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HEHTA NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2026

HEHTA HOSTS HESG SUMMER MEETING 2026

In June, HEHTA hosted a successful Health Economists' Study Group (HESG) meeting which was attended by 156 delegates who discussed 44 papers over 3 days at The Social Hub in Glasgow, with the highlight being a ceilidh dinner dance at GUU!



KATHLEEN BOYD ANNOUNCED AS HEHTA DIRECTOR EMMA MCINTOSH BECOMES HEAD OF SHW

Kathleen Boyd became Director of HEHTA in April, replacing Emma McIntosh who was appointed as Head of the School of Health and Wellbeing (SHW) in March.

Kathleen said: 'I'm very excited to step into this role. Having been part of HEHTA for 19 years, I've had the privilege of seeing it grow and develop into the diverse and highly successful team it is today, reflecting the vision, leadership and dedication of previous Directors. I'm incredibly proud to take the reins and lead HEHTA forward into its next chapter.'



Zhongwei Institute of HTA Visits HEHTA

In July, we welcomed a visiting delegation from the Zhongwei Institute of HTA, China. The visiting team presented the key features of their HTA agent and automated report-generation workflow, alongside their public-interest HTA report repository and review process. Kathleen Boyd, supported by Lili Wei, responded with contributions on AI in evidence synthesis (Dikshyanta Rana), the use of AI in decision modelling (Martyna Chabalowska), and broader perspectives on AI in HTA from David McAllister. The colleagues were also joined by Honghan Wu, expert in health informatics and AI, and Emma McIntosh, Head of SHW.

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RESEARCH NEWS HIGHLIGHTS



NEW STUDY: GAMBLING REFORM & THE ECONOMY

The Macroeconomic Impact of Reducing Gross Gambling Yield: An Empirically Informed Model

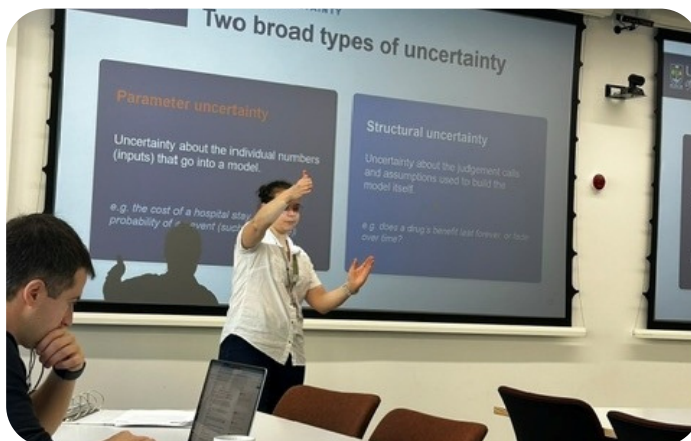
A new National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR) study looks at what happens to the economy if gambling reform successfully reduces how much people spend on gambling. The economic analysis was led by Emma McIntosh, Jingyi Gu and Katherine Simpson and it's hoped the study will help inform current debates on gambling regulation and harm reduction.

STUDY HIGHLIGHT: PUB OPENING HOURS & AMBULANCES CALLOUTS

Later trading hours for bars and clubs can lead to more alcohol-related ambulance call-outs and crimes.

A new natural experimental evaluation study led by Nurnabi Sheikh and Jim Lewsey has quantified the impact of increasing alcohol trading hours on key outcomes of interest to licensing policymakers.

The BMJ Public Health-published research, which is the first of its kind in Scotland, looked at the impact of extensions to bar and club licences in Aberdeen and Glasgow.



GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH IN ACTION SUMMER SCHOOL

We were delighted to be part of the School of Health and Wellbeing's first Global Public Health in Action Summer School in July!

Well done to co-leads Heather Fraser and Robert Heggie, as well as Pankaj Bahuguna, Nicola McMeekin, Dikshyanta Rana and Francesco Manca, for making sure the first summer school cohort had a great experience at the University of Glasgow!

Next year's summer school dates will be announced soon.

PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHT

Regional anaesthesia and chronic postsurgical pain: a systematic review and network meta-analysis

British Journal of Anaesthesia

Lead author Martin-Taylor Rowan said: 'This is the largest meta-analysis on the topic of using regional anaesthesia for the prevention of chronic post-surgical pain.'

'Our network meta-analysis provides new insights into the possible importance of the type of regional anaesthesia that is used and the timepoint it is administered on the effectiveness of regional anaesthesia for preventing chronic post-surgical pain.'

Well done to Martin, Nishant Jaiswal, Olivia Wu and the rest of the Complex Reviews Synthesis Unit!

REPORT HIGHLIGHT: DEVELOPING PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT IN COASTAL AND MARINE NATURAL CAPITAL

Katherine Simpson is lead author on a new policy brief 'Developing Principles for Responsible Investment in Coastal and Marine Natural Capital' which explores how Scotland can attract responsible private investment to support marine and coastal ecosystem restoration while delivering environmental and community benefits.

The report was a collaboration between academic, policy and industry partners and was funded by Scotland Beyond Net Zero and MASTS (Marine Alliance for Science and Technology for Scotland).

It draws on evidence and discussions from a workshop involving policymakers, regulators, researchers, practitioners and industry representatives, helping to shape practical principles for responsible investment in Scotland's coastal and marine natural capital.

SUMMER GRADUATIONS 2026

We're extremely proud of everyone who graduated this summer! Well done, all!



Joan
Quigley



Septiara
Putri



Sansanee
Seetangkham



Yuejiao Duan
&
Fabiola L. Villafuerte



Chiara
Hill-Harding



Shayesteh
Moghadas

TEAM SUCCESSES

VIVA SUCCESS

Congratulations to PhD student Katja Kraljević on successfully defending her thesis 'Are all good jobs alike and is every bad job bad in its own way? Job quality, workplace wellbeing and health across the European Union'.

Katja was supervised by Evangelia Demou, Peter Craig, and Theocharis Kromydas, viva convenor was Eliud Kibuchi and viva examiners were Chris Warhurst and Tanya Wilson.

Congrats also to Elaine Butterly, supervised by David McAllister and Robert Lindsay, who passed her vivia just before the summer.

Well done , Katja and Elaine!



OLIVIA WU ANNOUNCED AS NIHR PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

In June, it was announced Olivia Wu is now leading the NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research alongside her current director role of the NIHR Better Methods Better Research programme and the National Research Collaboration Programme. Olivia holds the William R Lindsay Chair of Health Economics at HEHTA and leads the Complex Reviews Synthesis Unit which hosts one of the nine Evidence Synthesis Groups funded by NIHR.

UPCOMING SHORT COURSES & EVENTS

We have three online short courses upcoming in the first term from 21st September - 4th December.

HEHTA's external seminar series two upcoming talks: Dr Anthony Lavery and Melissa Pegg.



EXTERNAL SEMINAR SERIES

Evaluating the road injury impacts of clean air zones

Dr Anthony Lavery

Imperial College

2pm-3.30pm

SEP
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EXTERNAL SEMINAR SERIES

Incorporating environmental sustainability into health technology assessment

Melissa Pegg

York Health Economics Consortium

11.30pm-1pm

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ONLINE SHORT COURSES

21 SEPTEMBER - 4 DECEMBER 2026

- Early HTA with Decision-Analytic Modelling
- HTA: Policy & Principles
- Maximising the Value of Clinical Trial Data: Advanced Analysis for Economic Evaluation & Modelling



Complex Reviews Synthesis Unit



University of Glasgow



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EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS: FROM PAIRWISE TO NETWORK COMPARISONS

How do policy makers and research funders decide where they should invest?
They look at the existing evidence first!

1-2 March 2027



University of Glasgow

Two-day in-person course for systematic reviewers, statisticians, clinicians, health economists, and decision modellers. Learn and apply pairwise and network meta-analysis (and extensions) in healthcare evaluation through lectures and hands-on exercises using CRSU's free online apps!

Learn more & register at:

www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/crsu/

SPEAKERS



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Quinn
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Presentations & Publications

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