



**Paediatric
Critical
Care
Research**

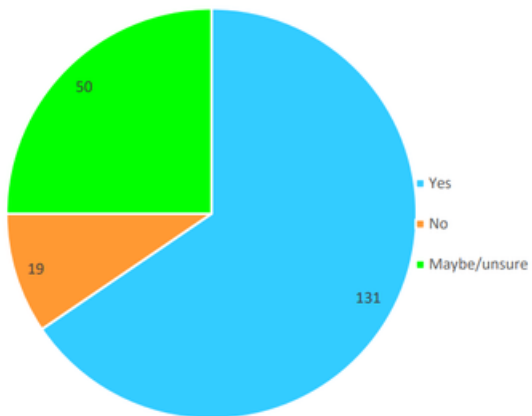
SUPPORTED BY
NIHR | National Institute for Health and Care Research

PCC Research Newsletter

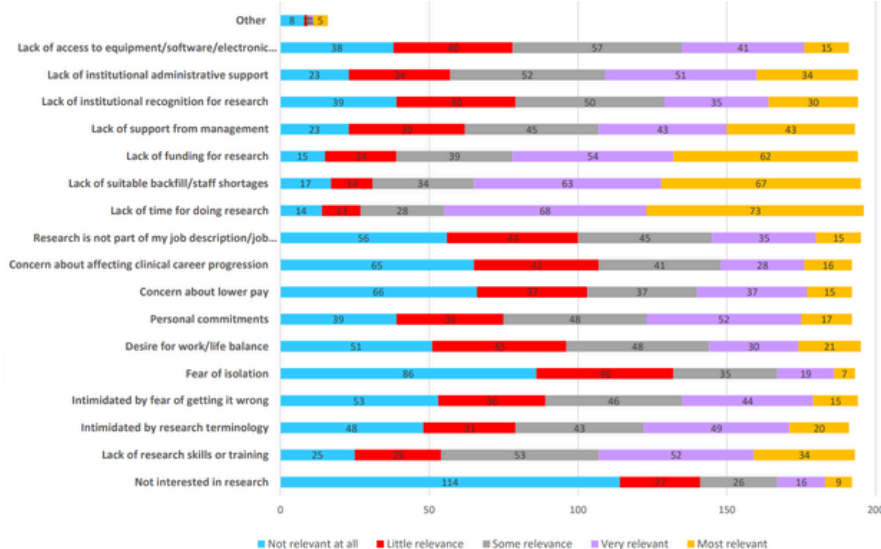
News & Opportunities from the Paediatric Critical Care Research Incubator

Since the official **PCC Research Incubator** launch, our PCC Research Community has formed and grown organically throughout the UK. We hope more will [join our community](#) in 2025, and to share opportunities, resources & news we launched the **PCC Research Incubator** website. Above all, we tried to listen and understand your research aspiration and training needs; across PICUs, many PCC staff have been kind enough to share their views by responding to the **PCC Research Survey 2024**. These voices came across very clearly; most respondents would love to do more research (left panel, below), but lack of time, funding, institutional support & researcher skills (right panel, below).

Q11: Would you like to be more involved in research? (N=200)



Q14: Most relevant barriers to you in undertaking research



Focusing on our core mission of **Growing & Nurturing PCC Researchers**, we have started addressing some of the issues alighted in this survey. In collaboration with the Paediatric Critical Care Society (PCCS), research training sessions have been provided at the PCC Research Launch & Training Event, on 23 May 2024 & on 02 October 2024 (45 & 60 people attended, respectively). Additionally in **February 2025**, we run **“Introduction to Grant Writing”, an hybrid, experiential workshop, across 2 full days**: the aim of this workshop was to provide aspiring PCC Researchers with an opportunity to experience the essentials of writing a collaborative research grant as part of a team. Feedback collated suggests this event was well received and attendees found it a useful learning experience (46.2%= extremely satisfied; 46.2%= very satisfied; 7.6%=neutral); most also indicated they would like more time for similar in-person training events and we will take this aspect in consideration when organising similar experiential future events.

Introduction to Grant Writing Workshop, 03 & 10.02.2025

Best Overall Project Winners: team EPIC



Coming up for 2025: News & Opportunities

PCC Research Community News: warmest **congratulations to Dr. Hannah Mitchell**, who has just been awarded a prestigious NIHR Doctoral Training Fellowship to support her PhD level research. We wish her all the best for her future research.

Opportunities: if you did not manage to attend the PCC Research “Introduction to Grant Writing “ workshop, do not despair. The NIHR has announced the intention to run a similar event in April 2025 in Southampton.

a) **The NIHR ”Essential Guide to Grant Applications 2025” (EGGA) Masterclass** will take place between 01-03 April 2025. The EGGA masterclass is for anyone thinking of applying for a research grant – either from the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) or from other open, competitive, peer reviewed sources of funding. This masterclass focuses on how to write a grant application that will appeal to reviewers. If you have an idea for a health or social care research proposal and would like to turn your idea into a funding application, EGGA will introduce you to the skills you need to get started.

EGGA is a free to attend, three-day masterclass on how to write a grant application that is strong from a methodological point of view, reads well and presents a convincing case for funding. EGGA is funded and hosted by the NIHR Research Support Service Hub delivered by the University of Southampton & Partners.

Date & Time

- Apr 1, 2025 09:30 AM
- Apr 2, 2025 09:30 AM
- Apr 3, 2025 09:30 AM

For registration and more details please see: <https://nihr-rss-public-health-soton.org/egga2025-programme/>

b) The Emergency Care (EC) Incubator is running an **online forum on Wednesday 2nd April**, 13.30-15.00. The theme of the forum will be ‘**NIHR Development Awards: What’s new?**’. The online event will consist of 3 parts:

•A presentation about recent changes in NIHR Development Awards and about the range of NIHR funding opportunities available to you.

•A Q&A session to give you the opportunity to ask questions and engage directly with NIHR Academy representatives.

•A breakout session for you to informally discuss training issues with your peers.

The forum is free to attend but registration is required. To register please go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Y-JpZFPuRl-86HyU7t1eJQ>.

Upcoming Conferences & Meetings 2025

- 1) [RCPCH 26 -28 March 2025, Glasgow Scotland](#). This year’s theme is “Future child health: innovate, integrate and inspire”
- 2) [37th European Pediatrics Conference 15-16 May 2025, Paris France](#) .Advancing Therapeutics in Pediatrics and Neonatology: Healing Children, Transforming the World
- 3) [PCCS Study Group 2025 Spring Meeting, 21- 22 May 2025, Leicester](#). Latest Research from PCCS-SG & Training from PCC Research Incubator will be available.
- 4) [ESPNIC 2025, 34th International Congress, 25-28 June 2025, Alicante, Spain.](#) International congress dedicated to Paediatric Critical Care & Research.
- 5) [International Society of Pediatric Respiratory Diseases 26-29 June 2025, Barcelona Spain](#) .The only global congress focused on pediatric respiratory diseases

Save the day for **PCCS Annual Conference 2025, 10-12 September 2025, Belfast**. Registration details currently unavailable.

Any comments, ideas, questions? Please write to us at PCCResearch@imperial.ac.uk