



## *STH Nursing and Midwifery Research and Innovation Newsletter*

### FROM STH CHIEF NURSE CHRIS MORLEY



Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Nursing and Midwifery Research and Innovation Newsletter 2024. Much has happened within nursing and midwifery research both locally and nationally since the last edition. Our Stroke Research Delivery Team have had further acknowledgement for the innovative trial tracker which they developed, being nominated for a prestigious parliamentary award, and we look forward to the outcome of these awards imminently. It was my pleasure to Chair the cohort 3 health care professionals internship graduation earlier this month, and I enjoyed hearing from the interns and learning about their projects. This scheme provides a great opportunity to dip your toe into the world of research whilst undertaking a project in your own clinical area or for those already experienced in research it can provide the next step towards a clinical academic career. There is also an opportunity highlighted within the newsletter to apply for an NIHR Senior Research Leadership Opportunity, which I encourage colleagues to consider. This requires Chief Nurse endorsement so if you meet the eligibility criteria and are interested, please contact me to discuss.

### OVERVIEW FROM LEAD NURSE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GAIL MILLS



Welcome to the Autumn edition of the STH Nursing and Midwifery Research and Innovation Newsletter. As you will see, there have been lots of great achievements which I'm pleased to share with you and there are also multiple ways for you to make research part of your role, a few of which are highlighted in the next few pages. Cohort three of the Healthcare Professionals Research internship Programme graduated on the 30th September and it was great to hear about their projects and the positive experiences they had during the programme. A brief overview of their projects is included within the newsletter and their posters will be available on the STH Clinical Research and Innovation Office webpage in the near future if you would like to find out more. Our next internship cohort commenced the programme on the 7th October and this year there are two pathways giving a range of opportunities to health care professionals with different levels of research experience. They will have one day a week funded time to enable backfill to release their time and will undertake a programme of learning. They will be allocated a supervisor and will be supported to undertake a project in their area of work or aligned to their particular interest. If this is something you might be interested in, please get in touch as the next cohort will be recruited in the Spring which will be here in no time. There continue to be multiple ways to get involved in research, so please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you would like to know more about research at STH.

Further information about research and opportunities is available on the Clinical Research and Innovation webpage here: [For Health Professionals - Sheffield Clinical Research](#) or via the Regional webpage here: <https://sites.google.com/nih.ac.uk/crnyh-learningdirectory/home>



# AWARDS



## **Innovative trial tracker created by Sheffield nurses and scientists wins regional NHS Parliamentary Awards**

A Trial Tracker developed by stroke research nurses and computer scientists has won the regional NHS Parliamentary NHS Future Award, and will now go on to the national finals in October. The team's work, which was put forward by Gill Furniss, MP for Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough, was chosen by NHS experts as regional winners for the NHS England North East and Yorkshire region from a record 918 nominations made by 318 MPs across England. The technology was funded by the NIHR Sheffield Biomedical Research Centre, and uses algorithms to automatically match patients into multiple suitable trials simultaneously. This has streamlined a previously lengthy manual process, freed up valuable nursing time, and helped screen thousands of patients into vital health and care research trials.

## **Golden Mug Award for EASY AS Study Team**



**Franek Skalbania**, Clinical Trials Assistant, and **Dr Muhammad Aetesam-Ur-Rahman**, consultant interventional cardiologist, were recently presented with the Golden Mug Award by the University of Leicester.

This was a nomination by the Research Team at the Northern General Hospital, for their commitment and contributions to the EASY-AS trial, resulting in an outstanding recruitment of participants.

The EASY-AS trial is a BHF funded Randomised Controlled Trial of Early valve replacement in severe ASymptomatic Aortic Stenosis.





## **2023/2024 STH Health Professionals Research Internships**

**On 30th September 2024, we celebrated the graduation of the newest cohort of interns from the STH Health Professionals Research Internship. Here is a summary of the brilliant work which has taken place over the past year:**

### **Ellie Meakin; Critical Care Research Sister**

Research Without Prior Consent (RWPC) in critical care research, what are the experiences, views and beliefs of patients, relatives and stakeholders when a patient dies before patient or personal legal consent is given?’

### **Jackie Harrison; Physiotherapist**

What are the views of physiotherapists at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals on management of patients with persistent musculoskeletal pain who require an interpreter.

