Welcome to this edition of the R&I Monthly E-bulletin. This month’s issue provides the usual funding opportunities, updates from our charitable partners and departmental news. If you have an item to add to February’s bulletin please email it to Victoria.Church@UHBristol.nhs.uk by Friday 14 March.

This month’s message from David Wynick

Welcome to the February issue of our e-bulletin.

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) aims to improve delivery of research across the UK by making it faster and easier for patients to take part. This often goes hand in hand with increasing the number of studies and number of patients recruited into NIHR trials at this Trust. As a consequence we are often asked where this leaves studies on rare disease with fewer patients and how these patients will be affected by the NIHR benchmarks; recruiting within 70 days or to target when there is no way of anticipating when a patient with a rare disease might be seen. The British Society for Genetic Medicine tells us that there are over 7000 rare diseases, most being the result of a genetic disorder, and for persons affected by these diseases, research is just as important. Whilst the national benchmarks appear to be dictating how we deliver trials (and what types), senior NIHR Investigators have been working with the NIHR office for clinical research infrastructure (NOCRI) to enable research into rare diseases to also be ‘faster and easier’. The biggest delays experienced with genetic studies into rare disorders typically are due to complex contracts and local permission therefore a national agreement has been developed applicable to non-CTIMP rare disease projects with minimal local hospital cost. This agreement has been reviewed and agreed by a number of Trusts around the UK meaning that when a study falling under this category is to be implemented, R&D review is carried out at the lead site only and local permission is given within 3 days without the need for any contract negotiations. The benefits of this faster approach to approval will undoubtedly significantly benefit patients with a rare disease. This agreement has been named as the "Musketees' Memorandum"- all for one and one for all! More information on this exciting initiative can be found here: http://www.bsgm.org.uk/genetics-healthcare-research/nihr-uk-rare-genetic-disease-research-consortium-agreement/
The message from the NIHR is clear that research into rare disease should not be ignored because the benchmark of 70 days might be missed. What we have to do is work to improve the efficiency of initiation and delivery of all studies whilst being mindful of offering a portfolio of research to all of our patients. Let’s hope for more of these types of agreements in the future!

With best wishes,

Professor David Wynick
Director of Research

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**1. R&I Departmental News**

**This month’s EDGE Handy Hint # 16:** Not sure of where to start in the study approval process? Check out the researcher workflows available on EDGE.

**Research & Innovation ‘Visiting Hour’**

In response to requests for new research staff to visit R&I we will be holding a ‘visiting hour’ on alternate months in 2014. This will be an opportunity for new staff to not only meet the Research & Innovation team but also colleagues from across the Trust who have also recently started in research. If you are new to research and would like to visit R&I please email: victoria.church@uhbristol.nhs.uk to book your place; currently available:

**Friday 14 March 2014** – 09:00 – 09:30 and 09:30 – 10:00.
University Hospitals Bristol Research & Innovation Day

The 2014 University Hospitals Bristol Research and Innovation Symposium will be held on Monday 24th March 2014 from 09:30 - 16:30 in Lecture Theatre 1, Level 2, Education & Research Centre. Please make a note of the date in your diaries.

The event will showcase current research at UH Bristol from both new and established researchers. The day will also provide an opportunity to network with other clinical and non-clinical researchers, and find out more about wider Bristol research initiatives.

The event is free but to register you need to contact Victoria Church: Victoria.Church@UHBristol.nhs.uk or Telephone: 0117 3420233

Find a preliminary programme here [Please note that timings are subject to change]

Information and Skills Grid

As a research active organisation we want to give all our staff access to information about research and innovation at a level relevant to their roles. We have developed a table (skills grid) to make it easier to see what information might be relevant to different roles in the trust, pulling together links and documents covering some areas which we know that our clinical and non-clinical staff find useful, whether or not they are research active. Much of the information may also be of interest to patients and the public, and all of it is located on publicly accessible websites.

We have a wealth of information on our full website (research-innovation) and there is more available on others, the aim of the skills grid is to help find the right information at the right time.

The topics are broad, and range from general high level information like 'What is an Academic Health Sciences Network', 'What are our research specialties and facilities', 'What is innovation and why is it good?' through to more detailed 'how to' information, like 'Valid informed consent', ‘How do I cost my project' and 'Why do I need to get R&D approval'.

