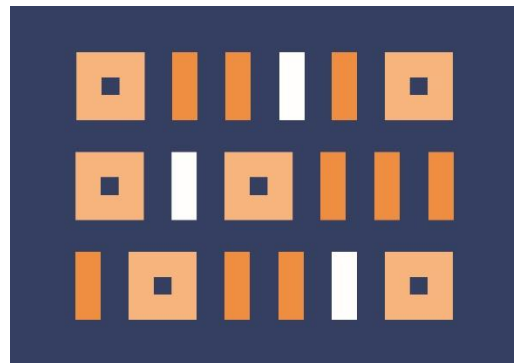
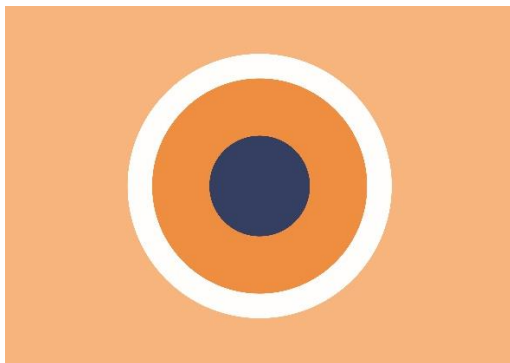


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Introduction

Welcome to the Health Protection Research Unit in Gastrointestinal Infections (HPRU-GI). The HPRU-GI brings together academics in the areas of microbiology, genomics, bioinformatics, epidemiology, data science, mathematics, and social science, with public health scientists and practitioners. The HPRU-GI will benefit from the two partner Universities' investments in world-class research facilities and expertise. Together, this will provide the rich, collaborative environment needed to develop effective tools to improve the detection of diarrhoeal disease and enable better prevention and prediction of outbreaks. The HPRU-GI will define the biological, environmental and behavioral factors that contribute to a greater burden of diarrhoeal disease in deprived populations in England, and the disease burden linked to travel, thereby informing new approaches to disease control. The HPRU-GI will provide multidisciplinary training for postgraduate and postdoctoral scientists, and frontline public health practitioners. Together, this holistic approach will reduce the public health burden of gastrointestinal infections, reduce health inequalities and will deliver the next generation of health protection scientists.

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Knowledge Mobilisation:

Successful Knowledge Mobilisation (KM) occurs more often when there is clarity at the outset of who research is targeted at and how that user will utilise the findings. Every research project carried out by HPRU-GI will begin by documenting the user need and how the findings could potentially affect policy and practice. This will focus the researchers involved on study implications during the development of protocols, manuscripts and further dissemination materials, and allow two-way communication with relevant stakeholders (in UKHSA and wider) to ensure an “audience-in-waiting”. We will have a standing item on the agenda of the quarterly GI leads meeting, to present our work as it progresses.

Please ensure you contact Lola to discuss your project prior to commencing your research.

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Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement:

We will apply the core concept of co-production, which identified the 4 R's of Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE): **Reach**, **Relevance**, **Refinement** and **Relationships**, the conceptual drivers of the NIHR Standards. We aim to work with diverse individuals and communities and provide inclusive opportunities; with our research focus on health inequalities in the burden of GI disease across disadvantaged community groups, it is particularly important to direct research and interventions to address disadvantage and reduce health inequalities. Our PPIE collaboration will steer studies toward community need and consider the relevance of project aim, design and outcomes; we will draw on PPIE evidence to refine our practice and build high quality relationships between researchers and the public through the use of deliberative knowledge spaces that value all contribution and expertise, We aim to work closely with other HRPUs to increase efficiency and value through linked PPIE activity and evaluation, and to build capacity by increasing the PPIE knowledge of researchers and public to create impactful PPIE that enhances public health research and practice.

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Research Capacity Development:

Career development of staff and students will be undertaken within a supportive environment that embraces equality and diversity, recognised by Athena Swan silver awards to partner Universities. HPRU-GI members will benefit from the NIHR Academy, including career support and leadership training. Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) and Knowledge Mobilisation (KM) will be integrated into our training plans, and will include training for public members of HPRU-GI. Our individualised approach to research capacity development will be underpinned by a strong communications plan, ensuring timely and equitable advertisement to all relevant staff and students. Supervision and training will be provided via a range of methods (face-to-face, webcasts etc.) to ensure inclusivity and to support flexible working. Our approach will embrace the CONCORDAT framework for the support, development and management of researchers' careers. A training matrix will inform progress against plans. The programme will be regularly evaluated to ensure that it meets the needs of UKHSA and the partner Institutions.

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NIHR HPRU-GI Templates:

It is vitally important that NIHR guidance is followed with regards to the HPRU-GI name, publication approval and acknowledgements, presentations, posters, notice of planned media activity and your e-mail signature. Full details can be found on the website

<http://hprugi.nihr.ac.uk/educating-and-training/nihr-hpru-templates/#publications>

1. Publications - General

The HPRU Director and UKHSA leads should be offered the opportunity to comment on publications and other research outputs before submission and to collectively agree authorship.

