

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025, Checkland Building, University of Brighton, Falmer

- 09:00-09:45 Poster set up & registration
- 09:45-09:55 Welcome address  
Dr Jessica Eccles, Dr Khalid Ali, Dr Cate Bell
- 09:55-10:05 Getting into research - what BSMS can offer?  
Prof Richard McManus, Dean of Brighton and Sussex Medical School
- 10:05-10:20 Research Journey Story  
Laurel Dean, Social Worker & Practitioner Researcher, Brighton and Hove City Council
- 10:20-10:35 Overcoming Obstacles  
Nik Nikolic, NIHR Doctoral Clinical Academic Fellow, SPFT and BSMS and Hannah Denton, Consultant Counselling Psychologist, Community Services, SPFT
- 10:35-10:50 My journey through the IAT Programme  
Dr Charlotte Short, Clinical Senior Lecturer in HIV and GUM, Imperial College London
- 10:50-11:30 Q&A section after talks, **all keynotes speakers**
- 11:30-11:55 Tea & coffee break
- 11:55-12:10 Introduction to new Sussex Centre for Infection  
Dr Leena Al-Hassan, Senior Research Fellow in Global Health and Infection, BSMS
- 12:10-12:45 Community Researchers  
Dr Anna-Marie Bibby-Jones, Head of Inclusion in Research, SPFT & community researchers
- 12:45-13:10 Introduction to Local Networks & Research Groups  
Women's Health Network, Sussex Nurses Research Network, Sussex Brain Tumour Research Group, Sussex Mental Health Research Centre, LGBTQ Research Network
- 13:10-14:10 Lunch and poster viewing
- 14:10-16:00 Oral presentations  
**Presentations from medical academics, health and care professionals (excl. doctors) and academic foundation doctors**
- 16:00-16:30 Tea and coffee break
- 16:30-17:00 Prizes and feedback

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Community Researchers  
Sussex Cancer Research Centre

Research Delivery Network  
Health Innovation Network KSS  
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