

PETRA Network 2019-2023: what have we delivered?

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About PETRA

- A Network that brought together experts in public health, law, political science, sustainability, economics, and business to look at how trade policy and trade and investment agreements protect and improve the population's health in the UK.
- PETRA's remit was to:
 - Assess existing knowledge
 - Identify areas for further research and
 - Create links between trade and health experts.
- PETRA was funded by the [UK Prevention Research Partnership](#).

PETRA's funding and governance

PETRA's funders: UK Prevention Research Partnership

PETRA's Principal Investigator: Prof Paul Kingston, University of Chester

PETRA's Co-Investigators:

Amandine Garde, David Hunter, Paul Lincoln, Andi Mabhala, Paul Manning, Richard Parish, David Pencheon, Franco Sassi, Richard Smith, Anne Marie Thow, L. Alan Winters

PETRA's Expert Advisory Group:

Nigel Baker, Sue Davies, Liz Green, Benn McGrady, John Middleton, Ted Schrecker

PETRA's written outputs

- 1x [Research & development manifesto](#) with independent critical appraisal.
- 1x Systematic review published in [Lancet Planetary Health 2022](#).
- 4x Published articles: [Bull WHO](#), [Perspectives in Public Health](#), [BMJ 1](#) and [2](#)
- 3x Working papers & reports: [Mass Observation](#), [Post-Covid recovery](#),
[Trade, environment and NCDs](#).
- 14x [Evidence summaries](#).
- 4x Submissions to Parliamentary inquiries.
- 13x [Blogposts](#) for PETRA's website.
- 2x Guest Blogposts.
- 1x [Artwork](#) illustrating the complexity of the impacts of trade.

PETRA's capacity and capability building

- 1x [Roundtable talks](#) at Durham University.
- 1x [Sandpit](#) to identify and prioritise future research.
- 5x [Webinars](#).
- 4x Conference presentations: Public Health Wales, World Congress of Public Health, UKPRP.
- 1x [Invited podcast](#)
- 6x [Video shorts](#).
- 2x Conference partnerships: EUPHA Law & public health section, University of Liverpool Law & NCD Unit.
- 1x [Mass Observation](#) Dataset: public opinion on UK trade policies.

In the pipeline

Handbook of international trade law for public health practitioners

by Professor Amandine Garde and Dr Gregory Messenger.

Autumn 2023 follow-up event to progress the actions identified at roundtable talks held at Durham University in July 2023.

The work continues.....

PETRA's Co-Investigators are in discussion with Durham University to scope the potential for continuing PETRA's policy work.

The University of Liverpool Law and NCD Unit has been awarded an NIHR grant from August 2023 to investigate [the impact of trade on the implementation of policies to prevent non-communicable diseases.](#) The work will be led by Prof Amandine Garde.

PETRA's work can be found at:
<https://petranetwork.org>

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