

January 2017

Welcome to this edition of the R&I Monthly E-bulletin. If you have an item to add to the February bulletin please email it to catherine.down@UH Bristol.nhs.uk by Mon 30th January 2017



This month's message from Jake Harley

Firstly, Happy New Year from everyone in R&I! For the first e-bulletin of 2017, we thought it would be a good opportunity to look back at what we've achieved over the last 12 months as a research community at UH Bristol. In 2016....

- 208 members of our staff supported our investigators to deliver research in the Trust
- we approved 181 new research studies
- we recruited 5,063 patients into research studies
- we had 584 studies open to recruitment
- we, in partnership with the University of Bristol, were awarded an NIHR Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) grant of £21 million, which doubles our funding for translational research

As always, a huge thank you goes out to all our investigators, research teams and staff supporting research across the Trust, for their continued hard work and commitment in making UH Bristol an organisation where research can thrive and can be considered part of the Trust's core business. As we are all aware the NHS is under increasing pressure and our performance, including research, is under closer scrutiny so your efforts are always appreciated. We're all looking forward to building on the past 12 months and a successful 2017.

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1. R&I News

HRA REC reviews – Registration of Tissue banks/Biobanks (RTBs)

Human tissue samples are collected by various researchers and biobanks across the UK. However, researchers intending to undertake research into human conditions are often hampered by an inability to find suitable samples. The UKCRC Tissue Director and Coordination centre was established to coordinate bio-banking activity in the UK. Its flagship product is the directory of biobanks that allows researchers to find biobanks across the UK. In order to make it easier for researchers to find suitable samples, and to maximise the re-use of samples provided by patients, it has now been agreed across the UK that, when applications for REC review of RTBs are made, it will be a condition of the REC favourable opinion that RTBs are registered in the UKCRC Research Tissue Directory.

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The Joint Clinical Research Unit has relocated

The Joint Clinical Research unit has been part of the old building for many years but has

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now relocated to the MSRU Zone B, 501 (KEB Level 5)

The Joint Clinical Research unit has been renamed to be the Medical Research Team and are now co-located with the Surgical Research Team; their department is called the Medical and Surgical Research Unit.

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For more news and R&I information visit the website – [click here](#)

NIHR CRN West of England

For more information visit the website – [Click here](#)

NIHR Bristol Nutrition BRU

Latest news – [click here](#)

CLAHRC West newsletter

Latest news – [click here](#)

Research Design Service South West e-bulletin

Latest e-bulletin – [click here](#)

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Bristol Health Partners

BHP news – [click here](#)

West of England AHSN

News and views – [click here](#) and latest news letter – [click here](#)

People & Research West of England (PHWE)

Latest newsflash – [click here](#)

EQUATOR Network news

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UWE Bristol News

Dementia Research – [click here](#)

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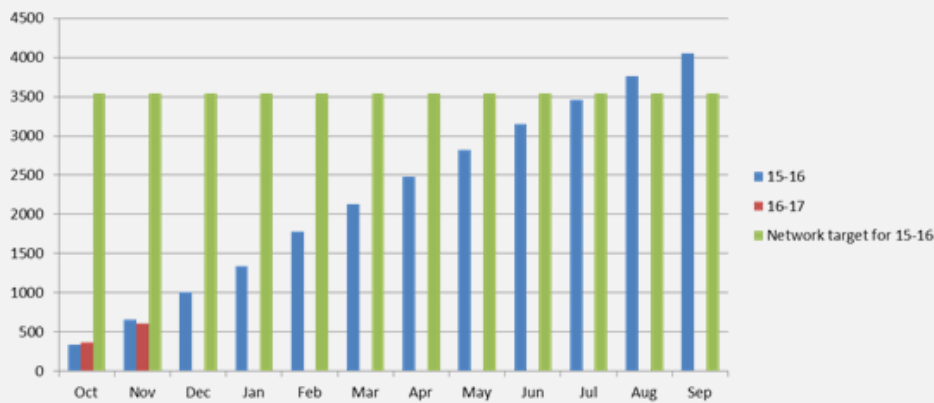
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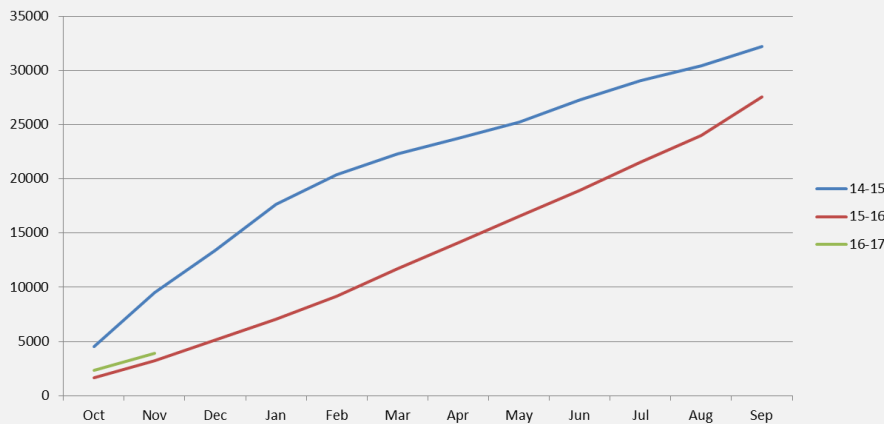
Cumulative Recruitment in Commercial and Non Commercial NIHR studies



