COMMUNITY FOR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS RESEARCH

CAHPR's next chapter

Making sure CAHPR exists to represent and grow AHP research, ensuring research is at the heart of AHP practice to optimise care, long into the future.

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OUR YEAR OF PREPARATION

What we have been doing in 2026

May 2026

Operational review

An independent look at how CAHPR works, from people and structure to technology and governance

Summer 2026

A new structure

A simpler business structure, shared and decided with the core team, the Strategy Committee and the Oversight Committee

Sept to Oct

Community survey

351 AHPs told us their priorities, shaping the programmes we will deliver

Early 2027

Launching the next chapter

Commissioned and launching early 2027, with programmes planned around your priorities

At every step, we sought and took feedback from different groups involved with CAHPR

OPERATIONAL REVIEW, MAY 2026

Operational review results

240+ volunteers: our greatest strength, and our biggest challenge

Volunteer passion drives everything CAHPR does. But with 64 hub leads, 21 consortia leads, 37 Strategy Committee members, 27 research champions and more, and no clear roles or accountability, we cannot manage or support everyone equally. Clearer roles will make sure every volunteer's work counts.

A postcode lottery

What an AHP could access depended on where they worked. Some hubs thrived while others struggled to run anything.

Key person dependency

Individuals hold key information with no cover should they leave, retire or not be able to forfill the role they held for any reason.

A community we can't see

No central single source of truth. More than 2,000 contacts sat on separate hub lists, so CAHPR could not reach its own community or keep data safe.

A NEW STRUCTURE, SUMMER 2026

The new way of working



Clear roles

Fewer roles, each with a clear job, time commitment and someone to report to. Everyone knows who does what and is held accountable for delivering.

Fair for all

Every programme open to every AHP, and a Connector in all 12 regions to keep local networking. Where you work no longer limits what you get.

Always covered

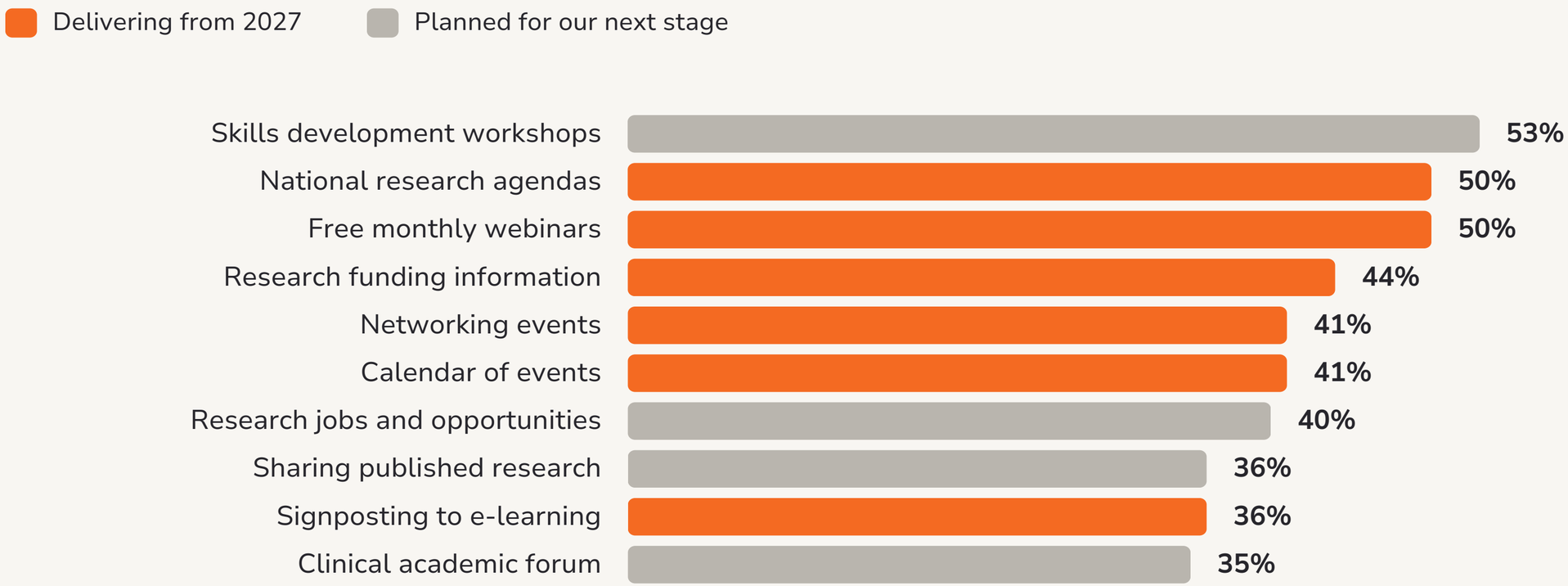
Work shared across two directors, six leads and 12 Connectors, with handovers, so nothing stops if one person leaves.

