

Nursing and Midwifery Research & Innovation Newsletter

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Introduction



From STH Chief Nurse Chris Morley
Welcome to the third Nursing and Midwifery Research and Innovation Newsletter. It remains an exciting time for nursing and midwifery research both locally and nationally. Locally, we have just completed the second NMAHP research internship programme with the graduation event in September. The calibre of projects presented was exceptionally high and it was great to hear about the direct impact for patient care and future career plans. Nationally, nursing and midwifery research continues to be at the forefront of thinking and the recent RCN International Nursing Research Conference - attended by STH colleagues - again highlighted the important work being undertaken. Please take a few moments to read through the newsletter as there are numerous opportunities that may be of interest to you and your team. Julie and Gail are also offering regular on-line coffee drop-ins where you can ask about the opportunities to make research your business and to generally discuss ideas or aspirations wherever you are in your career.

With the launch of the first STH Nursing and Midwifery Research and Innovation Strategy in October there has never been a better time to get involved.



Prof Julie McGarry

OVERVIEW

FROM PROFESSOR OF NURSING JULIE MCGARRY AND
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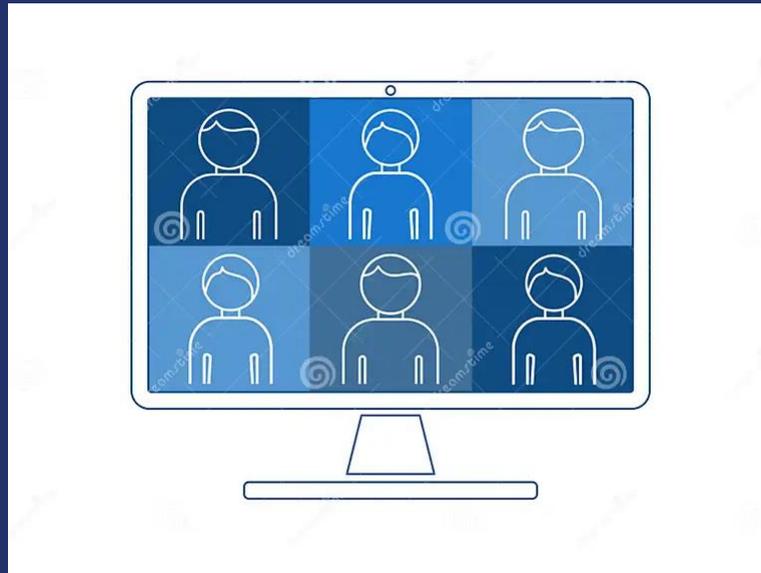
Welcome to our Autumn edition of the Nursing and Midwifery Research and Innovation Newsletter. This quarter we are pleased to share the recent very welcome announcement of significant investment in development of careers in research for underserved professions which includes nurses and midwives. We will share further details of this funding and the opportunities it will provide through this newsletter over coming months.

We are also delighted to highlight the graduation of our second cohort of Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professionals (NMAHP) interns and to share some of their projects and the impact they have had. Our third cohort of research interns start their programme in October and we look forward to welcoming them.

We are also sharing a link to the STH research training and education SharePoint site where ongoing training and development opportunities are posted and also providing a link to a podcast for nurse researchers which may be of interest.

Last but not least, we have some upcoming drop-in sessions and hope to see some of you at these, where you can drop in and informally discuss anything research or innovation related.

VIRTUAL COFFEE



DROP-IN SESSIONS

with Julie and Gail

Join us at one of the sessions below to chat about anything relating to research or innovation.

A chance to ask your own questions and to hear from others, as well as find out what is happening across the Trust.

Please feel free to share these dates with colleagues - we look forward to seeing you there!

