

Research Associate (0.1 FTE) – Community Surgery Outcomes & Audit Support

Location: Remote

Contract: 12 months fixed-term (renewable)

Hours: Approx. 0.1 FTE (~½ day per week)

Hours are flexible and can be arranged to fit around other academic commitments.

Salary: £4,300–£4,600 per year

Overview

The Association of Surgeons in Primary care (ASPC) are seeking an early-career postdoctoral researcher to support a growing programme of outcomes research and annual national audits across community surgical practice. The role spans both research and operational audit support and includes:

- 150,000+ vasectomy procedures 15,000+ carpal tunnel decompressions
- expanding datasets in skin surgery
- forthcoming general community surgery projects
- and the management of annual UK-wide ASPC audits (vasectomy, CTD and skin surgery)

This role combines hands-on quantitative research with responsibility for maintaining high-quality national clinical audit processes and offers an excellent opportunity to gain publications and experience in large-scale real-world datasets. It is particularly well suited to an early-career researcher seeking a flexible, portfolio-building post alongside doctoral, postdoctoral, or other academic commitments.

The postholder will work closely with ASPC clinical leads and Council members and will receive academic mentorship and authorship support through collaboration with experienced clinician-researchers.

Key Responsibilities

- Analyse large surgical datasets (descriptive statistics, modelling, comparisons).
- Produce tables, figures, and data summaries for publication.
- Draft manuscripts, manage references, and prepare submissions.
- Work with clinical leads on revisions and reviewer responses.
- Contribute to conference outputs (abstracts, posters, slides).
- Maintain data integrity and coordinate transfer of completed audit data.
- Assist with audit summaries for Annual Conference presentation
- Conduct and curate PubMed literature searches, summarising and signposting new evidence for ASPC members.

Essential Criteria

- Degree in epidemiology, public health, biostatistics, data science, or a related quantitative field (*Master's level or equivalent experience strongly preferred; PhD welcome but not essential.*)
- Strong data-analysis skills.
- Demonstrated academic writing ability and potential for publication.
- Excellent organisational skills and ability to manage multiple small workflows.
- Clear communication skills, particularly when supporting survey users.

Desirable

- Experience with clinical audits, SurveyMonkey/REDCap, or large routine datasets.
- Familiarity with community healthcare or surgical outcomes research.
- Previous publications or conference presentations.

Expected Outputs

- Two peer-reviewed papers per year across vasectomy, CTD, skin surgery and broader community surgery topics.
- Analytical summaries for the ASPC and collaborators as expected

How to Apply

If interested please send to Admin@ASPC-uk.net:

- A 1–2 page CV including references
- A brief cover note explaining relevant experience
- (Optional) A sample of academic writing

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with an initial closing date of **Friday 14th February 2026**.

Informal enquiries are welcome and can be directed to Admin@ASPC-uk.net