



Urgent Primary and Community Care Special Interest Group Launch Meeting

SAPC ASM 2025, Holland House Hotel, Cardiff

Tues 8th July 10am – 11am Calon 2 / Orange

Attendees:

- Matthew Booker, University of Bristol
- Sara McKelvie, University of Southampton
- Thomas Fairfax, University of Sunderland
- Kerstin Nothnagel, University of Bristol
- Sham Agashi, University of Exeter
- Anna Podlasek, University of Dundee

Meeting Notes:

- 1) Welcome and Introductions

SM and MB welcomed the group

- 2) UPCC SIG Aims

MB gave an overview of UPCC SIG discussed based on our initial Terms of Reference.

Discussion points included:

- Definitions of Urgent Care – the RCGP SIG are working on a scoping literature review and Delphi process to further define this. In general, SAPC UPCC felt that an inclusive and broad approach to research in urgent care would be helpful. Research could include practice innovations, PCN and ICB work, Virtual ward or Hospital at Home and Paramedic services.

SM outlined how some of the other SIGs worked. Proposals from the meeting included:

- Hybrid model of working preferred
 - Quarterly catch-ups online to increase interest and build momentum
 - For in person meetings, consider overlapping with annual SAPC Heads of Teaching and Heads of Department (HOTs/HODs) meetings – next is 4-5th December in Warwick
 - It may be useful to scope interest at regional SAPC meetings – SAPC North 20th November (online) and SW SAPC Southampton 5-6th March (in-person)

- Themes for Future Meetings
 - Educational Research in UPCC on student placement, sharing best practices
 - Sharing experience of study design and delivery in UPCC
 - Networking opportunities for people working in UPCC and research
 - Learning opportunities on research skills/methods/considerations for UPCC
 - Time for reflexive learning
 - Mentoring opportunities
 - Consider creative methods and use of green spaces for in person meetings

3) UPCC Collaborators

Overlaps with the RCGP [Urgent care special interest group](#) were noted and Tim Sanders, Maisun Elftise (co-chairs) and AP (secretary) are on our Mailing List. It was noted that our groups would be complementary and the potential to collaborate on research across the SIGs was a strength. The focus of SAPC SIG will be to look at research priorities, design & delivery in UPCC settings.

4) Key Priorities for UPCC Research

Initial Rapid Priority setting exercise to discuss what might be important for UPCC to research. We discussed “*What are the research questions and evidence needed in UPCC?*”

- The **Work of Urgent Care** recognising importance of the acute nature of both the patients and problems seen and communication of uncertainty and risk management
- The **Education, Training and Curriculum** needed to support UPCC working
- The Diversity of Perspectives on **Workforce and Organisation** in UPCC, including new roles, interprofessional working, professional identities and cross-boundary working with other service types and providers. Recognising regional variation in service models.

5) Follow on Actions

We will send these minutes out to the wider group and create a poll to set up an online SIG meeting to take place late 2025/early 2026. Likely structure will be group introduction, breakout rooms for in-depth discussions, opportunity for someone to present/bring a topic for discussion, and planning next steps for the group.