

OXFORD-RCGP RSC DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



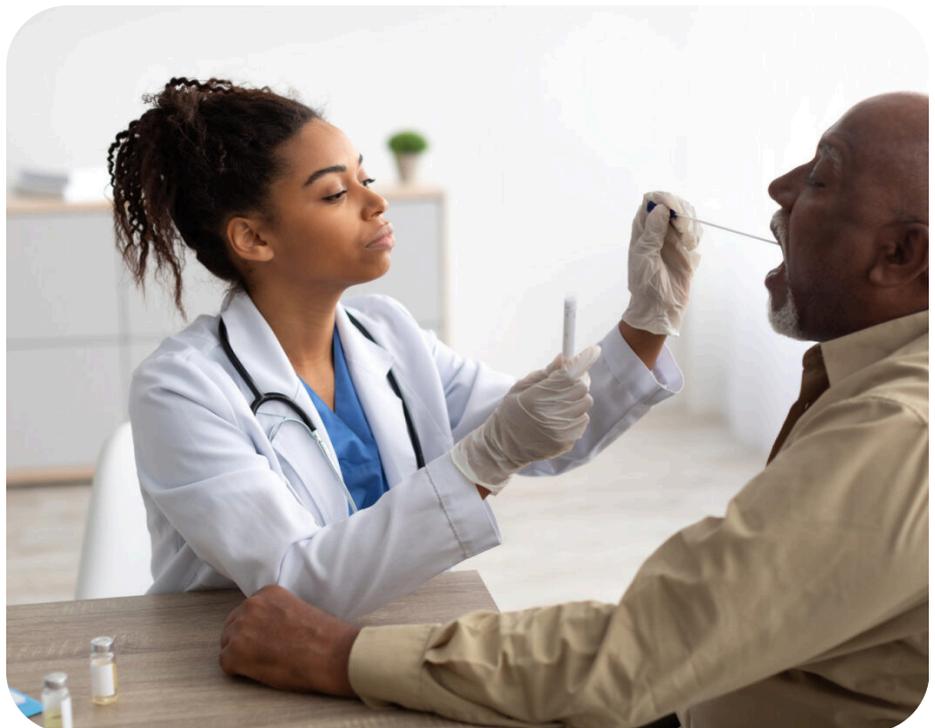
YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE FROM PROF. SIMON DE LUSIGNAN,
DIRECTOR OF THE OXFORD-RCGP RSC

Maximise your virology sampling for February and March

A big thanks to our virology sampling practices for all of the samples this winter.

We ask that any practices with testing kits please continue with virology sampling and use up any remaining swab kits this winter and **by 31.03.2026**, to help us meet our targets with UKHSA.

If you're running low on kits, please let us know at practiceenquiries@phc.ox.ac.uk



Join our Research team

If you're passionate about the disease surveillance and vaccine effectiveness work, which we do in the RSC, we need you!

We're recruiting for part time roles for experts with general practice experience in any of these areas:

- data quality (EMIS/Optum and TPP)
- analyses and/or research in respiratory illness
- evaluation of laboratory pathways and;
- digital innovation (i.e. EMIS/Optum, TPP and laboratory pathways).

If you're interested in working with us, please complete our online [Expression of Interest form](#) and we'll contact you to arrange a Teams meeting to discuss the work on offer.

PPI Events - Swindon and Oxford

The Pandemic Sciences Institute in Oxford have invited us to speak at two of their upcoming events.

Event Details:

Let's Talk About: Surveillance' series, developed as a collaboration between the History of Science Museum and the Pandemic Sciences Institute in Oxford. This edition focuses on surveillance, specifically in the context of tracking disease and predicting pandemics. It will be a conversational, public-facing discussion between researchers and audience on the topics that can raise difficult questions. Four thought-provoking speakers will guide small breakout discussions centred around unique objects that tell a story about their work before everyone comes together into a panel discussion to keep the conversation going.

Dates:

17th February - 7pm - STEAM Museum, Swindon - [Event Link](#)

12th March - 5pm - History of Science Museum, Oxford - [Event Link](#)

If you are interested in attending, please follow the above links.

Farewell Lizzy

Our dedicated team leader, Lizzy, has moved on to a secondment role for a year.

We wish her the very best and look forward to welcoming her back next year.

For any outstanding queries with Lizzy, please contact the Practice Liaison Team.

