

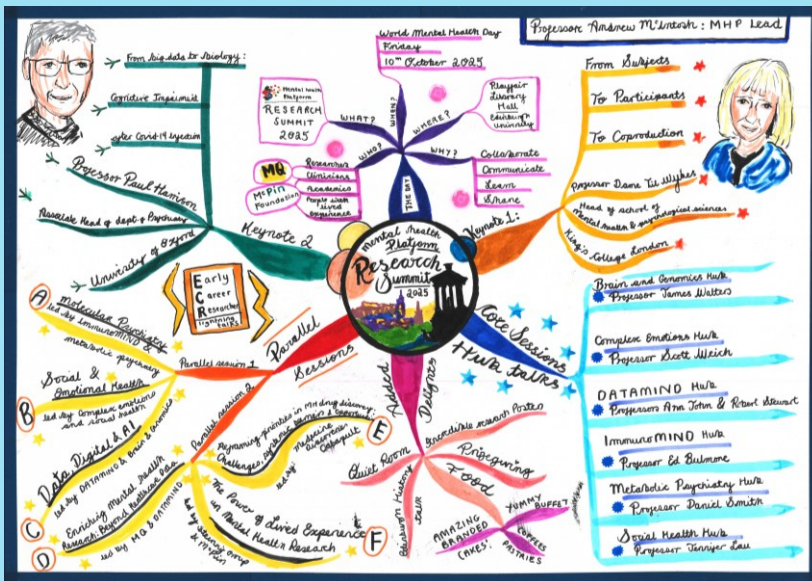
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MHP Research Summit 2025

On World Mental Health Day, researchers, clinicians, students, and people with lived experience of severe mental illness gathered at the Playfair Library Hall in Edinburgh for the **Mental Health Platform Research Summit in partnership with MQ**. Carina, a lived experience attendee, created this mind map to show the variety of the programme. [Click here to see full size.](#)



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Meet the Researcher

Dr Lenny Buxton is a post-doctoral researcher and study manager at the Social Health Hub in Queen Mary University of London.

Lenny told us more about the work of the Social Health Hub:

“The purpose of the Hub research is to identify new community and social approaches to support people with severe mental illness, and co-production helps us make sure our research is focused in the right way.”

[Read the full story on our website](#)

Hot Topics at the Research Summit

“People were enthusiastic and eager to exchange ideas with each other.” – Elchin Asgarov, PhD Student

[A Lived Experience Perspective](#)

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Interested in reading more about the **MHP Research Summit in partnership with MQ**? Click the links to read one of our blogs.



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Industry Forum: Digital, Data & AI

The Mental Health Platform and DATAMIND co-led an in-person event bringing together the [Industry Alliance](#) with researchers and people with lived experience from the MHP. This is the second Industry Forum this year, the focus was Digital, Data & AI.

“Lively and engaging discussions at the latest Industry Forum on ‘AI for multi-model healthcare data’ reinforced the widespread appetite across academia, industry, policy and lived experience for a systems-wide approach to identify and address community needs; and strengthened collaborative links to support innovative ways of working together towards win-win-win outcomes.” –Lynne Hocking, DATAMIND

Follow us on [LinkedIn](#) to look out for upcoming blogs and videos about the most recent forum. In the meantime you can read blogs from a [lived experience](#) and a [researcher](#) perspective on the previous Industry Forum in May.

Current members of the Industry Alliance may be interested in collaborating with researchers on the upcoming [C&I Awards](#).



News in Brief

- Brain and Genomics Hub launch was featured on the BBC. [Read the story.](#)
- DATAMIND now have 3 episodes of podcast PodMind available. [Watch on YouTube.](#)
- Social Health researchers published a coproduced protocol. [Read the paper.](#)
- Complex Emotions have a great video sharing more about the research [Watch the video.](#)
- ImmunoMIND researchers published a review of the links between depression and cells of the immune system. [Read the paper.](#)
- Metabolic Psychiatry held their annual meeting. [Read more.](#)

PPIE across the MHP

Our MHP PPIE Steering Group has now been meeting for one year and they continue to shape all our activities.

To find out how PPIE at the MHP was developed read McPin Co-founder [Vanessa Pinfold's blog](#) “Lived experience at the heart”

To find out how the Steering Group has progressed in 2025, read PPIE Coordinator [Susannah Strong's blog](#) “From the ground up”



Our custom-made cake for the
Research Summit
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