A copy of your final publication should then be sent to the Admin team (hprugi@liverpool.ac.uk) who will submit a copy to the NIHR Central Commissioning Facility and the UKHSA lead at the same time as submission for publication or at least 28 days before the date intended for publication, whichever is earlier.

In your e-mail to the Admin team, please highlight if the publication is likely to be sensitive or of particular media interest. Please also indicate whether the HPRU, the host institution, a partner institution or the journal are planning a press release.

2. Publications – Acknowledgement of NIHR HPRU-GI:

Correct acknowledgement of the HPRU-GI is vital, in order for the publication to be returned as an output of the unit.

Acknowledgement of funding and disclaimer:

All written and oral outputs that are a result of work directly funded or indirectly supported by the HPRU-GI must acknowledge the NIHR as the funder and, when including research findings or opinions, use the HPRU-GI disclaimer. The acknowledgement and disclaimer for HPRU-GI is as follows:

- a. **Work Directly Funded by NIHR:** *This study is funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Health Protection Research Unit in Gastrointestinal Infections, a partnership between UK Health Security Agency, the University of Liverpool and the University of Warwick. The views expressed are those of the author(s) and not necessarily those of the NIHR, UK Health Security Agency or the Department of Health and Social Care.*
- b. **Work not directly funded by NIHR:** *[name of researcher] is affiliated to the National Institute for Health and Care Research Health Protection Research Unit (NIHR HPRU) in Gastrointestinal Infections at University of Liverpool in partnership with UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), in collaboration with University of Warwick. [name of researcher] is based at [name of institution]. The views expressed are those of the author(s) and not necessarily those of the NHS, the NIHR, the Department of Health and Social Care or UK Health Security Agency.*
- c. **Affiliations:** *Please acknowledge your affiliation with the HPRU on the front page of your output.*

Other:

Researchers are encouraged to use the HPRU-GI sub-logo on visual and digital outputs. A copy of all logos/sub-logos can be obtained from the Admin team.

To support our annual reporting process to NIHR, you will be asked during the year to provide information on publications, attendance at conferences, talks given, posters etc

Social Media:

Website (www.hprugi.nihr.ac.uk)

The HPRU-GI has a dedicated website that includes up to date news, information relating to the various projects etc.

Twitter (@HPRUGI): The Twitter account will primarily be run through the admin team.

If you have any items for the website or Twitter, please contact the admin team with the relevant details.

Wellbeing:

The past eighteen months have been difficult for everyone as we have tried to adapt to life in a pandemic. There have been challenges as we try to adapt to working from home, starting a new job etc, all of which can impact on our mental wellbeing. Within the HPRU GI, we do not want you to feel isolated or alone. If you do need someone to talk to, you can always contact a member of the HPRU GI team (details at the beginning of this document) or some of the following links may help.

- [Wellbeing - University of Liverpool](#)
- [Employee Assistance Programme - University of Liverpool](#)
- [Mindset - The Academy Intranet - University of Liverpool](#)

For those of you based at University of Warwick, the following links may help.

- Warwick wellbeing support services
<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/wss>
- Warwick wellbeing support for students
<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/wss/students/support/>
- Warwick wellbeing support services – self-help resources
<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/wss/topics/>

For those of you based at UKHSA, the following links may help.

- UKHSA uses the **Employee Assistance Programme**
- UKHSA has **mental health first aiders**
<https://extranet.phe.gov.uk/sites/col/WPWC/Lists/MentalHealthFirstAiders/Mental%20health%20first%20aiders.aspx>
- **Weekly mindfulness sessions** run every Friday at 9:30am. Email staffwellbeing@phe.gov.uk to join via Teams. [Shaun Donaghy](#) leads the sessions.
- **Headspace** – this can be accessed for free at <https://intranet.ukhsa.gov.uk/sites/health-and-wellbeing/SitePageModern/3709/headspace> with your PHE email address
- **Togetherall** is a safe, anonymous mental health and wellbeing online support service. Trained professionals moderate it 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. UKHSA staff members can access Togetherall's anonymous support for free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Follow these steps to sign up. Visit [UKHSA's Togetherall page](#). Create an account and verify your UKHSA email address. Choose an anonymous username, which is how you will appear on the site.
- The [Every Mind Matters website](#) can help you to find simple ways to look after your mental health and wellbeing. You make a plan with their [free NHS-approved mind plan quiz](#) to: deal with stress and anxiety, boost your mood, improve your sleep, help you feel more in control. This can be accessed at: [Every Mind Matters website](#)

External support can be found at the following:

- [Get help from a mental health charity - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- [Getting help | Mental Health Foundation](#)
- [How to seek help for a mental health problem | Mind, the mental health charity - help for mental health problems](#)

Please remember, you are not alone as we navigate our way through this.