

Research and Innovation Department

This is our latest bulletin which contains general news items, some funding and training information and dates for your diaries.

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CONGRATULATIONS...

... to surgical trainee **Robert Whistance** who has been awarded an NIHR Doctoral (PhD) Research Fellowship entitled, 'Development of core outcome sets for informed consent and clinical trials of colorectal cancer surgery'. Robert's main supervisor is Professor Jane Blazeby and his co-supervisors are Dr ST Brookes and Mr A McNair.

...to **Katrina Hurley** who has been appointed research nurse responsible for the surgical trials unit within the Division of Surgery, Head and Neck.

...to **Finbar O'Callaghan** who has been awarded two NIHR grants – one from the Research for patient Benefit scheme and the other from the Programme Development Grant scheme. Finbar's area of research is paediatric neurology.

GENERAL NEWS AND INFORMATION

MHRA inspection: Two inspectors from the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency will be inspecting the Trust's systems and processes for the conduct of Clinical Trials of Investigational Medicinal Products during the period 28 September to 1 October. The inspectors will be based in Research and Innovation on Level 3 of the Education Centre. They will also visit some areas of the Trust and will be accompanied by a member of the research management team at all times. During this time the research team will endeavour to offer a normal service, but due to the requirements of the inspection, this may not always be possible. For further details please contact Diana Benton or Jake Harley.

Research and Innovation Strategy: – The Research and Innovation Strategy will soon be circulated via the Research Leads for each Division. All comments welcome and we would also welcome attendance at our open meeting on 2nd November to discuss this strategy further. This meeting will be held from 3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. in Lecture Theatre 1, UH Bristol Education Centre. If you would like to attend please let me know – we hope to have some wine and snacks for those who stay to the end!

Serious Adverse Event Reporting Forms: The department has updated our Serious Adverse Event Reporting forms. The [new versions](#) should now be used for SAE reporting for studies sponsored by University Hospitals Bristol or for studies where you have agreed that the University Hospitals Bristol form should be used.

NIHR Research Support Services (RSS) Framework published: The NIHR has published the standards framework developed from the Research Support Services workstream. The framework was developed to provide a consistent, streamlined and risk-proportionate service to support research in the NHS in England. The set of guidelines and tools to support good practice includes:

- a Trust R&D operational capability statement that empowers R&D offices to manage processes effectively within the organisation;
- planning tools that enable R&D offices, with the principal investigator, to assess quickly and manage the key risks in order to complete the NHS permission process and deliver the study; and
- guidelines for standard operating procedures that help develop consistent, streamlined and risk-proportionate research governance practice across the NHS in England.

Further information is available [here](#).

Research Passport 'algorithm of research activity and pre-engagement checks' updated: As NHS Employers' have updated their Check Standards and the Government has announced the deferment of Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) registration, an interim update to the Research Passport

'algorithm of research activity and pre-engagement checks' has been issued to take account of NHS Employers' current guidance. The update can be downloaded from the NIHR [website](#)

Wellcome Library launches major digitisation project: The Wellcome Library has announced the launch of an ambitious digitisation project, to provide free, online access to its collections, including archives and papers from Nobel prize-winning scientists Francis Crick, Fred Sanger and Peter Medawar. Creation of the Wellcome Digital Library will throw open the doors of the [Wellcome Library](#) and its unique collections to a worldwide audience, providing a global resource for the study of the history of medicine and modern bioscience. The Wellcome Trust has approved a budget of £3.9 million to begin a two-year pilot project on the theme of Modern Genetics and its Foundations.

Clinical Research Network Coordinating Centre: News from the Networks - Issue 2 is now available. In this issue you can read how the Mental Health Research Network is supporting non-drug research in the NHS, how the Primary Care Research Network is contributing to the success of life-sciences company Servier's research programme, and how the Clinical Research Network Workforce Development team is transforming Good Clinical Practice Training. A pdf copy of the newsletter is available [here](#).

FUNDING INFORMATION

National Institute for Health Research Evaluation, Trials and Studies Coordinating Centre (NETSCC): Public Health Research Programme - Commissioned research calls. The cut-off deadline for the next calls is the 8th December 2010. Further information is available [here](#).

TRAINING

ICH Good Clinical Practice (GCP) training: Is your GCP training up to date? In April 2009 the Trust Executive Group agreed that GCP training should be mandatory for all Chief and Principal Investigators and for all other staff whose role is principally to support research activity on the Trust's premises. It was also agreed that for staff who remain research active, this training should be renewed every three years. Dates for courses for the remainder of this year and for 2011 are available [here](#). Telephone me if you would like to reserve a place on one of these dates.

Good Practice in Clinical Research five day training course: This course, organised by Research and Innovation and colleagues from the University of Bristol, is being held on five consecutive Thursdays starting on 4 November. More information on the course, booking conditions and the registration form are available on the departmental [website](#).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **5 October 2010** 12.30 – 16.30 Western CLRN Research Forum for Clinical Research Staff: Career pathways in Clinical Research, Post Graduate Medical Centre, Royal United Hospital Bath. To reserve a place please contact Hope Douglas 0117 342 0025 or e-mail: Hope.Douglas@UHBristol.nhs.uk.
- **12 October 2010:** Improving Access to Clinical Research in the NHS, City Inn, Birmingham. The event will outline examples of best practice, novel ideas and expert advice designed to help R & D professionals attract new partners, support cultural change and deliver faster approval times. The agenda for the day is available [here](#) and bookings can be made by following this [link](#).
- **2 November 2010:** UH Bristol Research Strategy meeting. Open meeting for all research active staff to contribute to discussions on the draft strategy and proposed implementation plans. All welcome. No need to formally book a place, but for catering arrangements it would be helpful to let me know if you intend to come along.
- **8 November** 18:00 - 19:00: BHI Public Lecture: Ruth Newbury-Ecob, Consultant in Clinical Genetics UHBristol and Honorary Reader University of Bristol, "I give you my heart - genes and inherited heart disorders" Reception Room, Wills Memorial Building. The lecture is free and open to all.