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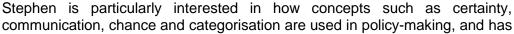for society - Community jury study

Prof Simon Griffin

Simon is Professor of General Practice at the University of Cambridge and a GP in Cambridge. He also holds positions at Aarhus University Denmark, NHS England and the Academy of Medical Sciences, among others.

He leads a research programme that contributes to efforts aimed at preventing the growing burden of diabetes, obesity and related disorders by translating knowledge into preventive action, plus evaluating the effectiveness of a range of strategies from behaviour change to screening. He has completed over 35 trials and authored over 450 publications, but what he really likes to do is surf.

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Stephen is a Senior Lecturer in the Philosophy of Public Health at the University of Cambridge, with interests in a variety of topics including the philosophy of science, applied ethics and political philosophy. He is affiliated with the Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence, with Cambridge University's Public Health Strategic Research Network, and the Cambridge Cancer Centre.

Stephen is particularly interested in how concepts such as certainty, communication, chance and categorisation are used in policy-making, and has explored case studies ranging from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to contemporary alcohol policy. His current research involves debates over the early detection and prevention of cancer.

Dr Sowmiya Moorthie

Sowmiya is a Senior Policy Analyst at the PHG Foundation. Her interest is in effective use of scientific knowledge to improve the health of individuals and populations. Sowmiya works with both local and international experts to identify opportunities for health technology implementation and to develop policy for science and public health. Sowmiya has extensive experience in policy development for science and public health in areas including personalised prevention, whole genome sequencing, congenital disorders, newborn screening and prenatal diagnosis.

Sowmiya has a PhD from the University of Cambridge and a Masters in Epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She is associate editor for the Journal of Community Genetics.

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Hannah is a post-doctoral researcher working in the Primary Care Unit at the University of Cambridge. Prior to her current position, she studied physics at undergraduate and post-graduate level. Since retraining in public health research she has specialised in risk models for cancer; in particular, focussing on models predicting the development, diagnosis and recurrence of cancer.