Please follow this link to the Skills Grid

Sponsor signatures
From NRES Committee South West – Central Bristol, Health Research Authority

Please note that electronic authorisation (rather than ink signatures) will be mandatory from April 2014. Please cascade the information to staff concerned. This will affect sponsor’s declaration on the IRAS application form and Notice of Substantial Amendment Form.

Phased by ICH?

Everybody involved in and around clinical trials should know ICH Good Clinical Practice, or to give it its reference number ICH E6. For those who do not know, the E stands for Efficacy. Guidelines under the ICH Efficacy heading are concerned with the design, conduct, safety and reporting of clinical trials. They also cover novel types of medicines derived from biotechnological processes and the use of pharmacogenetics/pharmacogenomics techniques to produce better targeted medicines.

While most people will have read, or at the very least heard of, ICH E6, a small minority have intimate knowledge of the other ‘E’ Guidelines. One of such guidelines is ICH E8, ‘General Considerations for Clinical Trials’. 

To read on please go to: http://www.crgcp.com/articles2.asp?article=004010
Focus on Stroke Resource

“Focus on Stroke” is a new online resource from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) aimed at raising public awareness of the exciting developments happening in stroke research by showcasing pioneering work top researchers are doing. www.FocusOnStroke.nihr.ac.uk features examples of treatments that are being researched in order to improve patient care in this area as well as resources for patients on how to get involved.

HRA Researcher Training Day

Our well established researcher training days provide great networking opportunities and the chance to work through case study application forms with guidance from experienced facilitators. Delegates can gain a better understanding of how best to complete the research ethics application form using the Integrated Research Application System (IRAS). This training will offer researchers insight into the ethical issues considered by REC whilst helping REC members understand the context, and constraints in research. Researchers applying for ethical approval from an NHS REC, Research Managers managing research trials, Clinical Trial Managers in the private sector, R&D managers from public and private sectors and REC members are welcome to attend this course. We have recently added two more Researcher Training Days to our schedule:

- 17 June 2014 – Manchester
- 24 July 2014 – Newcastle Upon Tyne

Our researcher training days continue to evaluate very well. Some comments received from our recent training day earlier this month in London, “Extremely useful to see the perspective from REC members’ point of view. The training I obtained today means that I will approach my submissions differently. I will share today’s training with the rest of my team” and “Excellent training. Good group discussions.”

A full list of our training days and course programmes can be found at: http://www.hra.nhs.uk/hra-training/

All our training days require online booking. You will need to create an online training account first (follow the link on our training page).

PRWE Newsflash

1. Patient & Public Involvement in Research—best evidence and future directions

Booking is now open for this major South West and West of England event to disseminate recent research findings on patient and public involvement (PPI) in research and lessons learned from the innovative PenCLAHRC PPI initiative in the South West peninsula.

There will also be an opportunity to discuss the emerging strategic partnership for PPI in the West of England.

For: Anyone with an interest or active part in public involvement in research.
What: The day will include:

- Opening remarks from Simon Denegri, Chair of INVOLVE, the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Advisory Group on public involvement in research
- Presentations on two newly completed NIHR-funded realist evaluations of the impact of public involvement in research
  - The RAPPORT (Research with patient and public involvement: a realist evaluation) study (Dr Patricia Wilson,
University of Hertfordshire and colleagues
- Public involvement in research: assessing impact through a realist evaluation (Prof David Evans, UWE Bristol and colleagues)
- PenCLAHRC lessons learned for the new PPI landscape (Dr Andy Gibson, University of Exeter)
- The new collaborative approach to PPI in the West of England (Prof David Evans, UWE Bristol and colleagues)

Free. Lunch & refreshments provided. Reasonable expenses will be reimbursed for members of the public (patients, carers, service users) attending from the South West and West of England.

When: Tuesday 1st April 2014 10am – 3 pm
Where: Vassall Conference Centre, Gill Avenue, Fishponds, Bristol BS16 2QQ
Booking: At http://www.formstack.com/forms/uwe-nihrpir_rapport_event by Friday 21st March
Please book early as places are limited and we expect this workshop to be popular.
anna.puddicombe@uwe.ac.uk
www.prwe.org.uk

2. Public Involvement Journal club


When: Thursday 13th March 2014 12.30 – 1.30pm
Where: University of the West of England, Room 1C02, Glenside Campus, Blackberry Hill Bristol BS16 1DD
Booking: No booking is necessary, but for more information, contact David9.Evans@uwe.ac.uk

3. Call for INVOLVE conference presentations

The ninth biennial INVOLVE conference will take place on 26 and 27 November 2014 at the National Exhibition Centre (NEC) in Birmingham. The conference will bring together people with an interest in public involvement in NHS, public health and social care research.

