

CURRENT AWARENESS BULLETIN

Research

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This is your monthly Current Awareness Bulletin produced by Knowledge & Library Services at Somerset NHS Foundation Trust. It is intended to provide you with a range of the most up-to-date resources, including recently published guidelines and research articles, research opportunities and policy items.

Articles should be accessible with your Open Athens if they are not Open Access. If you have any problems accessing the links, please contact a member of the library staff who will be happy to assist you. We hope you find it helpful and please do let us know if you need any further information or assistance.

Previous issues of the bulletin can be found on the [Somerset Research Repository INSPIRE](#)

To save duplication of effort, the previous research community of practice activities will be absorbed into the newly launched Research Grand Rounds and Research fellow/degree support group initiatives detailed below.

LOCAL RESEARCH SUPPORT

Research Grand Rounds and Research fellow/degree support group

Read about the culture of research across our organisation, in [this interview with Jo Morrison, AMD for Research](#).

Upcoming research projects development group meetings:

4 February 2026 12.45pm-1.30pm [NB This meeting is in Seminar Room 3, MPH Academy]

19 February 2026 1pm-2pm

Meetings can be joined remotely via Teams or attended in person in the SIV room, Research Office, Level 2, Barton House South. These meetings are intended to provide peer support for anyone undertaking research-based academic studies. If you would like to present your work, or take part in the discussions, please email: research.amd@somersetft.nhs.uk

The next Research Grand Round meeting will take place on **12 February 2026 11.45am-12.45pm in Seminar Room 4 at MPH Academy**. If anyone would like to give a future Grand Rounds presentation on their research, or attend the presentations either in-person or via Teams, please email: research.amd@somersetft.nhs.uk

Want to get started in research, but not sure how?

Ralph Hammond, will be holding a drop-in session, with support from the KLS, on **17th February 2026 at Bridgwater Community Hospital Time 11.30am – 2.30pm**. Come and have a chat about research over a coffee. Future sessions will be held at YDH & Minehead.

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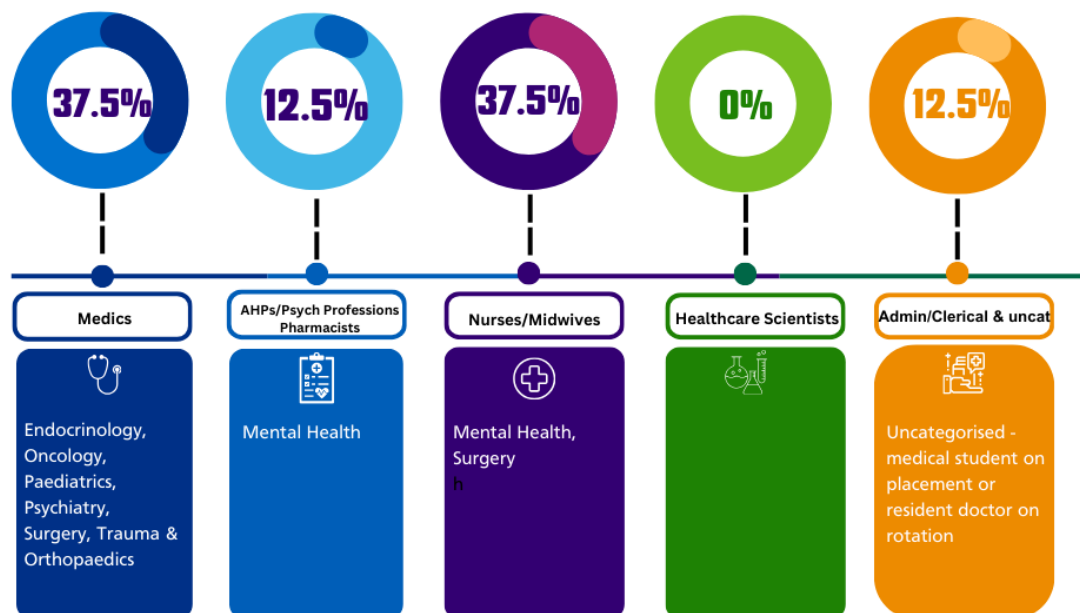
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RESEARCH PUBLISHED BY SOMERSET FT COLLEAGUES

The following articles, citing authors affiliated with Somerset NHS Foundation Trust have been published or placed on pre-print servers this month.

AUTHORS CATEGORISED BY PROFESSION JANUARY 2026 RESEARCH BULLETIN

Where possible, I have identified the profession of each Somerset NHS Foundation Trust **author** listed in the articles below. (Some articles named more than one local author).



