



Scottish School of Primary Care



SCREDS Webinar

1st April 2026

Webinar overview

- Thank you to NES
- SCREDS Overview – Prof Frank Sullivan
- Introduction to each University – ADEGS
- Hear from 2 past SCREDS Lecturers – Dr Peter Hanlon and Dr Lauren Ng
- Q&A

SCREDS Overview

Frank Sullivan

Prof. 1y Care Medicine St Andrews

Report Author

Annual workshop on careers @

Clearing the Path

Report of a Board for Academic Medicine Short Life Working Group

on

An Academic Training Pathway for General Practice in Scotland



Outline

- Programme structure
- Potential career paths
 - Research
 - Education
- Plan for national training programme.
- How to apply
 - Tips

Scottish Clinical Research Excellence Development Scheme

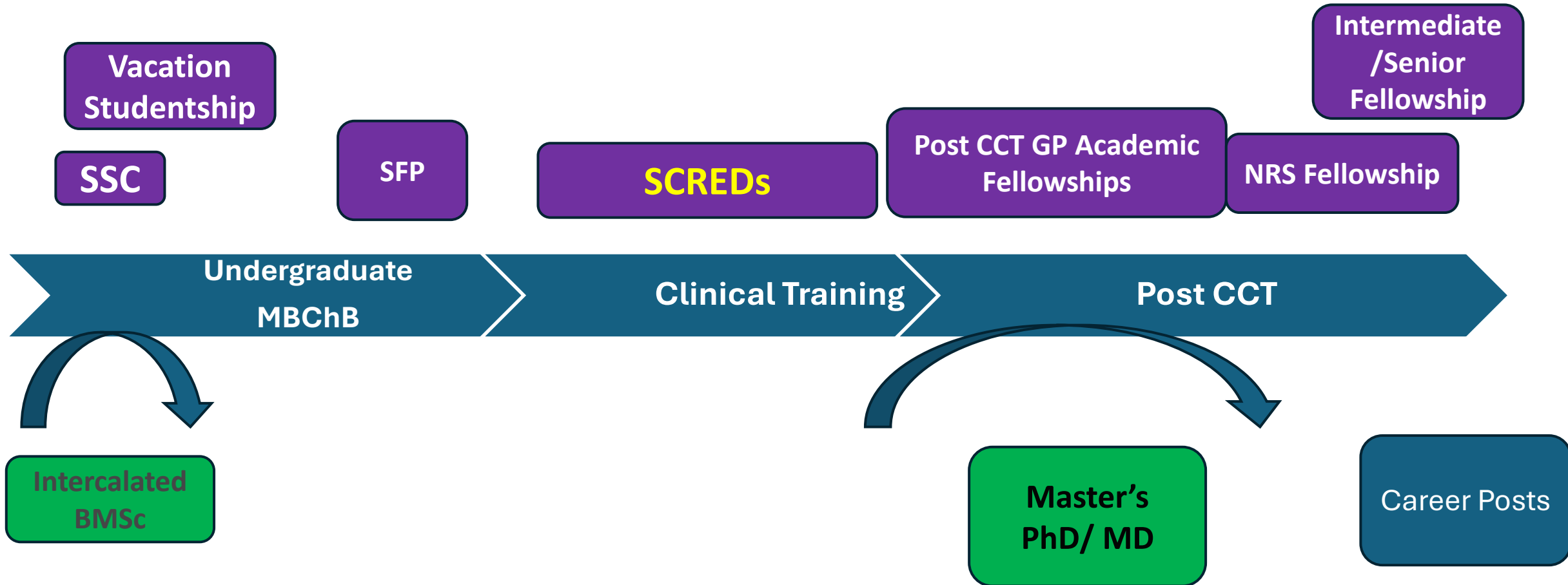
A Guide to the Scheme

January 2008

The Scottish Clinical Research Excellence Development Scheme (SCREDS)

The Scottish Clinical Research Excellence Development Scheme (SCREDS) provides an integrated training and career development pathway enabling clinicians to pursue concurrently or sequentially academic and clinical training within the NHS. It facilitates both the attainment of a senior clinical academic appointment and the award of a Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT).

