

OXFORD-RCGP RSC DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



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

Our experience at the Let's Talk About: Surveillance event in Swindon

Members of our RSC team, Dr Vanashree Sexton and David Hewitt attending a PPI event at the STEAM Museum in Swindon on Tuesday evening.

David has shared his take on the event.

The venue was a delightful mixture of old GWR memorabilia along with a modern visual arts display. The experience was laid back and informal and the individuals ranged from non-healthcare members of the public to registered nurses. The event hosts and all panels were incredibly knowledgeable, and I feel like I learnt a lot more about pandemic preparedness.

The format included introducing ourselves and engaging with 4 groups for 10 mins each. "Speed dating formula". This was followed by a 30 min panel discussion where the host asked questions to both the researchers and the public. It was useful to engage with the public with our work. We heard positive feedback on the experience and had a nuanced discussion about pandemic preparedness including when the next pandemic might arise.



The feedback indicates that more people were in favour of the event, describing the event as engaging, interesting, informative and thought provoking. Small groups made it easy to ask questions and have time for questions, great way to engage audience in the discussion, stimulating, good to be grounded in something physical.

All the speakers were interesting and engaging. Particularly enjoyed conversation about ethics of surveillance.

We look forward to speaking at next month's event in Oxford.

Best Practice, London

25th & 26th February

We will be attending **Best Practice** in London next week (24th & 25th).

Our Medical Director, Prof Simon de Lusignan, Dr Gavin Jamie and Dr Vanashree Sexton will be discussing the benefits of general practices being members of the Oxford-RCGP RSC.

If you are attending **Best Practice**, why not attend our panel session on the **25th February at 10:15am**.

Members of our Practice Liaison Team, David Hewitt and Daniel Gallaher, will also be in attendance and will be happy to discuss the RSC network further.



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.