Articles

[Advanced practitioner's skills in communicating bad news to patients: a service evaluation project proposal](#), [Richardt, Olga](#) (2025) *South West Clinical School Journal*:

Vol. 5: No. 4, Article 37.

Cetrimide vs sodium chloride: postoperative wound cleansing practice, a clinical audit project proposal, Niga, Andrei (2025) *South West Clinical School Journal*: Vol. 5: No. 4, Article 39.

Nurses' knowledge and practice for the management of local anaesthetic systemic toxicity: a service evaluation project proposal, Adebisi, Adeola (2025) *South West Clinical School Journal*: Vol. 5: No. 4, Article 32.

Theatre staff knowledge and practice in the use of surgical robotics: a service evaluation project proposal, Puli, Sandhya Rani Sudhakar (2025) *South West Clinical School Journal*: Vol. 5: No. 4, Article 34.

Understanding and knowledge of theatre staff about surgical positioning: a service evaluation project proposal, Janifer, Naila (2025) *South West Clinical School Journal*: Vol. 5: No. 4, Article 35

Women's hormonal mental health assessment in Home Treatment Services: a service evaluation project proposal, Broom, Carolyn (2025) *South West Clinical School Journal*: Vol. 5: No. 4, Article 36.

Nintedanib as switch maintenance treatment in malignant pleural mesothelioma (NEMO): A double-blind randomized phase II trial (EORTC-08112-LCG). Abdel-Rahman O, Taylor P, O'Brien M, Raskin J, Dazzi C, Surmont V, Zonato S, Young R, Toffart AC, Jankowska P, Hassani A, Marreaud S, Boone L, Popat S. *Lung Cancer*. 2026 Jan 9;213:108906. doi: 10.1016/j.lungcan.2026.108906. Online ahead of print. PMID: 41539214

Examining the Cognitive, Practical, and Emotional Demands of Managing Physical Activity in Adolescents With Type 1 Diabetes: A Qualitative Study With Adolescents, Parents, and Healthcare Professionals. Cockcroft EJ, Smith JR, Lloyd J, Johnson L, Pulsford R, Clarke R, Narendran P, Gardener G, Ngamy T, Dias RP, Andrews RC. *Pediatr Diabetes*. 2025 Dec 19;2025:4578096. doi: 10.1155/pedi/4578096. eCollection 2025. PMID: 41424587 **Free PMC article.**

Specialist Neurology Involvement and Impact in Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor-Related Neurotoxicity: Experience in a Unified Healthcare System. Schroeder B, Prasad P, Gbadegesin O, Gupta S, Frazer R, Heaney S, Franks H, Blair C, Stuttard M, Barlow C, Cook H, Winter H, d'Arienzo P, Symington J, Radif Y, Rampes S, Nathan P, Young K, Shaw H, Carr A, Willis M. *Cancers (Basel)*. 2025 Dec 9;17(24):3935. doi: 10.3390/cancers17243935. PMID: 41463186 **Free PMC article.**

Exploring the value of a trauma-informed approach to improve outcomes in pre-school weight management services Smith, Esther and Rowley, Megan. The British Psychological Society. *Clinical Psychology Forum*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.53841/bpscpf.2025.1.390.19>

[Pharmacogenomics to optimise psychotropic prescribing: a survey of mental health professionals' perceptions, knowledge, and educational needs](#)

Daniele Panconesi, Stephen Murtough, Marius Cotic, Noushin Saadullah Khani, Lauren Varney, Maria Richards-Brown, Rosemary Abidoph, Daisy Mills, Alvin Richards-Belle, Jazmin Molai, James Fenwick, Joanna Curwen, Matthew Allin, Alex Berry, Magdalana Barczyk, Stefania Bonaccorso, Rebecca Griffiths, Massimo Bernini, Ajai Kumar, Suruthy Senthilkumar, Yogita Dawda, Rajvinder Shokkar, Rosie Murdoch, Jamie Crane, Yousuf Rahimi, Myles Howard, Alison Welfare-Wilson, Agostina Secchi, Carmel Thomas, Bethany Pastor, Parveen Sharma, Georgy Pius, Rashad Nazir, Asif Mir, Jack Cheshire, Rhianne Bostock, Simon Gibbon, Pratima Singh, Chetan Shah, Sabrina Richards, Sai-Bo Cheung, Louise Rowe-Leete, Anita Jibero, Rebecca Cox, **Philip Van Driel** & Elvira Bramon
Pharmacogenomics J **26**, 2 (2026). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41397-025-00394-x>

