

# RESEARCH BULLETIN



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN APRIL—JUNE 2018

Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 11:30—12:30 am (and 18 <sup>th</sup> July, 1:00—2:00 pm)	<b>WORKSHOPS: 'Developing a clinical academic career through the Integrated Clinical Academic (ICA) HEE/NIHR Awards for non-medical healthcare professions'</b> <i>Venue: Upstairs Meeting Room, Graves Leisure Centre</i> <i>Contact/Further Info: <a href="mailto:Nicola.Poyser@sth.nhs.uk">Nicola.Poyser@sth.nhs.uk</a></i>
Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May (and 4 <sup>th</sup> October) 1:00 pm—4:00 pm	<b>TRAINING: How Audit and Service Evaluation Works in STH</b> • Designing a project • How to register a project • Differences between projects • Audit methods • Risk assessment and action plans <i>Venue: Seminar Room 6, MEC, NGH</i> <i>Contact: <a href="mailto:Mandy.Congreve@sth.nhs.uk">Mandy.Congreve@sth.nhs.uk</a></i>
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June 1:15 pm—3:15 pm	<b>Respiratory Research Forum</b> <i>Venue: Postgraduate Common Room, MEC, NGH</i> <i>Contact: <a href="mailto:Nicola.Poyser@sth.nhs.uk">Nicola.Poyser@sth.nhs.uk</a></i>
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June 9:00 am—10:30 am	<b>CoRNN (Collaboration for Research Neurology Network)</b> <i>Venue: Seminar Room 4, Medical School, RHH</i> <i>Contact: <a href="mailto:Natalie.Jones@sth.nhs.uk">Natalie.Jones@sth.nhs.uk</a></i>
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June 3:00 pm—5:00 pm	<b>GSM Older Person Research Forum</b> <i>Venue: TBC</i> <i>Contact: <a href="mailto:Nicola.Poyser@sth.nhs.uk">Nicola.Poyser@sth.nhs.uk</a></i>

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GOT A NEWSWORTHY RESEARCH STORY, PROJECT, UPCOMING MEETING OR EVENT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE FEATURED IN THE NEXT BULLETIN?

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## CARE GROUP ACADEMIC STATUS RETAINED

Following peer review within the Trust, the Combined Community and Acute Care Group has been awarded Academic status again for this year in recognition of the quality and range of our research activity. We have been congratulated on our strong research leadership, collaboration and Patient & Public Involvement Activities. A new CCA Care Group Research Strategy has also been developed which sets out the vision and aims for our research endeavour over the next few years.

We have set our targets for the forthcoming year to reflect our continued ambition to grow research capacity amongst the staff and teams working across the four directorates. This includes submitting 15 grant applications, participating in 22 active portfolio studies and publishing 30 articles in peer reviewed journals.

### NIHR RDS YH GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP—13<sup>th</sup> September, The Circle, 33 Rockingham Lane, Sheffield, Free

Hosted by the National Institute for Health Research Research Design Service Yorkshire & Humber, this workshop is for researchers and health professionals who want to develop and submit an NIHR research funding application.

For further information, view this [flyer](#). You can book your place on the workshop using this [online form](#).

### NIHR RDS RESIDENTIAL GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND WRITING RETREAT—10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September, School of Psychology, University of Kent, Costs covered by the RDS

The RDS are also hosting a residential Grant Development and Writing Retreat this September. You will benefit from protected time and expert advice in a supportive environment. To register your interest, follow this [link](#).

**REVIEW:**

**TECHNOLOGY IN HEALTH FOLLOW UP EVENT @ SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY**

A follow up to October’s Technology in Health workshop event was held at the Advanced Wellbeing Research Centre (AWRC) at Sheffield Hallam University on 12<sup>th</sup> March. The morning comprised several presentations about innovative projects that are either currently in development or due to start. These included Dr John Hart and Professor Sue Pownall’s



dysphagia and fluid testing project and Professor Charmaine Child’s biomarkers and thermal comfort in care homes study.



There was then an opportunity for delegates to meet the team from AWRC and discuss project ideas with different technologies including telecare, physical activity, scanning and biomarkers.

**OUTPUTS FROM ROLE SWAPS...**

- Dr Jo Ulley, an F2 medic working in SHU, completed a systematic review into the effect of de-prescribing on adherence in elderly community dwelling adults.
- Karen Kilner, a Medical Statistician from SHU, undertook a range of statistical activity to enable a presentation and publication by Suvira Madan and also project work with Dr Ali Ali.
- Chris Dixon-Haymes (GSM Nurse) contributed to the nursing curriculum at SHU and experienced working in an academic setting.
- Dr Margaret Dunham (Nurse and Senior Lecturer) has been undertaking an academic study into the use of the term 'frailty' on death certificates compared to the primary reason for admission.



