

Report from South Coast Medsoc Regional Group February 2016

The group was founded in 2014 and had its first events in 2015. We have more than 50 people on our mailing list from across the South East Coast, including Brighton, Sussex and Southampton, and a few other universities. We have not gathered data on whether they are BSA members or not, seeking to have an open approach to membership in our first year, and encouraging attendance from across our universities and beyond. All events were advertised through the BSA website, medsocnews jiscmail list and social media.

The group aims to foster medical sociology research, debate and collaboration across the south east coast and to raise awareness of medical sociology in related fields including public health, health psychology, innovation studies and health service research.

We have held three events in 2015:

1. Networks in Health on the 15th May (Southampton) with invited presentations from Anne Rogers and Justin Waring, as well as talks from postdoctoral or early career researchers in this area.
2. Health Information, Experience and Care on 3rd July (Sussex) with presentations from Sue Ziebland (Oxford) and Flis Henwood (Brighton)
3. Contemporary Issues in Mental Health on 4th December (Brighton) with presentations from Ewen Speed (Essex) and ECRs working with Gillian Bendelow.

We plan a further 2/3 events in 2016 on antibiotics (Sujatha Raman, Nottingham) at Sussex, on health apps and practices, and another event (topic to be confirmed) at Southampton in the summer.

We are most grateful for the support from the BSA which makes it possible to invite speakers from other universities and make our events accessible to all.

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