The theme is Changing Landscapes. This could include changes to organisations with a remit for public involvement, changing expectations for public involvement and innovative ways to involve the public in research.

INVOLVE is inviting presentations on this theme that will encourage debate and discussion on the following topic areas relating to public involvement in NHS, public health and social care research:

- range and diversity
- learning and development
- recording and assessing the impact
- international perspectives
- future directions

For further information and the application form visit Involve2014

The closing date for applying to do a presentation is Friday 04 April 2014
Anna.Puddicombe@uwe.ac.uk Tel 0117 3288469
2. Celebrating Successes

Sole Recruiter News

Having just consented our 5th patient into the final slot of the third cohort, UH Bristol are now the sole top recruiter for the phase I OPARATIC study for patients with relapsed glioblastoma.

This is testament to the hard work of the PI Dr Hopkins and her team, with particular praise for Angela Webb.

Congratulations to all of the teams below who have recruited within the 70 day benchmark!

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3. Feature

**UHBristol Research Nurse wins prize for recruitment**

Alice Parham has recently been awarded a prize by the EDGE Development Team for recruiting the 500,000th patient to be added to the EDGE Research Management System. The patient was recruited into the ‘Identification of Susceptibility Genes for Eczema & Food Allergy’ study.

Alice was awarded her prize at a day set-up to showcase how the EDGE system is used across the whole region and across Bristol in particular. The event was attended by those interested in how EDGE functioned as a local portfolio management system in practice (not just in demonstration). Attendees came not only from our own region but from Trusts and Networks across the country. Hosted by UHBristol and WCLRN the day also had input from NBT, MCRN, AWSCRN and the EDGE Development team. The afternoon session was limited to representatives of what will be the new Local Research Network where work was started on drawing up standard definitions and minimum datasets for use across the region. Feedback for both sessions was extremely positive and the enthusiasm for the system evident.

Congratulations to Alice and a big thank you to all staff who continue to add recruitment data to the EDGE system.

4. Upcoming Events

**ThinkWrite open courses: papers, grants, theses, books**

ThinkWrite is a training company which helps researchers to increase their confidence and efficiency when communicating complex ideas to specific audiences. A series of one-day open courses on writing academic papers, grant applications, theses and books will take place in central Bristol from March to June 2014.

The courses have a successful track record at Bristol University, UCL and with the N.I.H.R. For a list of course dates and prices visit [www.thinkwrite.biz/open_courses](http://www.thinkwrite.biz/open_courses) where you can book directly.

**Children with Cancer UK**

**Workshop on in utero exposure and cancer in children**

2nd & 3rd June 2014 -- Royal College of Physicians, London

We are hosting this two-day international workshop to examine all aspects of in utero exposure to agents that may affect cancer risk in childhood. The main focus is on the mechanisms of transplacental transfer and early biological effects of such agents - including natural and man-made pollutants, pharmaceuticals and nano-particles.
The full programme will be available shortly and includes presentations from experts on: placental development and function; mechanisms and measurement of placental transfer; and mechanisms and measurement of fetal exposure (including biomarkers and DNA damage).

Details of confirmed speakers are available from our website: [www.childrenwithcancer.org.uk/2014-workshop](http://www.childrenwithcancer.org.uk/2014-workshop)

**Bookings**

The cost of this two-day workshop is £150; this includes the dinner on Monday evening. The cost for Children with Cancer UK grant-holders (or project staff) is just £50. Places are limited; to register your interest, please contact Katie Martin.

**Submitted abstracts**

We are inviting abstracts relevant to the conference theme of *in utero exposure and cancer in children*. Submitted abstracts will be considered for both poster and oral presentation. The deadline for submission is 3rd April 2014. Further information is available on the [website](http://www.childrenwithcancer.org.uk/2014-workshop).

For further information and to register your interest please contact Katie Martin by email katie.martin@childrenwithcancer.org.uk or by telephone on +44(0)117 909 4809.

**Bristol Research in Practice Annual Symposium 2014**

The Bristol Research in Practice Annual Symposium will return for the fourth year on **Thursday 08 May 2014** at the UH Bristol Education Centre, Upper Maudlin Street, Bristol.

