WPC is leading PC improvement through partnership with the PC community

Our primary focus is on improving PC, in order that we contribute to delivery of efficient, effective and equitable health care. To ensure our work is relevant, sustainable and so makes a difference, we work closely with partners from across the PC community in the development, design, delivery and dissemination of our work. Including patients, practitioners, policy makers, charities, and…

- Revitalising generalism: developing a science of generalism supporting PBE
- Workforce

Our leadership stems from our innovative approaches to working with clinical and academic partners to produce novel education and research approaches that are relevant, extend beyond a single project, and so produce impact. We are working to describe a new approach of translational scholarship – pulling together the expertise from multiple partners in order to describe how to support evidence based practice and policy, but also generate the practice-based evidence needed to drive improvement.

WPC offers distinct expertise and experience to help with your PC problems

Primary Care is a distinct model of health care provision emphasising person centred care that is accessible, continuous, comprehensive, and coordinated. Academic primary care is a distinct scientific discipline which exists to drive improvement in primary care, working within, and alongside primary care to support and challenge practice through scholarly activity. It contributes to the understanding and delivery of the primary health care concept through: articulating the values and body of knowledge that informs and develops practice; disseminating and developing the models through teaching and a process of continual learning; and studying the implementation, evaluation and impact of current policy and strategy. Academic primary care thus combines critical reflection with creative innovation to help develop, implement, evaluate and teach the clinical discipline (SAPC 2011).

Through combining expertise in scholarship with an understanding of the distinct primary care context, academic primary care provides more than health services research capacity but offers primary care leadership.

WPC delivers high quality undergraduate and postgraduate primary care education

We deliver to students and trainees high quality, evidence based, patient centered teaching promoting general practice as a positive career choice. At undergraduate level we are engaged in an innovative integrated curriculum where students are exposed to general practice and patients in primary care longitudinally though the course. We work with 60 local practices to provide student placements and have a team of university based GP tutors contributing to teaching and curriculum development. At postgraduate level we contribute to trainer and trainee educational programmes throughout the deanery and deliver interdisciplinary primary care masters modules drawing on departmental expertise.