Connected

One researcher directory, so CAHPR can see, reach and serve its whole community, with data kept safe.

COMMUNITY SURVEY, SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER 2026: 351 AHPS FROM ALL FOUR NATIONS

Your priorities shaped every programme



Skills workshops are our top priority for the next stage. We want to get them right, so we will plan them with you during 2027.

WHERE YOU FIT

Fewer roles...

2 paid directors

One for representation and influence, one for building research capacity and capability.

Programme leads

Volunteers who each lead a national programme, such as webinars, events or resources.

12 Connectors

Regional Community Connectors keeping local research networks thriving across the UK.

...but more ways to be involved

Join the community

Join the directory and the website forums, and help your Connector keep local networks thriving.

Help when called on

Lend a hand when programme leads need support, from running events to sharing expertise.

Contribute your way

Add to the events calendar, host a webinar, share funding news and learning resources, or send us ideas.

WHAT THIS ALL LOOKS LIKE IN PRACTICE

The structure & the programmes

Volunteer roles

Led by or appointed by CAHPR directors or the professional bodies

14 PROFESSIONAL BODY RESEARCH REPS
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Steering Group

REPRESENTATIONAL DIRECTOR

CAPACITY & CAPABILITY BUILDING DIRECTOR

PROGRAMME
Cross-professional development initiatives

PROGRAMME
National Research Agendas

PROGRAMME
Learning Resources for Research Development

PROGRAMME
Research Funding Information

PROGRAMME
Regional Community Connections

PROGRAMME
Calendar of Events

PROGRAMME
Free Monthly Webinars

Expert Representatives

CAHPR Committee Representatives

(priority 2 from survey)

(Priority 9 from survey)

(Priority 4 from survey)

x12 Regional Community Connectors

(Priority 5 from survey)

(Priority 6 from survey)

(Priority 3 from survey)

ADHOC CONTRIBUTORS AND THE COMMUNITY

LAUNCHING THE NEXT CHAPTER, EARLY 2027

What the new structure lets us deliver

12

free webinars a year, open to every AHP

36+

regional networking events a year

2,000+

AHPs connected and discoverable in one community directory

Funding

and fellowships made visible to every AHP

1

calendar for every AHP research event

4

stages of the research journey, with resources to match

Seats

on national committees shaping AHP research

14

professional bodies steering CAHPR with an equal voice

2

forums a year for the professions to share and collaborate

+

live data on what you use, shaping our priorities and more

APPLICATIONS CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT ON MONDAY 4 JANUARY 2027

Apply now to lead a programme

Volunteer roles: apply now

Led by our directors

Regional Community Connections	Links research curious AHPs with researchers nearby, and leads 12 Connectors	Apply now
Regional Community Connectors	12 roles, one per region, keeping local research networks thriving	Apply now
Free Monthly Webinars	At least one free webinar every month on current research topics	Apply now
Research Funding Information	Helps AHPs find funding, fellowships and training opportunities	Apply now
Calendar of Events	One calendar for every AHP research event, from every organiser	Apply now
Learning Resources for Research Development	Points AHPs to quality e-learning that fits their research stage	Apply now
Cross-Professional Development Initiatives	Brings the professional bodies together to share intelligence	Apply now

Apply by 4 Jan

THANK YOU

Questions and conversation

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