**Keynote Speaker:** We are delighted to confirm that Nichola Rumsey, Professor of Appearance Research and Co-Director of the Centre for Appearance Research at University of the West England will be presenting this year.

The highly popular breakfast workshops on *grant writing and writing for publication* will also return again this year.

For further information and to register please follow the link: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bristol-research-in-practice-annual-symposium-2014-registration-10115564927](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bristol-research-in-practice-annual-symposium-2014-registration-10115564927). The deadline for registrations is **Friday 18 April 2014**.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is Monday 10 March 2014.

**SOCS Plenary Research Seminars 2013-14**

Please click [here](http://www.bris.ac.uk/clinical-sciences/seminars/socs-research-seminars.html) to see the programme for the University of Bristol School of Clinical Sciences Plenary Research talks this year. Alternatively, here is a link to the website, which provides more detail: [http://www.bris.ac.uk/clinical-sciences/seminars/socs-research-seminars.html](http://www.bris.ac.uk/clinical-sciences/seminars/socs-research-seminars.html)
Please do make an effort to attend them as we hope they will be informative and inspirational to all staff and students in the School and also to those from other departments.

RDS Residential Research Retreat 2014

- Do you have a great idea for a research project?
- Do you need to apply for significant research funding?
- Do you need a sustained period of quality time with dedicated support to develop your research project?

The Research Design Service South West is offering a unique opportunity to researchers in health and health care across the South West of England. The Residential Research Retreat provides an opportunity for research teams to develop high quality research proposals suitable for submission to national peer-reviewed funding schemes. The aim of the Retreat is to provide the environment and support to promote rapid progress in developing proposals over a relatively short time period.

This Research Retreat is open to health professionals and academic partners working within the South West. Your team could win a place on the Retreat, which will be held at the Ammerdown Conference Centre, near Bath in Somerset from 1 - 6 June 2014 inclusive.

Visit the Residential Research Retreat webpages at: www.rds-sw.nihr.ac.uk/rrr.htm to find out more, or contact Russell Holloway, Knowledge Manager, Research Design Service South West, on: Tel: 01823 342792 / Fax: 01823 342780 Web: www.rds-sw.nihr.ac.uk

Short courses

The School of Social and Community Medicine provides a programme of high quality short courses covering a range of health services research, biostatistics, human genetics, health protection and epidemiological research methods. They are aimed at university staff and post-graduate students, public health specialists, health-care professionals and members of the pharmaceutical and medical device industry. Please visit the short course website for further information about the courses and how to book: http://www.bris.ac.uk/social-community-medicine/shortcourse

Register now - Stratified Medicine funding opportunity partnering event

Funding and Partnership Opportunities
Stratified Medicine in Non-Cancerous Conditions Event

Date: Tuesday 01 April 2014, 10:00 -16:30
Venue: BIS Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET

I am pleased to invite you to an event exploring funding and partnership opportunities for stratified medicine in non-cancerous conditions.
The event will be hosted by the Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) Programme and the National Institute for Health Research Office for Clinical Research Infrastructure (NOCRI).

This event will provide a unique opportunity to understand more about the new EME funding call in stratified medicine in non-cancerous conditions. The agenda will give you the chance to hear industry experience of working with researchers and NHS, and researcher perspectives on partnering to take advantage of EME funding awards. There will be opportunities for one-to-one meetings with potential partners, to establish collaborations and take your funding application forward, as well as meeting with members of the EME Programme.

Register on-line. Places are limited and we expected to be booked up quickly.

Why attend:
• To understand more about the EME funding call for stratified medicine in non-cancerous conditions
• To develop collaborations with industry partners in order to produce strong applications for EME funding

The agenda will include:
• Experience of large, medium and small industry organisations working with the NHS and researchers
• Collaborative working with the EME Programme and industry
• Accessing funding though the EME Programme commissioned call

Who should attend:
• Academic researchers and clinicians working in the field of stratified medicine in non-cancerous conditions
• Directors and senior members of SMEs and R&D Directors or Business Development Directors in medium/large organisations in the field

Call Eligibility:
• The lead applicant and lead organisation must be based in the UK
• If a company is leading the application, a UK base is required (UK head-quarters not required)
• Co-applicants may be based outside the UK
• The study must be relevant to and a priority for the UK population
• For more information on eligibility please read the EME FAQ.

Please book on line. Places are limited so early booking is advised. A fee of £39 will be charged to cover venue costs.