Academic GP career training opportunities



Career Posts

- **GP Educators/Tutors**

- Deliver teaching

- **Academic GPs**

- Lead
 - Education components of curriculum
 - Research projects

- **Senior Academic GPs**

- Senior Lecturer' level or above
- Undertaking duties and responsibilities commensurate with clinical academic consultants.



Programme structure

- **SCREDS post**

- ST2 – some involvement 0.1-0.2 fte per week
 - Subject to negotiation over rotas
- ST3/4 – 50/50 Clinical and Academic

- **Support**

- Trainer/Educational Supervisor
- Academic
 - Clinical
 - Methodological e.g. Qualitative, Data Science

- **Training**

- CCT - same as all GPSTs but 1 year longer
- Local academic
 - Seminars, Project involvement, Training, Master's , Conferences
- National



Plan for national training programme.

- Being led by SSPC
 - Rosalind Adam & Katie Gallacher
- **Generic**
 - How to approach funding applications
 - Patient and Public Involvement
 - Research Ethics
 - Build networks and collaborations: why and how?
- **Specific**
 - Pedagogical research
 - Randomised trials
 - Qualitative study design
 - Observational study design
 - Bias (Sources, impact, strategies to minimise)



The Scottish School of Primary Care is a virtual school comprising all Scottish universities with significant primary care research output (Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Highland and Islands, Robert Gordon, St Andrews, Stirling and Strathclyde).

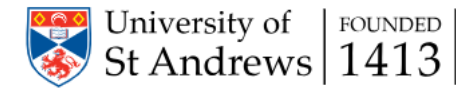


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MULTIMORBIDITY PHD PROGRAMME FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

How to apply

- Process
 - Each University Responsible
 - Shortlisting
 - Interviews
 - Start in August '26 or February '27
- Tips for applying
 - Person
 - Potential to succeed in an academic career
 - Project
 - Important, tractable within 2-3 years
 - Relevant to Career plans
 - Setting
 - Supervisor and Support available
 - Consider Collaboration



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SCREDS clinical lectureships

SCREDS lectureships provide an integrated training and career development pathway enabling clinicians to pursue concurrently or sequentially academic and clinical training within the NHS.

SCREDS at University of Aberdeen



- **Cancer**, rural health & digital research
- **Shape** your own project
- **New** GP & Mental Health teaching centres
- **Links** across the North (incl. Inverness)
- **Supportive** environment (PhD/MD pathway)



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General Practice & Primary Care at the Faculty of Health, University of Dundee

Core Research Divisions

- Population Health & Genomics
- Cardiovascular Medicine
- Cancer Research
- Diabetes, Endocrinology & Reproductive Biology
- Neuroscience
- Respiratory & Gastroenterology

Centres & Cross-Cutting Strengths

- Population data & health informatics
- Translational science (lab → clinic)
- Clinical trials & precision medicine
- Partnership with NHS Tayside
- Genomics & large-scale datasets
- Reducing health inequalities
- Centre for Medical Education

Integrated, translational research: molecules → patients → populations

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University of Edinburgh



• Research Themes

- Multimorbidity/ageing/data-driven research (Prof [Bruce Guthrie](#))
- Cancer in Primary Care (Prof [David Weller](#))
- Pharmacoepidemiology (Prof [Dan Morales](#))
- Respiratory Health (Prof [Hilary Pinnock](#))

• Medical Education

- GP undergraduate teaching (Dr [Alix Rolfe](#))
- Masters of Family Medicine (Dr [Robin Ramsay](#))

Research Interests: Clinical.

Multimorbidity.

Treatment burden.

Mental health – climate change.

Inclusion health and marginalised populations.

Social, geographical and health inequalities.

Digital health.

Organisation and implementation of care – access & use of health care.

