

## Understanding the NIHR research portfolio, Public Health Specialty Lead Role and support available

Thursday 21 May 2026, 1.30–3.00pm

Online webinar

### PROGRAMME

<b>1.30 - 1.35</b>	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Prof Emma Giles, Professor of Integrating Physical and Mental Health, NIHR Regional Research Delivery Network (RDN) North East and North Cumbria (NENC), co-Public Health Specialty Lead</p> <p>Dr Balsam Ahmad, Consultant in Public Health at Newcastle Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Honorary Lecturer at the Population Health Sciences Institute, Newcastle University</p>
<b>1.35 - 1.45</b>	<p><b>Overview of the NIHR Research Delivery Network and remit for support</b></p> <p>Kim Shirley, Study Support Service Manager, North East and North Cumbria Regional Research Delivery Network</p>
<b>1.45 – 1.55</b>	<p><b>Overview of the Public Health Specialty Leads, their role and support available, examples of portfolio studies</b></p> <p>Balsam Ahmad and Emma Giles</p>
<b>1.55 - 2.05</b>	<p><b>NIHR Specialist Centre for Public Health, remit and overview</b></p> <p>Laura Renwick, Public Health Senior Research Delivery Manager, NIHR Research Support Service (RSS) Specialist Centre for Public Health</p>
<b>2.05 - 2.15</b>	<b>Comfort break</b>
<b>2.15 – 2.30</b>	<b>Determining where to go for support</b>
<b>2.30 – 2.55</b>	<b>Question and answer session</b>
<b>2.55 – 3.00</b>	<p><b>Final remarks and closing</b></p> <p>Balsam and Emma</p>

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