**ABOVE: BREAKING GROUND AT THE SITE FOR THE NEW AWRC ON 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL...**

The £multi-million Advanced Wellbeing Research Centre (AWRC) will act as the research hub for the National Centre for Sports and Exercise Medicine in Sheffield, a 2012 Olympic Legacy project which co-locates clinical services and physical activity facilities to help people with a medical need to exercise more easily.

**NATIONAL ACTIVITY...**

Colleagues from the CCA Care Group—**Cath O’Connor** and **Nathanial White**—have recently received commendation from Professor Tom Walley, Director of NIHR Evaluation, Trials and Studies Programmes (NETS) for their work supporting NETS programmes over the past year as peer reviewers. Eighteen STH staff have been involved in such activity, putting us in the top 10% in terms of reviews completed and also by committee membership contributions. In a letter to Sir Andrew Cash, Prof Walley said, *“By giving their valuable time, effort and expertise, they are enabling the NIHR to provide the NHS, decision makers, patients and the public with high quality, relevant research... We are very aware that this contribution is in addition to their many other commitments and as such is appreciated all the more.... The continuing support of your staff for the work of NIHR is vital to improving evidence based practice in the NHS and across health and social care.”*

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### **PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH PROGRAMME RAPID FUNDING SCHEME (Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018)**

The Rapid Funding Scheme (RFS) offers researchers the opportunity to apply for funds to conduct rapid baseline data collection, as well as other feasibility work, prior to intervention implementation, for time-limited opportunities such as a natural experiment or similar evaluations of a new public health intervention.

The RFS has been set up to provide the public health research community with an accelerated route to funding for small-scale, short and time sensitive proposals that demonstrate a need for a rapid commissioning process to be followed. Funding will be offered, subject to appropriate scientific scrutiny, on the understanding that a full application to support completion of the evaluation will be forthcoming at an appropriate time point.

#### Proposals submitted to the RFS will be for:

- a value of £50,000 or less • a duration of six months or less • for based line data collection/ other feasibility work
- taking advantage of a time limited natural experiment opportunity • aiming towards the submission of a full evaluation



If you would like your proposal to be considered for the RFS, please contact [phr@nhr.ac.uk](mailto:phr@nhr.ac.uk) with a summary of your intended project of no more than one page of A4 describing the proposed work and the reasons for the urgency, in particular, why this proposal could not be considered through the standard commissioning timelines such as the researcher-led work stream. Once the information provided has been considered by the PHR programme, you will be informed whether your proposal is eligible for the RFS. If eligible you will be given four weeks to complete a stage 2 application form.

### **ROYAL COLLEGE OF NURSING STRATEGIC RESEARCH ALLIANCE PHD SCHOLARSHIPS @ UOS**

This PhD opportunity has arisen as a result of funding linked to a new five year Strategic Research Alliance between the **Royal College of Nursing** and the **University of Sheffield** (**Deadline 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018**).

#### PhD applications addressing any of the following areas are welcomed:

- Projects that evidence the value of nursing to patients, services or society • Projects that will help inform the nursing workforce for the future • Evaluation of the Advanced Nurse Practitioner or other Advanced Practice roles
- Applications addressing the themes of: Enhancing care for older people and their families; Child, family health and wellbeing; Palliative and end of life care.

Interested candidates should contact Professor Angela Tod ([a.tod@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:a.tod@sheffield.ac.uk)) or Dr Tony Ryan ([t.ryan@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:t.ryan@sheffield.ac.uk)). For further details, visit: [www.findaphd.com/search/ProgrammeDetails.aspx?PGID=3914](http://www.findaphd.com/search/ProgrammeDetails.aspx?PGID=3914)

## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Applications are now open for the 2018/19 cohort of the **HEE/NIHR Integrated Clinical Academic Internships Scheme** across the North of England. The scheme provides both taught and academically supervised interventions that engage and expose the intern to the clinical academic research environment, and also provide them with the practical skills to undertake a research project supported by an expert clinical academic supervisor.

#### The key components to the programme are:

- a Clinical Academic Research Experience supported by supervision and research mentorship for 30 days.
- an Educational Learning Package comprising 4 days face to face learning and 4 days online distance learning.

