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Activity Summary	Over the past 12 months, activity within the ASGBI Research portfolio has focused on strengthening the foundations for future research growth in Emergency General Surgery (EGS). Despite challenges in delivering planned educational activity, significant progress has been made in developing national research priorities and building collaborative structures to support new research ideas. The James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnership (PSP) in Emergency General Surgery has been a major focus and is now approaching launch after an extended development period. Work has also continued with the EGS Speciality Section Lead (SSL) to explore mechanisms for promoting research engagement and nurturing early-stage project concepts. A major achievement this year has been the planned launch of the ASGBI Research Digest, designed to highlight ongoing studies, opportunities for involvement and emerging research themes. In parallel, work has begun to update the ASGBI research webpages to provide clearer signposting, improved visibility for active studies and a more accessible platform for promoting new research ideas.
Publications / Guidelines	None in the last 12 months.
Significant Events	ASGBI–SRS Research symposium (Planned 2024/25) A joint research course with the Surgical Research Society was scheduled for delivery but ultimately cancelled due to low registration numbers. This was felt to be the juxtaposition next to the Annual Scientific meeting, which then requires additional cost and time away from work. While disappointing, the planning process strengthened links between the organisations and highlighted the need for alternative formats and more targeted promotion to support future uptake. James Lind Alliance PSP in Emergency General Surgery (Ongoing) Although not yet launched, substantial preparatory work has been completed this year. The PSP is now on the cusp of initiation, representing a major step toward establishing national research priorities in EGS. Collaboration with ACPGBI and BHS including others. The aim is to have completed the top 10 priorities by the EGS 2027 meeting.
Meetings Held	Regular planning and coordination meetings with the James Lind Alliance PSP team. Ongoing discussions with the EGS SSL regarding research strategy, engagement and potential standalone research development days. Internal ASGBI Research Committee meetings to review progress and set direction for the coming period.



Key Relationships	Surgical Research Society (SRS): Collaboration on the planned research course and ongoing discussions about future joint educational activity. James Lind Alliance: Partnership in developing the PSP for Emergency General Surgery along with ACPGBI and BNH EGS Speciality Section Lead (SSL): Joint work to identify mechanisms for promoting research ideas and supporting early-stage project development.
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Aims and Objectives for next period	Launch and deliver the James Lind Alliance PSP in Emergency General Surgery. Revisit the structure and delivery model of the ASGBI–SRS research course to improve accessibility and uptake. Develop and pilot standalone research development days in collaboration with the EGS SSL.