[Surgical fixation versus non-surgical care for children with a displaced medial epicondyle fracture of the elbow \(the SCIENCE study\): a multicentre, randomised controlled, superiority trial and economic evaluation.](#)

Perry DC, Achten J, Zimmermann A, Kandiyali R, Appelbe D, Wright JG, Ferguson D, Wang K, Wilson N, Moscrop A, Mason J, Kounali D, Costa ML; SCIENCE Study Collaborators include **Andrew Kelly**.
Lancet. 2026 Jan 20:S0140-6736(25)02098-7. doi: 10.1016/S0140-6736(25)02098-7. Online ahead of print. PMID: 41576983

[Validating treat-to-target endpoints in childhood lupus: data-driven sensitivity analyses from the UK JSLE cohort study.](#)

Sarker C, Jorgensen AL, Tharmaratnam K, Al-Abadi E, Armon K, Bailey K, Bohm M, Brennan M, Ciurtin C, Gardner-Medwin J, Hawley DP, Kinder A, Leahy A, Malik G, McLaren Z, Moraitis E, Mosley E, Ramanan AV, Rangaraj S, **Ratcliffe A**, Riley P, Rostron H, Sen ES, Hedrich CM, Beresford MW, Smith EMD.
Rheumatology (Oxford). 2026 Jan 20:keag015. doi: 10.1093/rheumatology/keag015. Online ahead of print. PMID: 41557849

AI, DIGITAL & TECHNOLOGY

Research Briefing from UK House of Commons Library, 20 Jan 2026

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BLOGS, INTERVIEWS, VIDEOS

The Kings Fund Blog – 20 January 2026 Long read

[Aligning research with care closer to home - The case for expanding community-based research](#)

Library 'Lights – a new podcast from the Knowledge & Library Service at Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

[Episode 4: Public Libraries – Partners in health](#)

HSJ Podcast – 30 January 2026

[The making of a Health Bill – Lord Hunt on the clashes to come](#)

On the Move from Somerset NHS Foundation Trust – 2 February 2026

[Changes in Pharmacy at Musgrove – connecting the dots](#)

Nuffield Trust Quality Watch Blog – 28 January 2026

[The changing terrain of mental health in A&E: specialised care or the same old bottlenecks?](#)

Our News – 26 January 2026

[Trust psychologists have childhood obesity paper published](#)

NIHR Applied Research Collaboration South West Peninsula – 21 January 2026

[PenARC Launches New Video Highlighting Life-Saving Use of Tranexamic Acid in South West](#)

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UPDATED GUIDELINES

NHS HRA

[New guidance for the set-up of NHS studies involving ionising radiation](#) updated 30 January 2026

HQIP Updated Guide on Ethics in QI and Clinical Audit

[Guide to managing ethical issues in quality improvement or clinical audit projects](#)

HQIP Benchmarking data available

[National Maternity and Perinatal \(NMPA\)](#) updated 22 January 2026

[National Hip Fracture Database \(NHFD\)](#) updated 14 January 2026

First GIRFT pathways for robotic-assisted surgery (RAS)

GIRFT has released its first six pathways to support NHS teams in delivering safe, effective robotically assisted surgery (RAS). These cover:

- [Robotically assisted radical prostatectomy](#)
- [Robotically assisted inguinal or femoral hernia repair](#)
- [Robotically assisted ventral hernia repair](#)
- [Paediatric robotically assisted laparoscopic pyeloplasty](#)
- [Paediatric robotically assisted nephrectomy and hemi-nephrectomy](#)
- [Paediatric robotically assisted ureteric reimplantation](#)

