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## PRUK 2016 Annual Review

We are delighted to announce the publication of our PRUK Annual Review for 2016. The review highlights the impact that PRUK funding and researchers have had since our launch in 2012. Since then we have awarded **£1.45M** and funded **45 projects**, as well as supporting **25 researchers** develop their research skills. The report also takes the opportunity to share with readers our vision for the future.

[See our annual review.](#)

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## HSRPP 2017

This year's Health Services Research and Pharmacy Practice (HSRPP) Conference will be held in Nottingham on the **10th and 11th April**. The theme is "Drivers for change: policy, practice and education'. The deadline for registration is the **21st March**. See [our website](#) for booking details and prices.

The [programme](#) is now available and highlights of the conference include the three keynote speakers:

- Professor Sue Ziebland: Professor of Medical Sociology, University of Oxford
- Professor Justin Waring: Professor of Organisational Sociology, University of Nottingham
- Professor Fiona Patterson: Founding Director of the Work Psychology Group and Researcher, University of Cambridge

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## Awards and bursaries scheme deadline – 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Our awards and bursaries schemes are open for applications and the deadline to apply is the **3<sup>rd</sup> May by 5pm**. Applications can be made to three separate funds – Research Training Bursaries, Personal Research Awards and the BOPA-PRUK Research Award. These schemes are designed to equip pharmacy professionals with the skills needed to contribute to and progress research in the sector. A summary of each scheme has been

included below, but for further information on each scheme including eligibility, you can refer to [our website](#), where application forms are also available. For more information our Research Manager, Desh Mofidi, has written a [blog](#) on key tips to building a successful grant proposal.

**[Personal Research Awards](#)**: These are available to registered pharmacists and this unique funding is to enable pharmacists to develop the research skills required to advance their research career. Proposals from a wide variety of pharmacy topics will be considered as the purpose of the scheme is to build research capacity within pharmacy practice.

**[Research Training Bursaries](#)**: Research training bursaries provide funding for community and primary care pharmacists who have an interest in developing their skills in conducting research relating to every day practice. There are three levels of funding, depending on the qualifications that are being worked towards.

**[BOPA-PRUK Research Award](#)**: The BOPA-PRUK Research Award is designed for pharmacy professionals in oncology and haematology to undertake research projects in translational and health service related to oncology and haematology pharmacy, with a focus on patient benefit.

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## PRUK-funded Research

### Pharmacist-led care in General Practice

PRUK are delighted to announce the publication of research funded by the charity which explores the attitude and perceptions of GPs to pharmacist led care in general practice and identifies perceived barriers and facilitators to the integration of pharmacists in to general practice.

The research was conducted by Tahmina Rokib at the University of Sunderland and is

particularly appropriate given the current pressures on primary care services within the NHS. The study concluded that GPs believe integration of pharmacists in general practice can:

- Reduce GP workload,
- Improve prescribing safety; and
- Improve medicines optimisation.

In particular pharmacist independent prescribers were perceived to have a wider scope of practice and a greater impact on workload pressures. See the [full report](#).

## **IMAB-Q Study: validation and feasibility testing of a novel questionnaire to identify barriers to medical adherence**

We are delighted to publish research funded by the charity conducted by Dr Bhattacharya at the University of East Anglia which investigated whether IMAB-Q was a useful tool in identifying patients who struggle to adhere to their medication schedule and understanding these barriers. With between a third and a half of patients who are taking medicines for long term conditions not taking them as prescribed, it is important to establish reasons behind this to enable pharmacists to provide appropriate support. The IMAB-Q was developed to identify these patients and their barriers to medication adherence. See the [full report](#).

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## **PRUK Research in the press**

### **BMJ article**

We were delighted to see PRUK-funded research recently published in [the BMJ](#). The research was conducted by Elizabeth Miller at the University of Bradford and was an out-

of-hours audit of whether subcutaneous palliative medicines are available and accessible.

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## Events

### Research advice surgeries

Every month the RPS run research advice surgeries which can be attended in person, by phone or via video conference. If you are thinking about applying for funding in 2017 and would like to know the types of funding and support available, these sessions extremely useful. The next surgery is on the 4<sup>th</sup> April; to book your place please sign up via the [RPS website](#).

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### RPS poster and oral presentation guidance

The publication of smaller studies and incremental improvements in care can extremely valuable; it is essential that this information is also shared with others, and a conference poster is often the ideal platform to present new work. Not only is this a less intimidating method for authors to display their work, it also provides an ideal opportunity for professionals to network and allows you to interact more meaningfully with people who are interested in your topic. Feedback and experience gained through conference dissemination can also prove invaluable for the progression to presenting and disseminating to wider audiences. See the [RPS guidance on poster and oral presentations](#).

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# Research News

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