

# Achievements 2020/21

## Est. in 2016

The National Centre for Rural Health and Care has a remit to address inequalities in four main areas:

**Workforce**  
**Data and Insight**  
**Research**  
**Innovation**

**2020** saw the recruitment of a new, high profile board member: Professor Sian Griffiths OBE who joins a dynamic Board of nine, Chaired by Professor Richard Parish CBE.

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## Parliamentary Inquiry Sessions with evidence from 40 organisations including:

- British Medical Association
- Defra
- Department for Health and Social Care
- General Medical Council
- Health Education England
- Healthwatch
- Kings Fund
- NHS Confederation
- NHSX
- Nuffield Trust
- Public Health England
- Royal College of Emergency Medicine
- Royal College of GPs
- Royal College of Nursing
- Skills for Care
- University of Birmingham
- University of Exeter
- World Organisation of Family Doctors



181 organisations engaged

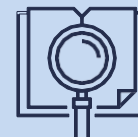
in a joint membership scheme with the Rural Services Network – the Rural Health and Care Alliance



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## Action Research Projects working with:

Dispensing Doctors Association; Lincolnshire COOP/Lincolnshire LIVES; University of Exeter; University of Lincolnshire and Wye Valley NHS Foundation Trust.



## Original Research into:

- The Impact of COVID-19 in Rural Communities
- Rural Funding Formula Commissioned from Nuffield Trust
- Rural Workforce Challenges Commissioned from University of Birmingham
- Rural Proofing working with Rural England



## Networking Seminars

### Organised on:

- Rural Proofing Toolkit
- COVID-19 with NHS Confed
- Innovation and Rural Health
- Delivering Services Differently
- Rural Health and Care



## Formal Partnership Arrangements with:

- Lincoln International Institute for rural health
- National Rural Health Association (USA)
- NHS Confederation
- Rural Services Network
- Rural Coalition
- Rural England



## Research Collaboration

### Network Established involving:

- Anglia Ruskin University
- Bishop Grosseteste University
- NHS Confederation
- Nuffield Trust
- Public Health England
- University of Birmingham
- University of Chester
- University of East Anglia
- University of Exeter
- University of Keele
- University of Lincoln
- University of Plymouth



## Evidence Submitted to:

- Comprehensive Spending Review
- House of Lords Select Committee on Rural Economy
- Department of Health and Social Care Policy School
- Rural College of GPs Rural Committee Conference
- NHS Interim People Plan

## Press Coverage:

**Sunday Telegraph**  
**Major article on rural funding**  
**BBC**

**Significant coverage on Covid-19**  
**in rural communities**



## Future Research Programme

- Roll out of a new rural proofed Index of Multiple Deprivation
- Development of a national approach to Mental Health in rural settings
- Locality planning and integrated primary care hubs
- Recruitment and retention issues for acute trusts
- Rural Proofing Toolkit roll out



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