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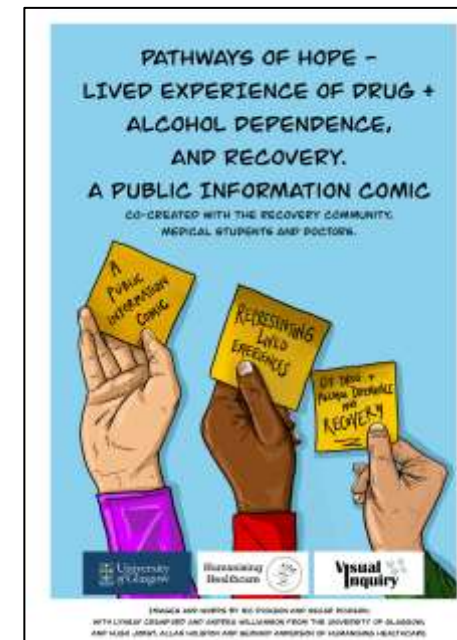
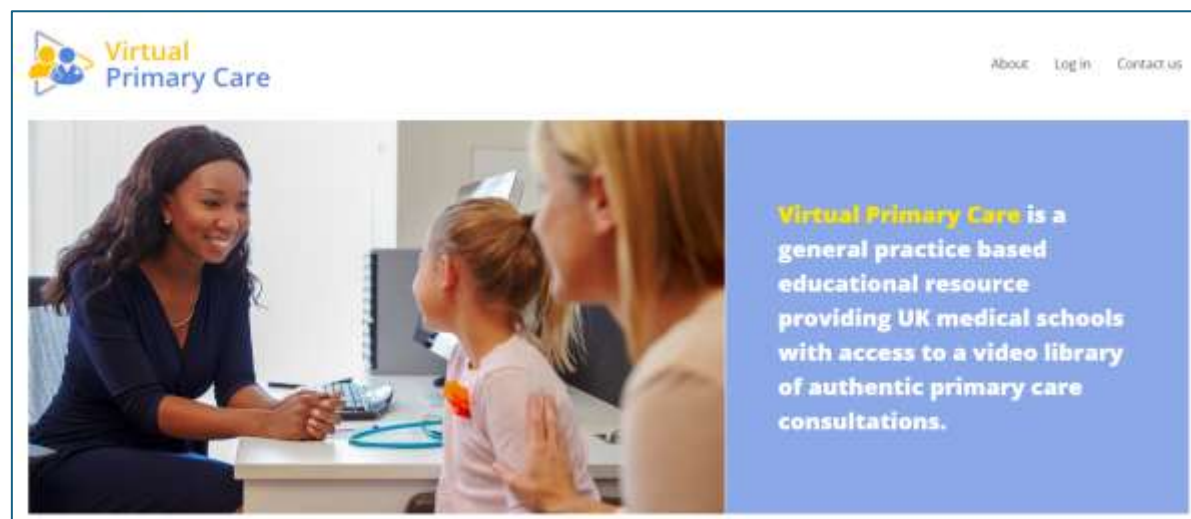
Education-focused SCREDS

Projects aligned with work in department and area/s of interest:

- GP Workforce – Recruitment, Retention and Wellbeing
- Health inequalities and the Social Determinants of Health
 - e.g. Lived experience in Medical Education, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Missingness
- Technology enhanced medical education (including AI) e.g. Virtual Primary Care
- Clinical Learning Environments and Learner Identity
- Assessment, Professional Standards and Educational Policy
- Complexity in healthcare and education



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Virtual Primary Care

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Virtual Primary Care is a general practice based educational resource providing UK medical schools with access to a video library of authentic primary care consultations.

St Andrews Proposed Topics

- Developing and evaluating a teaching package on Conflicts of Interest
- Scoping review on communications strategies relating to evidence based health communication
- Evaluation of unscheduled care initiatives
- Evaluation of novel teaching in community settings

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SCREDS experience

Peter Hanlon – University of Glasgow

Focus on frailty and polypharmacy

- Epidemiological analyses
- Systematic reviews
- Qualitative analyses

(all new skills)