Published guidance, NICE advice and quality standards

Title	Reference number	Published	Last updated
Natalizumab (originator and biosimilar) for treating highly active relapsing–remitting multiple sclerosis after disease-modifying therapy	TA1126	28 January 2026	28 January 2026
Concizumab for treating haemophilia A or B in people 12 years and over with factor inhibitors (terminated appraisal)	TA1124	27 January 2026	27 January 2026
Pembrolizumab with pemetrexed and platinum-based chemotherapy for untreated unresectable advanced malignant pleural mesothelioma (terminated appraisal)	TA1125	27 January 2026	27 January 2026
Sirolimus for treating facial angiofibroma caused by tuberous sclerosis complex in people 6 years and over (terminated appraisal)	TA972	22 May 2024	27 January 2026
Digital technologies for managing mild to moderate symptoms of hip or knee osteoarthritis: early value assessment	HTG766	22 January 2026	22 January 2026
Digital self-help for eating disorders: early value assessment	HTG768	22 January 2026	22 January 2026
Depemokimab for treating chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps in adults (terminated appraisal)	TA1123	22 January 2026	22 January 2026
Balloon cryoablation for Barrett's oesophagus	HTG767	22 January 2026	22 January 2026
Amivantamab with lazertinib for untreated EGFR mutation-positive advanced non-small-cell lung cancer	TA1122	21 January 2026	21 January 2026
Acoramidis for treating transthyretin amyloidosis with cardiomyopathy	TA1121	14 January 2026	14 January 2026
Suspected cancer: recognition and referral	NG12	23 June 2015	12 January 2026
Avelumab with axitinib for untreated advanced renal cell carcinoma	TA1120	8 January 2026	8 January 2026
Overweight and obesity management	NG246	14 January 2025	8 January 2026
Entrectinib for treating NTRK fusion-positive solid tumours in people 12 years and over (terminated appraisal)	TA1118	7 January 2026	7 January 2026
Venetoclax with obinutuzumab for untreated chronic lymphocytic leukaemia	TA1119	7 January 2026	7 January 2026

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LEARNING & RESEARCH ORGANISATIONAL CULTURE

[Early career research capacity-building for the health and social care workforce: process evaluation of internships and fellowships provided through a research-practice partnership.](#)

Elvey R, Atkinson R, Twelvetree T, Lewis P.

Health Res Policy Syst. 2026 Jan 9. doi: 10.1186/s12961-025-01439-0. Online ahead of print.

PMID: 41507930

[Practitioner research readiness in public health: findings from three co-produced surveys within local authority practice settings in England.](#)

Wright T, Tavernor J, Tajuria G, Rodenhurst K, Lloyd S, Northfield P, McIver C, Sandbach E, Martino OI, Hemuka NJ, Copp J, Stewart A, Wilkie R, Campbell P.

BMC Public Health. 2025 Dec 30;25(1):4383. doi: 10.1186/s12889-025-25581-0.

PMID: 41469868 Free PMC article.

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RESEARCH DESIGN

[Setting the UK research priorities for hypertension using a modified Delphi approach: a British and Irish Hypertension Society Initiative with Support from the British Heart Foundation Clinical Research Collaborative.](#)

Swift PA, Arnold A, Heagerty A, McNally R, Nadar S, Shantsila E, Stables R, Thomas NG, Sinha M, Thakkar R, Warren HR, Watts M, Dasgupta I.

J Hypertens. 2026 Jan 6. doi: 10.1097/HJH.0000000000004223. Online ahead of print.

PMID: 41537391

[Modifiable methodological and reporting practices are associated with reproducibility of health sciences research: a systematic review and evidence and gap map.](#)

Kennett J, Moss SJ, Parsons Leigh J, Bobrovitz N, Stelfox HT.

J Clin Epidemiol. 2026 Jan 8;112135. doi: 10.1016/j.jclinepi.2026.112135. Online ahead of print.

PMID: 41519488

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RESEARCH DISSEMINATION

[Artificial Intelligence in Academic Research Publishing: Updates, Controversies, and Considerations for Pregnancy and Perinatal Research.](#)

Ayyash M, Aviram A, Krenitsky N, Wen T, Berghella V. Am J Obstet Gynecol MFM. 2026 Jan 1:101885. doi: 10.1016/j.ajogmf.2025.101885. Online ahead of print. PMID: 41483830 Review.

[Dissemination of study results to participants in mental health research: a meta-research review of studies published in high-impact psychiatry journals.](#)

Pierson G, Nassar EL, Adams C, Boruff J, Nordlund J, Hu S, Rice DB, Thombs-Vite M, Co N, Cook V, Thombs BD.
BMJ Open. 2025 Dec 29;15(12):e108888. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2025-108888.
PMID: 41469052 Free PMC article.

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RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS

[The CHI-RON Study: Using PCORnet® and Patient Engagement Strategies to Improve Diversity Among Research Participants in the Congenital Heart Initiative.](#)

John AS, Leezer S, Rudov L, Jackson JL, Messmer M, Saraf S, Mehta R, Papneja S, Saidi AS, Marlin A, Hile D, Agarwal A, Lewis MJ, Kanter RJ, Sandhu S, Young T, Jacobsen R, Ruckdeschel ES, Lubert AM, Singh HS, Zaidi AN, Halpern DG, Krasuski RA, Asfaw K, Marsolo K, Phillippi R, Owolabi A, Carton T.

