



Society for Academic Primary Care

Special Interest Groups - Annual Report 2025

Please submit by 23rd January 2026

Group Details

Special Interest Group Name

Royal College of General Practitioners Secure Environments Group

Name

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Date

02/02/2026

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

- Contributions to Professor Sir Chris Whitty's Chief Medical Officer's Report into the health of people in contact with the justice system in prison and on probation:

- - Chair RCGP SEG provided leadership and oversight of a multi-professional task and finish group and RCGP SEG members contributed to the group, reviewing and providing comment on all chapters of the CMO report

- - Chair RCGP SEG authored, co-authored or contributed to multiple chapters of the report and attended round tables and meetings with the Chief Medical Officer.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-health-of-people-in-prison-on-probation-and-in-the-secure-nhs-estate-in-england>

-RCGP SEG Chair provided leadership, and committee worked with RCN and RCPsych to provide quality assurance to content of 12th Health and Justice Summit (16-17 October 2025). New e-stream developed to support wider variety and greater number of research and innovation contributions to the 2-day conference. RCGP SEG committee supported delivery of the conference.

-Work with Prison and Probation Ombudsman to further improve the quality of care delivered in prisons

-Work with legal specialists to write guidelines for management of physical restraint of patients in prisons

-RCGP Chair working with HMPPS Health Inequality colleagues to develop equitable access to care for people on probation including those with severe multiple disadvantage.

Future Plans

- Work to support increased research in prisons
- 3rd edition RCGP Safer Prescribing in Prisons
- Position statements to achieve equitable access to GP registration and preventive screening for patients in secure mental health hospitals
- Strategic input to ensure standards of care in prisons that support equitable access, record keeping, information sharing and outcomes
- Work to support recommendations from CMO report

Evidence of impact of the SIG

Clear impact of the contributions to the CMO report

Health and Justice Summit recognised as an internationally important event and UK national leading event in Health and Justice.

Quarterly Stakeholder meetings provide springboards

Health and Justice UK collaboration supports interprofessional, interprovider learning, sharing good practice, connections and support for healthcare professionals working in prisons across the UK.

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

N/A

How affiliation with SAPC has helped the SIG

Provides connection to other SIGs and builds awareness of work across academic primary care spaces.