

South West Regional Medical Sociology Group Annual Report

Due to various personal and institutional organisational reasons the group hasn't met for a while. Additionally, institutional reorganisation has led to us having to begin again with our membership list. If you would like your name on our mailing list please email ihc@plymouth.ac.uk (marked for the attention of Alison Bendall).

In February 2016 we held a day conference entitled Medical Sociology and Impact. Five papers were presented during the day with 18 delegates in total, five of whom are BSA members. . Most presenters were from the South West area although one travelled to the conference from the US. Topics covered were diverse and concerned:

- The development of a mental health intervention for prisoners
- The US anti-circumcision agenda
- The use of breathalysing technologies in the night-time economy
- Older patients accounts as compared with their medical records
- Critiquing exercise as medicine.

We have two further events in the planning stage. The first will take place in June 2016 and will focus on 'vulnerable issues and vulnerability' and the second to take place in the autumn term will be an open themed event aimed at post-graduate and early career presentations. Both of these events will take place in Plymouth. Dates, times and location, call for papers and full details for both of these will be available soon.

Gayle Letherby and Tony Gilbert