

The work of CLAHRC researcher Dr B  l  ne Podmore has been highlighted as “high quality” by the National Institute for Health Research. B  l  ne’s work, [recently published in BMJ Open](#) investigated how having a long-term condition impacts access to and benefit from hip and knee surgery. The research was promoted by NIHR via their “Signals” service. *NIHR Signals* summarise the latest important research on health care, public health and social care, along with implications for practice.

[Joint replacement benefits and harms for people with other illness](#)

Why was this study needed? In the UK, over 210,000 hip and knee replacements were performed in 2017 at an average age of 68 for hips and 69 for knees. One in six of these people had an illness affecting their day to day life.

Read the paper

Podmore B, Hutchings A, van der Meulen J, et al

[Impact of comorbid conditions on outcomes of hip and knee replacement surgery: a systematic review and meta-analysis](#)

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