Med Care. 2026 Feb 1;64(2S Suppl 3):S196-S204. doi: 10.1097/MLR.0000000000002222. Epub 2026 Jan 8. PMID: 41504747 Free PMC article.

[Patients as Partners in Perinatal Health Research: A Scoping Review.](#)

Zhao L, Tailor LS, Marks Y, Fajardo RG, Chiodo S, Novosel OM, Cunningham J, Grandi SM. BJOG. 2026 Jan 8. doi: 10.1111/1471-0528.70145. Online ahead of print. PMID: 41504099

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RESEARCH, FUNDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

NMAHP, Psychological Professions, Pharmacist and Healthcare Scientist-led Journal Clubs

If you would be interested in starting a journal club in your team and would like help from the library to get started and to supply you with articles, please email: library@somersetft.nhs.uk and we will arrange a meeting to discuss how we can provide support.

UK Research and Innovation

[Professional doctorate: clinical research training fellowship](#)

Apply for funding to undertake a PhD.

Your research can focus on any area of Medical Research Council (MRC)'s remit to improve human health.

You must:

- be a registered healthcare professional
- be at an appropriate point in your training to undertake a PhD
- show plans to pursue a research career

We will fund your salary and project costs for three years. We will fund 100% of the justified costs.

You may also choose to apply for joint funding from one of the collaborating organisations.

This is an ongoing funding opportunity. Application rounds close every January, April and September.

Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management: [Chief Sustainability Officer's Clinical Fellow Scheme](#)

Candidates may submit an application for a place on the scheme during the recruitment process each year. Shortlisted candidates are interviewed, and successful applicants are seconded from their current employer to take up a fellowship role for 12 months, starting September 2026.

Substantive organisations and approval from substantive HR, finance and clinical directors should be sought alongside applications. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure they have the relevant permissions by application.

Clinical Fellows who successfully complete their secondment will also have the opportunity to access discounted [membership or fellowship](#) from FMLM upon graduation.

Please note: *The application form is open for 4 weeks for candidates to apply.*

NIHR: [Pre-Application Support Fund \(Cohort 8\)](#)

[Somerset Clinical School](#)

Linking research with practice to improve patient outcomes across Somerset

South West Clinical School Journal: [Volume 5, Number 4 \(2026\)](#)

This edition contains the project proposals written by our Cohort 4 Chief Nurse Research Fellows.

[Council for Allied Health Professions Research \(CAHPR\) South West England](#)

Updates, networks and signposting to support anyone in the AHP workforce in undertaking research-related activities – includes links to join upcoming dedicated writing sessions.

[Good Clinical Practice \(GCP\) training courses](#) are offered free by NIHR for people supporting clinical research delivery at the NHS, UK universities and other publicly funded organisations in England.

New to research? There is a free course (2 hours/week for 8 weeks) available from FutureLearn, **[Starting Out in Health and Social Care Research](#)**

[Nursing Times Journal Club](#) provides advice on setting up a journal club, as well as articles and useful discussion sheets.

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SUSTAINABILITY/ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

[The role of the anaesthetist in mitigating the environmental impacts of nitrous oxide: a narrative review.](#)

Balmaks E, O'Shea M, McGain F. Br J Anaesth. 2026 Jan;136(1):74-85. doi: 10.1016/j.bja.2025.08.044. Epub 2025 Oct 8. PMID: 41068034

[Reducing the environmental impact of nitrous oxide in dentistry: a national quality improvement project.](#)

Lyne A, Ahmad S, Ashley P. Br Dent J. 2026 Jan;240(2):102-106. doi: 10.1038/s41415-025-9201-6. Epub 2026 Jan 23. PMID: 41577781 Free PMC article.

[GIRFT greener pathways: Making total hip replacement more environmentally sustainable](#)

Professor Tim Briggs, is hosting this webinar to discuss our recently published [guidance](#) on making total hip replacement more environmentally sustainable. This is a free, webinar.

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LIBRARY SERVICES AND TRAINING

Are you looking for the latest evidence-based research? We offer a literature search service for members of staff at Somerset NHS Foundation Trust. Please fill in [this form](#) and a member of the library team will respond to you as soon as possible.

Alternatively, if you would like an assisted search training session, then please contact the library or make a booking on LEAP.

The [NHS Knowledge and Library Hub](#) is a one-stop gateway that allows you to access our high-quality sources of information and evidence.

You can also sign up for [KnowledgeShare](#), which provides evidence updates and alerts tailored to your specific professional interests.

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