

# BTS Respiratory Clinical Research Training Day 2026

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Birmingham Conference and Events Centre

09.00 - 09.30	Registration and coffee
09.30 - 09.40	Welcome to the BTS Clinical Research Training Day Professor Najib Rahman
<b>Routes into research</b> Chair: Professor Najib Rahman	
09.40 – 10.00	Routes into research- Step 1: Why do it, deciding on research topic/area, developing research question and funding NIHR pathways Professor Sam Janes
10.00 – 10.30	Routes into research- Case studies: Hearing from those who have got into research Dr Akhilesh Jha Dr Anna Bibby
10.30 – 10.45	Q&A
10.45 – 10.50	Introduction to group sessions: <i>Types of research – what’s best for you?</i>
10.50 – 11.05	Refreshment break
<b>Types of research – what’s best for you?</b>	
11.05 – 12.40	4 simultaneous group discussions (groups rotate through each session)
	<b>Group session A: Translational research</b> Dr Akhilesh Jha, Dr Rahul Mahida
	<b>Group session B: Epidemiology research</b> Professor James Dodd, Dr Chloë Bloom
	<b>Group session C: Clinical trials</b> Dr Charlotte Addy, Dr Cara Flynn
	<b>Group session D: Research networks</b> Professor Nick Maskell, Dr Steven Walker
12.40 – 13.20	Lunch break
<b>How to...</b> Chair: Professor Nick Maskell	
13.20 – 14.55	4 simultaneous group discussions (groups rotate through each session)
	<b>Group session E: Designing a great research question</b> Dr Steven Walker, Professor Alice Turner
	<b>Group session F: How to build a stellar research CV</b> Professor Nick Maskell, Professor Sam Janes

	<b>Group session G: How to submit a successful PhD application</b> Dr Anna Bibby, Professor James Chalmers
	<b>Group session H: How to submit a successful journal paper</b> Professor James Dodd, Dr Chloë Bloom
<b>14.55 – 15.15</b>	<b>Afternoon refreshment break</b>
<b>Next steps</b>	
<b>15.15 – 15.35</b>	<b>Routes into research- Step 2: Practical steps</b>  <b>Interactions with Training Programme Director /Educational Supervisor, when to do it and clinical time</b> Dr Charlotte Addy
<b>15.35 – 15.55</b>	<b>Participating in research as a consultant: PI as consultant, funding, how to engage with funders/industry work</b> Professor James Chalmers
<b>15.55 – 16.05</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>16.05 – 16.15</b>	<b>Wrap up – what next?</b> Dr Steven Walker
<b>16.15</b>	<b>Meeting close</b>

*Outline Programme: 21 January 2026. Please note final timings and session headings may be subject to change.*

## 2026 speakers and contributors:

### Confirmed

- **Dr Charlotte Addy**, Consultant in Respiratory Medicine and Cystic Fibrosis, University Hospital Llandough
- **Dr Anna Bibby**, Associate Professor in Respiratory Medicine, University of Bristol & Respiratory Consultant, North Bristol Trust
- **Dr Chloë Bloom**, NIHR Clinician Scientist, Imperial College London
- **Professor James Dodd**, Professor of Respiratory Medicine, University of Bristol
- **Dr Cara Flynn**, Clinical Research Fellow, University of Leicester
- **Professor Sam Janes**, Professor of Respiratory Medicine, University College London
- **Dr Akhilesh Jha**, MRC Clinician Scientist, University of Cambridge & Associate Principal Investigator, Heart and Lung Research Institute
- **Dr Rahul Mahida**, Associate Professor Respiratory Medicine, University of Birmingham
- **Professor Nick Maskell**, Professor of Respiratory Medicine, Southmead Hospital and President, British Thoracic Society
- **Professor Najib Rahman**, National Speciality Lead, NIHR Clinical Research Network
- **Professor Alice Turner**, Professor of Respiratory Medicine, University of Birmingham
- **Dr Steven Walker**, Consultant Senior Lecturer, University of Bristol & Respiratory Consultant, North Bristol Trust