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OXFORD-RCGP RSC DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE FROM PROF. SIMON DE LUSIGNAN,
DIRECTOR OF THE OXFORD-RCGP RSC

Happy New Year

**Our Practice Liaison Team would like to share New
Year's greetings in their own languages**

"Srećna Nova Godina"

"Selamat Tahun Baru"

"明けましておめでとうございます"

"新年快乐"

"Frohes Neues Jahr"

"Happy New Year"

"Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku"

Recap of team highlights of 2025

Introduction of the North Bristol Lab

In October last year, UKHSA mobilised a second lab for virology sampling testing to add capacity for this winter. All Take-A-Test-UK patient self-swabbing tests are now undertaken at the North Bristol lab. And some practices are participating in pilot pathways using new digital solutions for requesting and receiving test results. We're grateful for practices being a part of these new pathways.

PLOs on Tour

Finding ways to promote our network and seek like-minded people to collaborate with and contribute data for our research is an important aspect of our role. We were fortunate enough to attend four events in October last year (**Best Practice, RCGP Conference, The Pharmacy Show and Diabetes Professional Care**) that allowed us to mingle with potential network practices.

Our team grew

Both our Practice Liaison and wider RSC team experienced significant team growth. With more PLOs, Researchers, SQL Developers dedicated to our vital research, we are looking forward to what we will accomplish this year.

Hub Soft Launch

Our team began a soft launch of the new RSC Hub, a site for network member to access relevant information, resources and practice specific content. Details on the hub and its purpose were promoted in previous editions of our Director's Message. This year, we look forward to rolling out the Hub to the wider network.

Next week we will look at the stats from the past year.

Material orders to resume from next week

From next week, our Practice Liaison Team will resume placing orders for surveillance serology and virology materials on behalf of practices based on sampling targets.

Requests should be sent to the Practice Liaison Team: practiceenquiries@phc.ox.ac.uk

Article of the week

Team climate, job satisfaction, burnout and practice performance: results of a national survey of staff in general practices in England

Measures are needed to address recruitment and retention problems in general practice in England. A good team climate, the relational processes of team working, can mitigate pressured work environments, but little is known about it.

The objective was to explore factors associated with more favourable team climates in general practices and investigate associations between team climate and outcomes for staff and practice performance.

[Read the full article here](#)

