



Society for Academic Primary Care

## Special Interest Groups - Annual Report 2025

Please submit by 23rd January 2026

### Group Details

**Special Interest Group Name**

Quality & Safety Improvement in Primary Care

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13/01/2026

### Annual Report

As a rough guide for maximum number of words – 400 but if you wish to write a longer report this is fine.

Please complete the categories below:

#### Annual Report

**Activities**

Online guest speaker on 3rd March 2025. Prof Paul Bowie (professor of Human Factors for Health and Social Care at Staffordshire University) gave an excellent presentation on how to embed the principles, methods and practices of a systems-thinking and Human Factors approach to our current practice in quality improvement and patient safety.

In-person SIG meeting at the SAPC ASM in Cardiff in July 2025. There were 8 attendees from across the UK affiliated with different institutions. Five new members were recruited. Outcomes below.

An online survey was sent to all SIG members to identify their needs/aims for 2026 and prioritise which SIG activities would add the most value. The results will be discussed at an upcoming online meeting.

**Future Plans**

The upcoming year will be shaped by the prioritised identified within the survey and during the next online meeting. The group will aim to meet informally every 3 months, with a stronger focus on collaboration, SIG member presentations, and provide a forum to discuss ideas/grants/funding etc.

**Evidence of impact of the SIG**

Newsletters help members share the latest research in quality and safety, both their own research and research they have read.

Face-to-face meetings allow networking opportunities and enables discussion for collaboration.

**Outcomes from SIG meeting at last SPC ASM (if held)**

The SIG members agreed that more regular online meetings on chosen themes would be beneficial. For example, career progression/pathways within quality and patient safety, SIG member presentations to disseminate research findings or discuss next steps, generate ideas for projects and funding opportunities, and hot topics (such as AI) in the context of safety.

Members will be given the opportunity to present their work/ideas on a voluntary basis.

**How affiliation with SPC has helped the SIG**

Enabled the in-person meeting at the ASM, which facilitated new networking opportunities for early career and senior researchers with similar interests.

Provides access to individuals within in healthcare quality and safety who will have an interest in attending talks from guest speakers and learning from colleagues within the field.

Allowed us to highlight key events, the latest research outputs and newsletters.