



Scottish School of Primary Care

past present and future

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SSPC: the past

- SSPC has been in existence since 2000
- Initiated by Colin Hunter, Graham Buckley, Lewis Ritchie and other
- Initially funded by CSO, Scottish Funding Council, SCPMDE then NES and Scottish Government
- Reflected move to set up research schools across UK at the time

SSPC: the past

- Main strands of work were to:
 - develop programmes of internationally recognised, methodologically rigorous research which address important issues in Scotland and beyond, and
 - ensure higher level career development opportunities for researchers.
- Worked closely with the Scottish Primary Care Research Network (initially integrated with SSPC, now separately funded by the CSO) which has a remit to:
 - increase recruitment to trials and other methodologically rigorous research.

SSPC: the past

- Track record of world class research
 - Bell's Palsy study 2009 (Sullivan NEJM) BMA Paper of the year
 - Multimorbidity paper (Mercer, Guthrie, Watt et al 2012) RCGP Paper of the Year 2013
 - Data driven QI in primary care (Guthrie Dundee)
 - Pharmacovigilance in children (Bond Aberdeen)
 - Telemetry in LTCs (McKinstry Edinburgh)

SSPC: the present



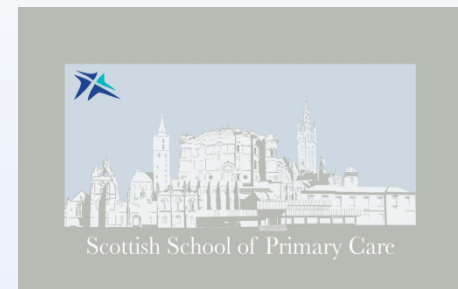
The Scottish School of Primary Care is a virtual school comprising academic departments with significant primary care research output.

Current members are the Universities of:

- Aberdeen
- Dundee
- Edinburgh
- Glasgow
- Stirling



SSPC Vision is for:



- sustainable and equitable high quality primary care that meets the needs of the people of Scotland.

Within this, it aspires to be:

- Relevant
- Credible
- Respected
- Trusted



SSPC current strategic objectives



- **Inform** our key stakeholders by collating relevant available national and international evidence, as well as actively contributing to the growing evidence base.
- **Support** the continuing growth of Academic Primary Care in Scotland.
- **Promote** Scottish Academic Primary Care internationally.



SSPC Operational Group

- Stewart Mercer, Director (0.1 WTE)
- John Gillies, Deputy Director (0.2 WTE)
- Bridie Fitzpatrick, Research Programme Manager (0.4 WTE)
- Alise Middleton, Administrator (0.5 WTE)

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Key Outputs since October 2015

- Established new collaborations with key organisations involved in new models of care work– **NHS Health, Health Analytic Services, HIS, NES,NSS**
- Hosted 2 workshops bringing together policy makers, academics and service planners/managers
 - Evaluability Assessment of projects/policy
 - Quality After QOF: an international workshop.
- Literature review of QOF (what it did/did not achieve).

Many thanks to our Advisory Group



NHS Health Scotland, NHS Health Informatics Research, Chief Nursing Officer, Scottish Practice Nurse Association, Chief Pharmacy Officer, Scottish Association of Medical Directors

Key outputs since October 2015

- Evidence for Improvement papers for Quality clusters: 11 and growing, on website soon
- Started work on the evaluation of the Primary Care Transformation Fund projects

SSPC: the future



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