group work towards the end to discuss your strategies with others.

Speaker: Dr Mel Rees-Roberts, ARC KSS Research Programme Manager and Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Health Services Studies, University of Kent.

13.00-14.00pm
virtual

Funding Your Research

Sources of funding for applied health research studies and to fund research skills development are many and varied. This session will provide a brief overview of NIHR and other health funders' schemes, budget pitfalls and where to go for advice.

Speaker: Beth Flowers, ARC KSS Academy Manager.

15.00-16.00pm
virtual

Kent Research Partnership: building research capacity in adult social care

Join colleagues from Kent County Council and the Kent Research Partnership to hear more about the progress they have made in building a culture of research in adult social care in Kent. They will share insights about connections between KRP and the ARC, and the importance of developing research culture and infrastructure across the health and social care sector in the region.

Speakers: Kent Research Partnership - Gina Walton, Digital and Innovation Lead at Kent County Council & co-lead of Kent Research Partnership; Olivia Trapp, Research Facilitator, Kent County Council; and Dr Wenjing Zhang, Research Fellow, University of Kent.

Wednesday 11 September

9.30-10.45am
virtual

Embedding Research in Health and Social Care

In this session, four embedded researchers will share their research findings from projects funded through the Mental Health Research Initiative, which aims to build research capacity in children and young people's mental health. They will discuss their experiences of conducting embedded research, the potential for this approach to deliver results most relevant to communities, and the benefits of partnership working between academia and health and social care.

Speakers: Stella Parkinson, Paediatric Occupational Therapist - East Kent Children and Young People's Therapy Service, Sophie McGrevey, Research Assistant - Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust, Hannah Griffiths, Principle Clinical Scientist - Chailey Rehabilitation Engineering Service and Mathew Bushell, Social Worker and Team Leader - Kent County Council.

Chair: Dr Devyn Glass, ARC KSS Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, University of Sussex.

11.00-12.00pm
virtual

How do we do health data science that delivers impact?

In this session Dr Ford will be outlining the impact opportunities of data research on rural and coastal communities' health inequalities.

Speaker: Dr Elizabeth Ford, ARC KSS Data Science Lead and Reader in Health Data Science, Brighton & Sussex Medical School.

Wednesday 11 September

12.00-13.00pm
virtual

National Priority Programme for Adult Social Care and Social Work- Making Implementation Happen through Capacity and Capability Building

Within the first phase of The National Priority Programme for Adult Social Care and Social Work programme, we have gathered and consolidated existing social care evidence to actively support the implementation and sustainability of best-evidence practice, although recognising and being limited by the underdeveloped nature of the social care evidence base alongside underdeveloped capacity to use research evidence in care provision.

This presentation will focus on summarising the findings so far from the four identified priority delivery areas, as well as outlining the plans for the further implementation, evaluation, adoption, and scaling up our of current projects. These activities have laid the foundation for establishing a collaborative network to support development of knowledge and skills in implementation and implementation research, with the ultimate aim of building social care research infrastructure and workforce capacity in adult social care and social work.

Speaker: Dr Madalina Toma, Lead research fellow, ARC KSS.

14.00-15.00pm
virtual

Launch event: Resource for care homes to provide LGBTQ+ inclusive care

The CIRCLE project (Creating Inclusive Residential Care for LGBTQ+ Elders) is launching a practical resource for care homes on how to make care more inclusive for older LGBTQ+ people. The resource was co-designed with older LGBTQ+ people and care home managers. At the event, the resource will be presented and co-design members will talk about their experience developing the resource.

Event is led by Dr Jolie Keemink, Research Fellow, Centre for Health Services Studies, University of Kent.

Book a place at this event via [Eventbrite link here](#).

Thursday 12 September

09.30-16.00pm
[University of Surrey, Stag Hill Campus, Guildford, Surrey GU2 7XH - Lecture Theatre Block, Lecture Theatre E](#)

(in person)

Research Week Symposium

- Welcome from ARC KSS senior leadership.
- Keynote speakers: Dr Gillian Orow, Alliance for Better Care CIC and Dr Rachel Lawrence, Research Fellow, University College London.
- Workshops on – Researcher Journeys, Communicating Your Research, Working with Young People in Research.
- Research Poster Competition – celebrate outstanding examples of Research Capacity Impact with the prize winners of our poster competition and ViPER poster presentations.
- Networking opportunities with researchers across the region.

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