JOE PEARCE

RESEARCH OFFICER

PROFILE

Joe Pearce is a Research Officer at Healthwatch Essex. They completed their PhD in linguistics at the University of Glasgow, which was interested in social identity, accents and voice quality and involved an in-depth qualitative case study of a trans woman's understanding of her experience with her voice during transition. They continue to work in linguistic research, alongside their role at Healthwatch Essex, on projects looking at the language experiences of migrants and refugees.

Since starting at Healthwatch Essex, they have been involved with analysing a survey on carers' mental health and wellbeing, resources to encourage engagement with research, and a survey on access to ADHD medication. They are experienced in using qualitative research methods, and have previously used Thematic Analysis and Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis, and are interested in research that uses participatory research methods. Their quantitative and technical skills include extensive use of R and tidyverse for data wrangling and data visualization, advanced statistical techniques such as linear and logistic regression modelling, and implementing Automatic Speech Recognition workflows.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Qualitative methods

Transgender health

Gender studies

Migration

ADHD, autism & neurodiversity

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Joe Pearce. 2025. Bring participant voice into voice quality: A case study of a trans woman's experience with her voice. Penn Working Papers in Linguistics 31.2. (Forthcoming)
- Joe Pearce, Jane Setter and Amalia Arvaniti. 2025. Voice Quality, Pitch, and Gender Discrimination. The Oxford Handbook of Language and Prejudice. Ed. by Jane Setter, Sender Dovchin, and Vijay A. Ramjattan. (Forthcoming)
- Joe Pearce. 2024. Social meaning in Scottish voices: A sociophonetic investigation of voice quality combining auditory-perceptual, acoustic, and qualitative approaches. PhD thesis.