

SAPC HODS GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Introducing SAPC HODS

The HODS group is responsible for overseeing the strategic and practical support for primary care academic activity within its member departments. The group consists of members from all 41 departments of academic primary care in the UK and Ireland. The [aims and objectives](#) of the group are detailed on the SAPC website.

How HODS works

The group now meets ‘formally’ three times a year:

- December 2021: hybrid meeting on line and at Warwick
- March 2022: virtual meeting
- July 2022: prior to SAPC ASM

Matters arising in between are dealt with by email or Chair’s action.

HODS also have a number of working groups looking at issues such as diversity, workforce planning, and future APC.

What HODS have been working on

CONNECTING ACADEMIC PRIMARY CARE

- We were delighted to celebrate the launch of **two Wellcome PhD programmes**. In Scotland, 34 new PhDs on multimorbidity, in England, the SPCR Wellcome programme. HODS seek to ensure these programmes are linked to offer greatest synergy for APC
- As we welcome new medical schools to our community, we are pleased to welcome new members in to the HODS group – to share experience and wisdom from existing groups, and the new energy and ideas from our new partners

GROWING ACADEMIC PRIMARY CARE

- We established a workforce review group (MacKenzie 3) to undertake an update on the APC workforce. The group is looking at opportunities for both a ‘snapshot look’ to flag up urgent actions, and establishing an ongoing census so we can monitor the changing landscape.

- We welcomed our first [Future Leader role](#). Dr Rebecca Walmsley from St Andrews has joined HODS as a FL fellow and is undertaking work looking at equity and diversity across our community of practice. Rebecca is considering how we can recognise and value the diverse range of scholarship activity needed for academic primary care within career tracks.

CHAMPIONING ACADEMIC PRIMARY CARE

- HODS members contributed to the [SAPC submission](#) to the Health Select Committee Inquiry into the Future of General Practice. A number of members also submitted individual evidence. Unfortunately the academic community were not invited to give oral evidence to the Committee. HODS are now considering how we might strengthen this form of activity in the future.
- HODS have been feeding in to conversations about celebrating the anniversary that is SAPC's 50th conference. The 50th anniversary of the Society is in 2024. We are working on a number of plans to showcase the first 50 years to share over the next 2 years of celebrations.

What HODS are working on next

A busy year is distilling into two key thoughts for our next areas of work:

- Telling our story: what are the key messages from the first 50 years that we need people to hear - funders, politicians, the new NHS bodies, current and future scholars?
- Shaping the future story: what does SAPC need to prioritise, do differently in the next 50 years?

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting at UCLAN.

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