

## Physiotherapy Research – a framework for needs and funding in accordance with the CSP strategic priorities

### DEVELOPING PHYSIOTHERAPY RESEARCH & RESEARCHERS

What should physiotherapy research look like?

How should the CSP support physiotherapy research and researchers?

Calling all UK Physiotherapists, Associate/Support Workers, Technicians and Students. The CSP have funded us to ask for your views and develop recommendations for their support for researchers and research. Please get involved!

#### How can I help?

##### Options include:

- answer a short online survey,
- join a focus group
- talk to us via interview
- join a webinar
- Join workshops to co-create recommendations
- Email us your thoughts!



For information visit: <https://msk-research-unit.herts.ac.uk/new-research-framework/>  
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This study has been approved by the University of Hertfordshire Health, Science, Engineering and Technology Ethics Committee with Delegated Authority: Ethics ref no 2047 SF HSET 2026.



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You are being invited to complete an online survey as part of a research study course being undertaken by a research team from the University of Hertfordshire, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Oxford University.

Please read the following information carefully before deciding whether to take part. Please ask if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

You are eligible to take part in this study if you are 18 or older and a physiotherapy student, support worker, physiotherapist or interested in the future of physiotherapy research.

#### The Study

The purpose of the study is to develop recommendations for the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy for the future and development of physiotherapy research and options for them to consider to implement.

#### What does taking part involve?

If you agree to take part in this study, you will be asked to complete an online survey/questionnaire. This survey/questionnaire will ask about physiotherapy research, how it should be supported, funded and developed and it will take you approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

#### Do I have to take part?

No. It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. You are free to withdraw from the study at any time and without giving a reason. If you choose not to take part, you do not need to do anything further.

### **Are there any benefits or risks for me if I take part?**

There are no direct benefits for you from taking part although it is hoped the findings of the study help the inform the profession and that participants find taking part interesting.

All data from the study will be stored securely on the University of Hertfordshire One Drive cloud storage system to which only the team have access. Anonymised data will be stored for three years in case the CSP have any additional queries during their review of pre-registration physiotherapy and then destroyed.

### **What will happen to the findings of this study?**

The findings of this survey and additional stages of the wider research project will be used to help the team develop evidence recommendations for the CSP.

### **Has this study received ethical approval?**

This study has been approved by:

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The UH protocol number for this study is 2047 SF HSET 2026.

If you would like to receive more information and for any other queries about this project you can contact the research leads by email: Professor Catherine Minns Lowe ([c.j.minnslowe@herts.ac.uk](mailto:c.j.minnslowe@herts.ac.uk)) and Professor Karen Barker ([karen.barker@ouh.nhs.uk](mailto:karen.barker@ouh.nhs.uk))

Although we hope it is not the case, if you have any complaints or concerns about any aspect of the way you have been approached or treated during the course of this study, please write to the University's Secretary and Registrar at the following address:

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College Lane  
Hatfield, Hertfordshire  
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United Kingdom

If you do not wish to participate in this survey, just close your browser.

If you are interested in taking part, please click 'yes'. You will be taken to the questionnaire. At the start of the questionnaire you will be asked to consent to take part before being asked the survey questions.

[YES button](#)