



Society for Academic Primary Care

Special Interest Groups - Annual Report 2025

Please submit by 23rd January 2026

Group Details

Special Interest Group Name

Primary care Academic Collaborative (PACT)

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Annual Report

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

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Annual Report

Activities

- Growth of PACT's membership to >1,200 primary care clinicians, including doctors, nurses, pharmacists, physiotherapists, and other allied health professionals across the UK.
- Multiple presentations at national and international events, including at SAPC, RCGP, and WONCA conferences and meetings.
- Continued development of a package of educational resources and new podcast series for primary care clinicians and researchers.
- The Hidden Workload Study launched in 2024 to investigate how much unrecorded work clinical staff in general practice are completing. Quantitative and qualitative data collection has now ended, with analysis underway. The study's protocol was published in October 2025 (<https://bjgpopen.org/content/early/2025/10/07/BJGPO.2025.0100.long>), with results planned for publication in Spring 2026.
- Monthly newsletters sent to PACT members, including information about opportunities to participate in other research projects.

Future Plans

PACT's next flagship, Accessing Continuity, is planned for launch in Summer 2026 and will explore barriers and facilitators to continuity of patient care in general practice. An editorial was published in August 2025 (<https://bjgp.org/content/75/757/342.long>), explaining the motivation and rationale for this study.

Evidence of impact of the SIG

Beyond the activities listed above, PACT has continued to improve access and opportunities for research participation nationally. So far, we have enabled >250 practices to take an active role in research, and have grown our membership to >1,200. Of these members, > 600 have taken part in our research projects, the majority of whom have not been part of formal research career pathways.

Outcomes from SIG meeting at last SAPC ASM (if held)

Our SIG meeting at SAPC ASM 2025 was a fantastic opportunity to meet PACT members in person, as well as new colleagues who were interested in our collaborative research approach. We provided an update on PACT's current work, including progress across our studies and plans for continued membership engagement and support. Since the meeting, we have continued to design and deliver collaborative research projects and support, as described above.

How affiliation with SAPC has helped the SIG

Recognition of PACT by SAPC as a SIG has strengthened our visibility and credibility as a clinician-led collaborative research organisation. We are grateful for SAPC's affiliation and financial support, which have helped facilitate our day-to-day activities. Our research model depends on continued engagement with members nationwide and effective coordination by the committee. SIG status and support has helped us maintain our mailing lists and website, and keep clinicians connected to opportunities for participation and learning.