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**Royal College of GPs announce University of Manchester researchers win Research Paper of the Year for 2015**

The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) has named a research study funded by the National Institute for Health Research [Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care](http://clahrc-gm.nihr.ac.uk/) (NIHR CLAHRC) Greater Manchester as its Research Paper of the Year.

The award, which recognises an individual or group of researchers who have published an exceptional piece of research relating to general practice or primary care, went to a study whose lead author was The University of Manchester’s Dr Gavin Daker-White and whose Principal Investigator was The University of Southampton’s Prof Anne E Rogers.

The paper, entitled ‘Non-disclosure of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) in primary care’, was published in the journal Social Science and Medicine and explores how patients learn about and react to a diagnosis of early stage CKD – particularly as some GPs routinely register patients as early stage CKD but do not always fully disclose the diagnosis to their patient.

The partial or non-disclosure of diagnosis by GPs is at the heart of the paper. It raises questions over the purpose of CKD as diagnosis to support patient self-management. The rationale for incentivising GP practices to maintain a CKD register requires clarity for both clinicians and patients.

“Patient self-management is a critical factor in positively managing symptoms and treatments in chronic kidney disease as well as other diseases; I am delighted for my colleagues that our work in highlighting non-disclosure of CKD diagnoses may help support more meaningful dialogue and in doing so, help patients take more control of their health,” said Dr Daker-White, Research Fellow with the University’s NIHR Greater Manchester Primary Care Patient Safety Transitional Research Centre.

Dr Daker-White, along with Dr Tom Blakeman – a GP and Clinical Senior Lecturer in Primary Care at The University of Manchester’s School of Health Sciences – accepted their £1000 prize for winning the Research Paper of the Year at a ceremony at Stationers’ Hall in London last night (28 September 2016).

As part of the award, the team will be able to present their paper at the RCGP’s Annual Conference in Harrogate in October 2016.

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**Notes to editors**

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