Wednesday 18th October 11:30-12:30

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Tuesday 14th November 15:00-16:00

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Wednesday 13th December 11:00-12:00

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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Sheffield Teaching Hospitals Nursing, Midwifery & Allied Health Professionals Internship Graduation Ceremony 2023

It was a pleasure to attend the recent ceremony marking the occasion of the graduation of our latest cohort of NMAHP interns. Coming from a broad range of specialisms, this second cohort of graduates included a senior dietitian, a charge nurse working in critical care, a specialist physiotherapist and a research sister at Cancer Clinical Trials Centre.



As well as being a celebration of their achievements, this was also an opportunity for the 12 graduates to talk about the research they had undertaken and it was truly inspiring to hear about their experiences. The diversity and breadth of the projects was really impressive, and the obvious expansion of knowledge gained was testament to the value of the internship. The afternoon also served to highlight what a fantastic contribution the scheme and its interns make to the Trust.

“The research internship has helped me to progress my clinical research career...I have been awarded a PhD scholarship due to the knowledge and skills gained through the research internship...I am now better equipped to continue my work to improve patient experience and care.” Kelly Reeder, Highly Specialist Speech & Language Therapist and NMAHP graduate 2023

Read the graduates' lay abstracts of their research studies [here](#)



NIHR announce an extra £30m a year to boost research careers for healthcare professionals

The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) have announced an additional £30 million of funding per year to significantly increase opportunities for health and care professionals (HCPs) to include research in their careers.

The NIHR and NHS England are working in partnership to ensure the barriers to research careers are overcome. The collaboration is focused on increasing the awareness and visibility of research as a career option, particularly at early career stages, and providing a clear framework for post-doctoral clinical or practitioner academics.

Through new and expanding programmes of activity, nurses, midwives, allied health professionals (AHPs), pharmacists and healthcare scientists across England will gain additional support to develop as highly skilled research leaders.

[Find out more.](#)

NIHR Senior Research Leader Programme for Nurses and Midwives Applications now open

Following the success of the inaugural year, the NIHR have announced that applications for the second cohort of the Senior Research Leader (SRL) programme are now open.

The SRL programme is for senior research nurses and midwives from diverse health and social care backgrounds who possess strong research leadership and networking skills, along with innovative perspectives. We are looking for individuals whose expertise and personal experiences will inspire fellow nurses and midwives to actively lead, deliver and support research initiatives that contribute to enhancing patient care. They will also have the opportunity to make a significant positive impact on the nursing and midwifery research landscape.

The NIHR have organised a webinar to provide more information about the SRL programme and offer an opportunity for you to ask questions. This will be taking place on Zoom:

- **5 October 2023 11:00 - 12:00** [Register online](#)

Find out more about the programme on the [NIHR SRL webpage](#). Details on how to apply can be found on the [application portal](#).



Research Training and Education SharePoint site

The Research Training and Education NHS SharePoint site is now accessible to those with an nhs.net email address, sharing information for all staff delivering research across Sheffield Teaching Hospitals. As well as links to other key sites and news updates, you will find guides and documents specific to research staff:

[Departmental Sites \(sharepoint.com\)](https://sharepoint.com)



The Nurse Researcher Podcast - have you listened yet?

Hosted by Dr Andrew Finney, Nurse Academic

The Nurse Researcher podcast aims to demystify clinical academia, explain what researchers do, their roles, how they got there and what advice they can offer to others looking to bring research into the roles.

Guests include Prof Catherine Evans from King's College London and Prof Gina Awoko Higginbottom MBE from the University of Sheffield.

Listen to all episodes here: [The Nurse Researcher Podcast \(audioboom.com\)](https://audioboom.com)

NIHR Pre-Application Support Fund Round 1

The Pre-Application Support Fund is a new scheme from the NIHR providing extra support to those who need it to enhance their chances of making a successful application to an NIHR career development scheme in the future. The fund will open for applications on Tuesday 19th September 2023, and the closing date will be 1pm on 30th November 2023.

The scheme is open to individuals that require additional support to prepare an application for [NIHR career development funding](#). Applications from groups and professions under-represented within NIHR, which are set out in the Guidance Notes for the scheme, are particularly encourage.

More details including how to apply can be found on the [NIHR website](#).