

HOPE PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Optimising health outcomes for people experiencing homelessness

February 2026

Welcome to the **February 2026** edition of the HOPE Project Newsletter!

Update on the HOPE Evidence and Gap Map (EGM)

Work continues on the HOPE EGM – this will be an interactive tool that summarises studies of interventions that affect the physical or mental health, or health care utilisation of people experiencing homelessness.



Over the past month, we've been busy screening the results of our searches to assess which studies should be included. So far, we've reviewed the titles and abstracts of more than 14,000 articles! From this huge pool of research, we've identified 1000+ studies that warrant a closer look, and these will be examined in full over the coming weeks.



Help shape the Evidence and Gap Map (EGM)

We're currently working on the structure of the EGM, and would really value your input. In particular, we'd appreciate your thoughts on:

- **interventions and outcomes** to include, and how these should be organised;
- **filters** that would help you explore the evidence more effectively. For example, filters to identify studies on older adults, veterans, or people with dual diagnoses.

Please get in touch if you can help – this could be via email or we can arrange a brief chat online.



Participatory systems mapping workshops



We have submitted an application for **ethics approval** for the systems mapping workshops. These workshops will allow us to explore the complex issue of emergency care for people experiencing homelessness. We hope to receive a decision in March.

Highlights from our first PPIE meeting

We recently hosted our first meeting with our Public and Patient Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) group. Team members shared helpful **feedback on our project logo**, and we started to explore what health outcomes matter for the Evidence and Gap Map. This ongoing discussion will help us identify where gaps remain. **Early disease detection and prevention** was highlighted as a key priority for people experiencing homelessness.



Get in touch:

If you have any questions about the HOPE Project or would like to get involved, please do get in touch: hope@exeter.ac.uk