University of Glasgow

School of Health & Wellbeing

Post SCREDS

PhD Fellowship

Frailty and chronic disease

Salaried GP



Collaborations

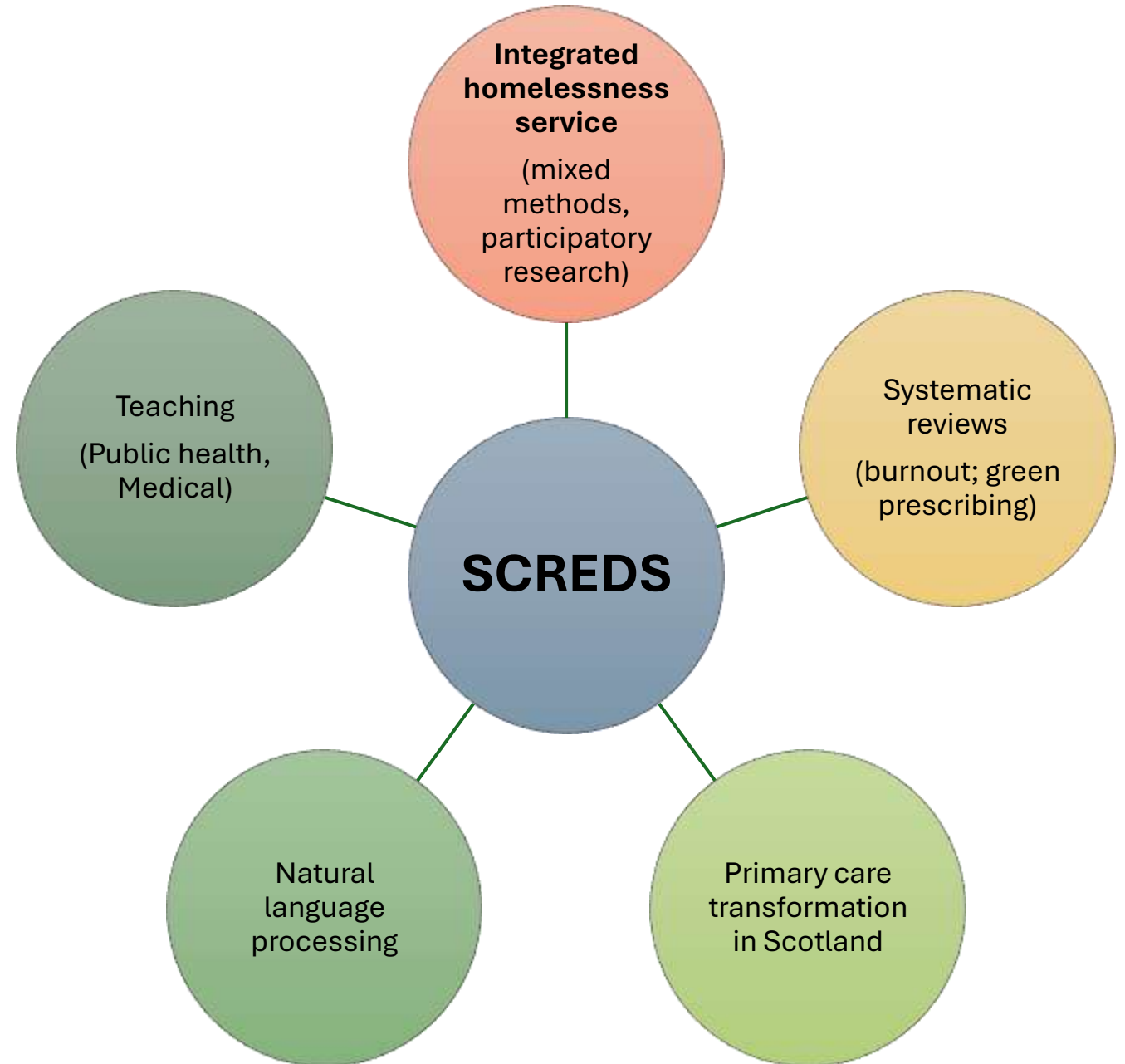




SCREDS (2023-2025)

**Academic Fellow, Churchill
Fellow (2025-2026)**

***Salaried GP and Scottish
Cancer Foundation PhD (2026)***
area-level disparities in bowel screening



Why apply?

- Work alongside leading experts in primary care
- Build your leadership skills
- Supportive and welcoming environment across Scotland
- Diverse opportunities to grow your interests
- Connect with colleagues who inspire and challenge you



Over to you...

- Thanks for your interest
- Q&A