For further information on this funding call, please contact: Dr Lisa Douet, Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) Programme, e-mail: info@eme.ac.uk, telephone: 023 8059 4303.

New funding opportunity for pre-eclampsia, with the Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) Programme

The EME Programme is accepting applications to its commissioned workstream for the following topic:
• Tests for assessing the risk of pre-eclampsia - closes 3 March 2014

What to do next

Step 1: Register for the webinar to learn more about the call
• Tests for assessing the risk of pre-eclampsia - 30 January 2014, 15:00-15:45

Step 2: Read the EME Programme remit and the commissioning brief to check if your innovation fits.
Step 3: Watch our tips for success video for advice on making an application
Step 4: Collaborate and plan - successful EME applications generally involve strong collaborations between an academic unit and/or NHS organisation and/or industry. We would encourage you to build a strong team and start to prepare your bid with them using your combined expertise. Develop new partnerships by attending our stratified medicine event (see below).
Other funding opportunities

If your proposal doesn’t fit these specific topics, please review our other commissioned calls or you may wish to consider applying through our researcher-led work stream.

SAVE THE DATE: 2014 Annual 'Diabesity' Symposium

Professor Jonathan Pinkney will be hosting the annual ‘Diabesity’ Symposium on Thursday 22 May, 08:45 – 16:00 in the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Derriford Hospital, Plymouth

Title: “New directions in managing Obesity and Diabetes”

Confirmed guest speakers include:

- Jane Blazeby, Professor of Surgery University of Bristol – ‘Byband’
- Sharad Taheri, Consultant Physician and Clinical Lecturer – ‘non-surgical aspects of bariatric management, and physician’s role in bariatric surgical pathways’
- Ray Jones, Professor of Health Infomatics, Plymouth University – current developments in health informatics
- Emily Ashurst, E-Health Research Assistant Plymouth University – use of apps and related technology in diabetes management
- Julie Parsons, Lecturer in Sociology of Health and Illness, Plymouth University – 'Reset to normal', an exploration of narrative accounts of WLS
- Sally Norton, Consultant Surgeon, North Bristol NHS Trust – ‘apps for bariatric follow-up’

Registration

To register online please go to: estore will be available shortly

If you would like to attend please register by email to Kerry Godley-McAvoy: k.godley-mcavoy@nhs.net T: 01752 763498

Fees:

Standard Fee: £90.00
PCMD and dependent NHS Trusts: £60.00
Nurses & Dieticians: £40.00
Students: £20.00

Cheques are payable to: Peninsula College of Medicine & Dentistry
Invoice option also available

http://www.earlybirddiabetes.org/
**Invitation to the Launch Event of the Bristol Centre for Surgical Research**

You are invited to attend the **Bristol Centre for Surgical Research Launch Event on Friday 28 March 2014** - this promises to be an exciting opportunity to bring together surgeons, trialists, surgical trainees and all those interested in evidence-based surgery with a focus on **more and better trials in surgery**.

There has been a recent change in culture towards surgical research. We need your help to reach the crucial tipping point, where RCTs are seen as the norm and all patients have the opportunity to participate.

The schedule for the day includes inspirational speakers in the morning followed by a 'Dragons' Den' style presentation of real trial ideas in the afternoon, with audience interaction. There will be time for networking and drinks.

Please complete the on-line registration to save a place - **details can be found at: bristol.ac.uk/surgical-research/events**

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**5. Grants & Upcoming Awards**

**Research Funding for Nurses, Midwives and AHPs**

Competitions for NIHR / HEE Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowships, Clinical Lectureships and Senior Clinical Lectureships have recently opened.

Further information is available on the NIHR TCC website: [http://www.nihrtcc.nhs.uk/cat/](http://www.nihrtcc.nhs.uk/cat/)

Please contact Dr Mal Palin, Programme Manager, NIHR, if you have any queries pertaining to the details of these schemes: Email: mal.palin@nihrtcc.org.uk Tel: 0113 346 6267 Fax: 0113 346 6272 Website: [www.nihrtcc.nhs.uk](http://www.nihrtcc.nhs.uk)

**Grant Applications Workshop April 2014 - deadline approaching!**

- Are you thinking of applying for a research grant?
- Would you like guidance on improving your chances of success at getting funded?

