

## Primary Care and Population Sciences

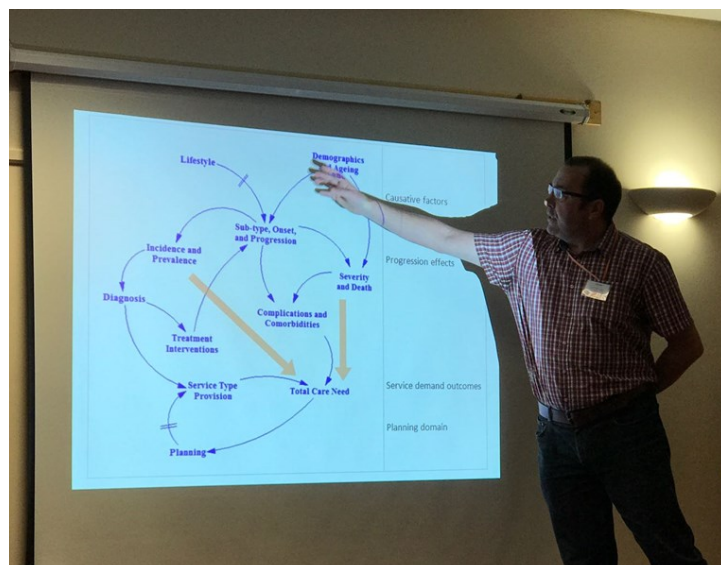
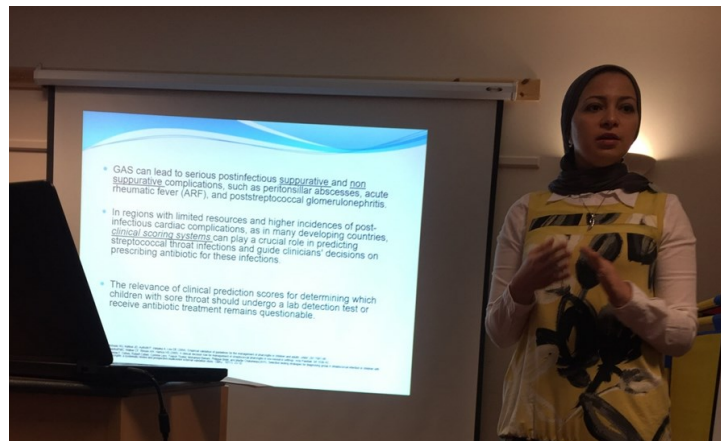
### PhD conference—30 January 2017

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On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January, Primary Care & Population Sciences put on their third annual PhD conference, held at the Rose Road Association.

The conference gave all PhD and MD students supervised by members of the department the opportunity to present the research they are conducting as part of their studies.

Seventeen students presented their work, which comprised a diverse range of topics that are important areas of research in primary care and public health. Some of the research included the use of alternative medicine in the treatment of urinary and respiratory tract infections; the prevalence and impact of multi-morbidity in middle-income countries; coffee consumption and liver health; and an exploration of placebo effects in general practice.



The conference highlighted the variety of quantitative and qualitative methods used to conduct research, for example cluster analysis; the use of negative binomial modelling; public record database analyses; qualitative interviewing; and ethnography.

This year, we were delighted that students from the School of Electronic and Computer Sciences and the Southampton Business School with supervisors in PCPS presented their research at the conference. This highlighted the importance of collaborating with other departments to identify current issues and find strategies to improve treatment and outcomes in public health and primary care practice.

The event was extremely successful, and gave the students a great opportunity to share their research ideas and receive feedback in front of a mixed audience of fellow students, supervisors, and PCPS staff. Thanks to Dr Hazel Everitt for organising the event.