By the end of the programme participants will have the confidence to apply their new skills within the Trust, become research champions, and consider a clinical academic career to include formally accredited education programmes.

Interns will also benefit from an enhanced ability to apply successfully for further formal research training.

#### The 3-stage application process is as follows:

- **Expression of Interest before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018.** These will be assessed against the eligibility criteria.
- Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria will be invited to submit a full application (**closing date: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May**). Applications will then be shortlisted for interview.
- **Interviews: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 (Sheffield), 19<sup>th</sup> June (Newcastle) and 21<sup>st</sup> June (Manchester).**

For further details or to submit your Expression of Interest, see [www.shu.ac.uk/icainternships](http://www.shu.ac.uk/icainternships) and follow @ICAINorth on Twitter.



## **PPI NEWS**

### **A GSM UPDATE FROM KATE LAVENDER...**

For researchers wanting to start conversations and engage in PPI activity for stroke research, we are setting up a formal Stroke and Carer Research Advisory Group. Once we have recruited to the panel, they have had the opportunity to have an initial panel meeting and undertaken the appropriate research awareness training, we will discuss the scope of the panel and appoint a chair.

In the meantime, we will be holding the event below, and invite researchers for interest:

**STROKE RESEARCH ADVISORY FOCUS GROUP—Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 10:30—2:30pm, Graves Leisure Centre, Sheffield S8.** We have space for 3-4 presenters and are inviting researchers who would like to present to email an outline of what they would like to talk to the panel about and a brief summary of their project to [Katharine.Lavender@sth.nhs.uk](mailto:Katharine.Lavender@sth.nhs.uk) by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Access to the panel will be free to those within our care group, but a small charge or contribution to costs will be required for researchers external to the care-group.

### **A COMMUNITY ELDERS PANEL UPDATE FROM ANNE SILVESTER...**

We are actively recruiting members of the BME community, as they are currently under-represented on the panel. Please contact Anne Silvester ([anne.silvester@nhs.net](mailto:anne.silvester@nhs.net)) if you wish to nominate anyone to the panel.

### **A TPC UPDATE...**

The paper 'Service user reflections on the impact of involvement in research', co authored by Panel Chair Jim Gordon, Sue Franklin (panel member) and Sabrina Eltringham (former PPI Coordinator) has just been published in *Research Involvement and Engagement* -> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5868049/>



### **GETTING RESEARCH INTO PRACTICE (GRIP): EXERCISE AFTER STROKE PROJECT**

Following on from prize winning presentations at both the European Stroke Organisation Conference in Prague and the inaugural National Centre for Sports and Exercise Medicine Conference in Leicester last year, we have been able to secure NIHR GRIP funds to help enhance exercise delivery and uptake after stroke in Sheffield. One of our stroke physiotherapists Gavin Church has been successful in applying for a secondment to work with design engineers, service users and clinicians to help 'co-design' a service that embeds exercise into rehabilitation, and will start on the project at the end of April 2018. If you are a clinician who works with stroke patients and is interested in being part of the project team please contact either Gavin himself ([gavin.church@nhs.net](mailto:gavin.church@nhs.net)) or Dr Ali, GSM Research Lead ([ali.ali@sth.nhs.uk](mailto:ali.ali@sth.nhs.uk)), for more information.

### **SHEFFIELD NIHR NEURO CLINICAL RESEARCH THERAPISTS INVITED TO PRESENT AT THE 2018 UK CLINICAL RESEARCH FACILITIES NETWORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Following last year's poster presentation at the annual conference, Kate Lavender (Physio) and Louise Patterson (OT) will again be attending the two day event, to be held at the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds. They have had their poster (written in conjunction with Natalie Jones) 'Developing the CRF research landscape: The impact of Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) in the integrated workforce' accepted, but have also been invited to present a formal parallel workshop session on the second day entitled 'Developing the CRF Research Landscape – How can introducing an integrated workforce expand and further diversify CRF-led studies?'

This will build upon the poster topic and hopefully facilitate discussions about the added value AHPs can bring to research studies and how we can learn from integrated workforce development to better meet the needs of patients along both the research and clinical pathway.

### **INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY...**

Tissue Viability Nurse **Kevin Doyle** is travelling to Valencia Spain for the Annual Euro Nursing Conference to present the results of the 3D wound imaging study undertaken recently: 'Organisational developments using research as a driver for change: an example in tissue viability services in Sheffield' (Dr Sally Fowler Davis, Kevin Doyle, Brenda King).