



Date

11th November 2025



Time

10am - 4pm



Location

Manchester Marriott
Hotel Piccadilly

91 London Rd
Manchester
M1 2PG

Capacity Building Showcase Agenda

Registration and refreshments from 9:30, Piccadilly Suite

10:00 - 10:05	Welcome and introductions (Dr Penny Lewis)
10:05 - 10:20	Introducing plans for ARC 2 (Prof. Dame Nicky Cullum)
10:20 - 10:30	Capacity Building - our next steps (Dr Penny Lewis)
10:30 - 11:00	Internship presentations I (chaired by Dr Penny Lewis)
10:30 - 10:35	Overview of the Internship programme (Dr Penny Lewis)
10:35 - 10:40	Donna Booth - Advanced Clinical Practitioner Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust
10:40 - 10:45	Loren Whyatt - Cognitive Behavioural Therapist Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust
10:45 - 10:50	Sarah Radford - Safeguarding Families Specialist Practitioner Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust
10:50 - 10:55	Ahmadreza Karami - Specialist Dietitian Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
10:55 - 11:00	Questions
11:00 - 11:15	Break
11:15 - 11:40	Internship presentations II (chaired by Dr Penny Lewis)
11:15 - 11:20	Georgina Wood - Paediatric Metabolic Dietitian Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
11:20 - 11:25	Michelle Krenzler - Psychological Therapist Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust
11:25 - 11:30	Anna Davies - Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust
11:30 - 11:35	Bini George - Clinical Nurse Specialist Practitioner Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
11:35 - 11:40	Questions
11:40 - 12:10	Table discussion: Early steps into research (chaired by Dr Penny Lewis) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the barriers to people making initial steps into research and how might ARC-GM help overcome them? • How can the ARC-GM Internship Programme further support health and care professionals to develop their research knowledge and skills?
12:10 - 13:00	Lunch (provided)



Capacity Building Showcase Agenda - afternoon session

13:00 - 13:45 **Building Capacity and Connection through the NIHR ARC-GM Young Person's Advisory Group (YPAG) - Sadia, Tauheed, Tashinga, Ashgan, Beatrice & Amber (led by Aneela McAvoy)**

13:45 - 14:15 **Insights into Social Care Research Champion journeys - pathways from practice to research**

Overview of the Social Care Research Champion Programme (Dr Caroline Leah)

Dave Wilson - Joint Commissioning and Performance Management
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council

Rachael Duffy - Finance and Quality Assurance Manager
Direct Care Tameside Ltd

Ben Mattinson - Managing Director and Physiotherapist
Wyncourt Nursing Home, Trafford

Chantal Corneil - Registered Manager
Wyncourt Nursing Home, Trafford

Ashley Byrne - Team Leader Adult Supported Living Services
Wigan Council

14:15 - 14:25 **Break**

14:25 - 15:20 **Pre-Doctoral Fellowship presentations (chaired by Dr Penny Lewis)**

14:25 - 14:30 Overview of the Pre-Doctoral Fellowship programme (Dr Penny Lewis)

14:30 - 14:40 Katy Baldwin - Speech and Language Therapist
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

14:40 - 14:50 Neil Bendel - Public Health Specialist
Manchester City Council

14:50 - 15:00 Nicola Hodgson - Physiotherapist
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

15:00 - 15:10 Coral Leather - Social Worker
Bury Council

15:10 - 15:20 Amy McCawley - Improvement Advisor & Coach
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

15:20 - 15:50 **Table discussion: Pre-doctoral to Doctoral (chaired by Dr Caroline Leah)**

- What are the challenges and barriers to undertaking pre-doctoral and doctoral research?
- How can ARC-GM better help people make the next step?
- What are the other ways of incorporating research into my career?
- How can ARC-GM and wider health and care organisations support sustainable engagement with research?

15:50 - 16:00 **Round up and presentation of prizes (Dr Penny Lewis, Prof. Dame Nicky Cullum)**

16:00 **Close**