### **Hannah Young; Clinical Research Sister**

What essential information should be included in a patient information leaflet to effectively guide individuals with Multiple Sclerosis considering or undergoing autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (aHSCT)?

### **Cecy Marden; Speech and Language Therapist**

Co-development of resources to support implementation of the Free Water Protocol in an acute setting.

### **Faith Kibutu; Clinical Research Sister**

Assessing the impact of recruitment strategies on ethnic minority participation in clinical trials at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals

### **Samantha Morris; Staff Nurse at Weston Park Hospital**

An evaluation of the documentation process of intentional rounding from multiple perspectives.

### **Dr Mary King; Senior Clinical Psychologist**

Investigating the Impact of Yoga on Long Covid Symptoms and Heart-Rate Variability.

### **Helen Casbolt; Clinical Trials Assistant**

CognoSpeak: An Automated Cognitive Assessment Tool Based On Language (Utilising Automated Speech Recognition And Machine Learning) – Parkinson’s Cohort.

### **Lisa Woodall; Clinical Research Sister**

What are the barriers and facilitators to student nurse mentorship within the Clinical Research Facility (CRF) at Sheffield teaching hospitals (STH).

The 2024/25 cohort will begin on 7th October.  
This is a rolling programme with recruitment beginning in **July 2025**. If you are interested or would like to find out more please email Daniel Lawrence,  
**daniel.lawrence12@nhs.net**.



# Opportunities



## NIHR Integrated Clinical and Practitioner Academic Programme

Hosted by Sheffield Hallam University on behalf of NHS England in the North East and Yorkshire, the **Integrated Clinical and Practitioner Academic Internship scheme** is now open for applications for our next intake which will **commence on 5th February 2025 and complete in October 2025.**

The key components to the internship programme are:

1. A **Planned Research Experience** (30 days) supported by supervision and research mentorship where appropriate.
  2. A **Learning Package** comprising of 2 days face to face learning (Sheffield Hallam University) and 4 half days of online learning
- Open to an expanded group of registered health professionals (excluding doctors and dentists) including nurses, midwives, allied health professions, pharmacists and healthcare scientists.
  - Full details of the programme and the eligibility criteria can be found at [Integrated Clinical Academic Programme Internship Scheme | Sheffield Hallam University \(shu.ac.uk\)](#)

For any queries please contact the Internship email address: [icainternships@shu.ac.uk](mailto:icainternships@shu.ac.uk)

**The closing date for applications is 5pm on Tuesday 22nd October 2024.**

## NIHR Senior Research Leader (SRL) Programme – now open for applications



Are you a **senior research nurse or midwife** looking to make an impact on the nursing and midwifery research landscape?

[Senior Research Leader Programme for nurses and midwives | NIHR](#)

This 3 year programme offers a unique opportunity for research leaders to share their knowledge and learnings across the healthcare community, helping to build research capacity and capability.

**Closing date for applications is 31st October 2024 at 1pm.**



## **Inclusive research design to become an NIHR condition of funding**

As you may already be aware, the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) is making changes as part of its commitment to being a more inclusive funder of research. Although applicants to NIHR funding have always been encouraged to submit inclusive research proposals, from **Autumn 2024** NIHR will be requiring that **research inclusion is properly costed and defined throughout the research lifecycle**. Applicants will need to show how their research contributes towards NIHR's mission to reduce health and care inequalities.

More guidance will be able over the coming months, and training opportunities from the NIHR will also be available including a session on Weds 16<sup>th</sup> October 2-3pm.

You can find out more information about these changes and to register for the training sessions here: [Inclusive research design to become an NIHR condition of funding | NIHR](#)

## **VICTOR**

### **Making Visible the ImpaCT Of Research**

#### **What is VICTOR:**

VICTOR is an online questionnaire tool that you can use to capture the impacts of clinical research at individual, team and organisational level. These are the bi-products of conducting clinical research which often remain invisible.

#### **How will VICTOR help me?**

VICTOR collects perspectives on research from researchers, clinicians, patients, family and other key stakeholders. This data can be used to build a visual report showcasing impacts in six key domains. This report can be used to amplify and elevate your research impacts to a wide audience including Trust Boards, Quality Account and the CQC as well as academic publications.

#### **How can I access VICTOR?**

Contact [natalie.jones56@nhs.net](mailto:natalie.jones56@nhs.net) to set up an account, access training on the platform and to receive support to get started.

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