

VIVALDI Adult Social Care Engagement Collective (ASCEC) Meeting 19 – 8th July 2025
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	Professor Laura Shallcross	-	Public Health Doctor by background, working as a Professor at UCL and led the original VIVALDI study
	Oliver Stirrup	-	Statistician / Academic
	Graeme Childe	-	UKHSA Representative
	Liz Jones	-	National Care Forum, Policy Director
	Francesco Santino Palma	-	Relative through Use MY Data
	Kate Meacock	-	Founding member of the campaign group Rights for Residents and had mum in a care home
	Sarah Bolas	-	CNM shire Oaks Court, Exemplar Health care group
	Louise Bouthemy	-	EQ Care, Head of Strategic Delivery
	Lucy Knight	-	VIVALDI Social Care Programme Coordinator, the OS
	Steve Leavis	-	Exemplar
	Anna-Catrina Salazar	-	EQ Care
	Judy Smith MBE	-	Resident of Wescombe Park care home
	Lianne Sturmey	-	EQ Care
	Victoria Longstaff	-	IPC lead at HC-One
	Rob Hargreaves	-	Skills For Care, Information Service Manager
	Amanda Griffiths	-	Exemplar
	Richard Ayres	-	Care England
	Tichaona Chininga	-	Exemplar, CNM Hillside Court
	Lianne Ford	-	Exemplar, Head of Nursing
	Helen Hill	-	Stow healthcare
Apologies:	Mike Slator	-	OS, Pharmacist / Project Support Specialist
	Helen Cheney	-	Health Protection Lead
	Diane Mayhew	-	Rights for Residents

Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th August 11.00am-12.00pm.

Summary

1. Opening and Updates

- The meeting was opened by Professor Laura Shallcross , standing in for Zoe (away recording a podcast with The Naked Scientist).
- Emphasis was placed on maintaining momentum and collaboration across partners in the long-term VIVALDI project.
- Louise from EQ Care Group shared that they are re-engaging with the project following internal restructuring and new leadership.

2. VIVALDI Project Progress

- Laura attended the The COVID Inquiry and submitted information regarding VIVALDI Social Care. The project has been referenced throughout the inquiry. [Care Sector \(Module 6\) - Public Hearings - UK Covid-19 Inquiry](#)
- Lucy offered individual meetings to providers needing a refresher on the project background and goals.

3. Media Engagement

- The Naked Scientist podcast is producing a segment focused on the care sector with interviews from staff, residents, and families. [Vivaldi: The data revolution coming to care homes | Podcasts](#)
- Participants were encouraged to share ideas for similar public engagement projects.

4. Data Challenges and Pipeline

- Oliver provided a technical update on ongoing data pipeline challenges, particularly with PCS exports and CQC ID codes.
- Graham from UKHSA mentioned a key data feed expected from NHS England on July 10th, with further meetings planned to finalize data-sharing agreements.

5. Onboarding and Engagement

- Lucy reported on recent care home visits and upcoming ones, including:
 - Risedale (Barrow-in-Furness- July)
 - Exemplar (October)
 - HC-One (November)
 - Nightingale Hammerson (December)
 - Care Show (Birmingham- October)
 - Parliamentary Reception (January 2026)
- Efforts to re-engage homes that have left the project are ongoing. These are minimal.

6. Research Training and Capacity Building

- Plans are underway to develop training and capacity-building programs for care home staff to improve understanding of research processes.
- Kate Meacock and others noted encouraging interest and feedback from care home staff during visits.

7. Future Funding Opportunities

- A grant application (~£6 Million) is in development.
- Norovirus vaccine trial in care homes.
- A project manager and support through a Clinical Trials Unit will be included in the proposal.

Q&A

Q: What's causing delays with the VIVALDI data pipeline?

A: There are issues with data exports (especially from PCS) and technical mismatches with CQC ID codes and NHS numbers.

Q: Will the upcoming NHS data feed help?

A: Yes. NHS England is expected to provide a new feed on July 10th, which should significantly improve the situation.

Q: How will care home staff be trained in research?

A: Plans are underway to develop accessible materials and conduct interviews to shape the training, aiming to build confidence and engagement with research.

Q: Will the norovirus vaccine grant include funding for project management?

A: Yes. A dedicated project manager and operational support through a Clinical Trials Unit will be part of the proposal.

Q: Is there potential input into NHS strategy documents?

A: Yes, participants are encouraged to review the NHS 10-Year Plan and NIHR prevention programs to identify points where adult social care research can contribute.