The Grant Applications Workshop, run by the Research Design Service South West, is designed to help you make your application as persuasive as possible. This **free** one-day workshop will next be held on Tuesday 01 April 2014 at Taunton Racecourse, Somerset.

The **deadline** for applications at 1pm Monday 3 March 2014, is **fast approaching**. You can find out more about the workshop and the application process on our website at: [www.rds-sw.nihr.ac.uk/gaw.htm](http://www.rds-sw.nihr.ac.uk/gaw.htm)

**Reporting requirements for NIHR grants**

**A reminder for NIHR grant-holders:** NIHR now requires all research outputs to be reported through “Researchfish”. What wasn’t perhaps clear is that failure to do this within the deadline triggers an automatic response threatening to withhold grant payments. It is written into the contracts of all our grants that we have to comply with NIHR reporting requirements when asked to do so – what was not perhaps clear is that reporting via “Researchfish” forms part of this contractual requirement.”
Round 3 of the NIHR New Media Competition has launched!

Round 3 of the NIHR New Media Competition has launched. If you are involved in NIHR Research (as a researcher, a patient or a member of the public) and are interested in communicating this research, then you may like to enter the NIHR New Media Competition.

Please click here for further detail: http://www.nihrtcc.nhs.uk/NIHRNewMediaCompetition/

If you have any questions about this competition, please send an email to: comms@nihrtcc.org.uk

The Deadline for submissions is: midnight on 30 March 2014.

Please click here for Previous Winners

The Elizabeth Blackwell Institute for Health Research
Funding opportunities

I am very pleased to announce that the EBI has been recently been awarded a third year of funding from the Wellcome Trust to continue its work at the University of Bristol. This means that all of our funding schemes will run again this year. For more information on these schemes, including any changes to our criteria and application deadlines, please go to the EBI website:

http://www.bris.ac.uk/blackwell/funding/

This year we are particularly interested to hear from you if you have ideas around building new interdisciplinary collaborations across two or more faculties, and which will address major questions in health research. We will support the best ideas by bringing these communities together and providing pump priming (‘Catalyst’) funds if necessary.

We will also be running a ‘Clinical Pull’ programme this year in which we will first identify a number of specific problems faced by the clinical community before then identifying research groups within UoB that have the expertise to find a solution to the problem. The launch of this scheme will be announced in the near future.

Our Clinical Primer and EBI Early Career Fellowship schemes will be announced over the next month. Indeed, when each of our schemes is opened, you will receive an email via your School Managers and/or Research Themes. Keep your eyes peeled!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask Lars Sundstrom (L.Sundstrom@bristol.ac.uk), Nina Couzin (Nina.Couzin@bristol.ac.uk) or myself (J.Tavare@bristol.ac.uk). We are keen to hear from you and work with you!

Elizabeth Blackwell Institute launches funding scheme

The Elizabeth Blackwell Institute for Health Research at the University of Bristol has launched a ‘Research for Health’ funding scheme.

They are inviting doctors, nurses and allied health professionals to tell them about specific issues that they face whilst treating patients on a day-to-day basis. Whether the problem affects large numbers of patients or has a high impact on a smaller number, they are keen to hear from you.
They have been awarded Wellcome Trust funding to facilitate collaborative working and ensure their research is steered and informed by practice. This funding will enable them to work in partnership with clinicians and other health professionals to develop solutions to current problems.

If you would like to register your interest in the scheme please send an email to Lisa.Wheatley@Bristol.ac.uk or call Lisa on 07875 077715 to find out more. Download the scheme's flyer, or for detailed guidance notes and an application form visit the Elizabeth Blackwell Institute website.

6. Training & Employment Opportunities

HRA TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE
FOR HRA MEMBERS AND THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

For a complete list of our training days please visit the HRA Training webpage.

Research Involving the Disadvantaged and Vulnerable: a workshop for researchers and reviewers

We have recently added a new training day - Research Involving the Disadvantaged and Vulnerable. This will take place in London on 25 March 2014. This workshop will help delegates understand vulnerability and its consequences for REC review as well as explore research involving particular vulnerable groups including the disadvantaged, children’s palliative care and patients with mental health problems. Online booking is available on the HRA training booking system. The programme is being finalised and will be available online shortly.

Western CLRN GCP Training Courses 2014

GCP training

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Places to be booked via NIHR LMS.

Please contact Donna Burnham, Training & Education Administrator, Western CLRN for further information.
Telephone: 0117 342 1376 email: donnaburnham@nhs.net

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