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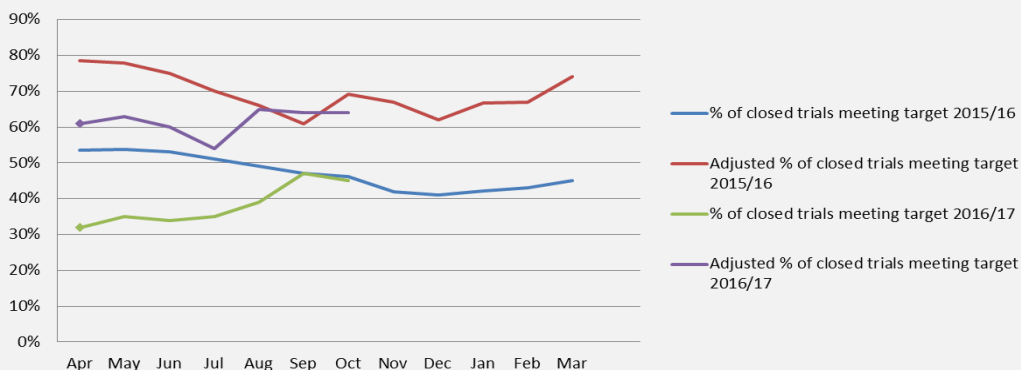
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Cumulative Weighted Recruitment to date 16/17 compared to 15/16 and 14/15



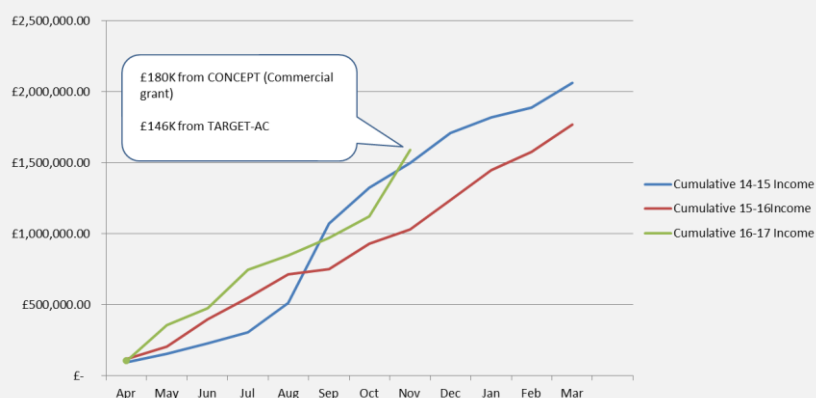
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Percentage of commercial clinical trials closed to recruitment during the reporting period meeting time to target



This data is taken from EDGE on a rolling 12 months basis. Latest figures therefore show number of clinical trials closed to recruitment in reporting period between 01/12/2015 and 30/11/2016 meeting time to target (i.e. the preceding 12 months). The adjusted line excludes trials where recruitment to target cannot be influenced locally (e.g. very rare patient group where we may not see any patients at all or follow-on/extension trials) and where the defined recruitment window was closed earlier than the date provided in the contract.

Monthly Commercial Research Income



Actual income data derived from monthly reports provided by finance on value of invoices raised.

3. Celebrating Successes

Liberate trial – thank you surgical research team

The end of 2016 saw the closure of the recruitment window for the LIBERATE trial, an international commercial trial assessing the Pulmonx Endobronchial Valve (EBV), which is designed to reduce the volume of the lung and used to treat patients with Emphysema. UH Bristol, led by Dr Nabil Jarad, Mr Tim Batchelor and the Surgical Research Team, were one of only 3 sites selected to participate in the trial, and a huge effort has gone in to screening over 70 patients. 12 patients were consented to take part over a 12 month period, however with the strict inclusion/exclusion criteria and detailed screening period, 4 patients went on to have a trial related bronchoscopy procedure and 2 progressed to be randomised.

Special credit goes to Katy Tucker, Catherine O'Donovan, Karen Bobruk and Becky Houlihan of the Surgical Research Team for their hard work and commitment in delivering this trial. Their effort has been internationally acknowledged by Pulmonx.

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5. Grants & Upcoming Awards

Workshop: Above and Beyond (A&B) and Research Capability Funding (RCF) grants.

The next call for submission of A&B/RCF grant applications will be in April 2017. We are running workshops aimed at anyone who is planning to apply for one of these grants (up to £20,00) or those who would like to know more about the scheme.

These sessions are open to any medical or non-medical UH Bristol employee or university academic holding an honorary contract with UH Bristol. University academics considering an application are strongly encouraged to do so in collaboration with UHBristol clinicians.

Workshop content includes:

- how to complete the application form
- how to set up and manage an A&B or RCF grant
- who to contact for support at each stage of the process

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- how to identify eligible costs

Workshop dates:

Date/Time Venue: Research & Innovation, Education & Research Centre, UHBristol

- Wednesday, 15 February 2017 08:00-09:00 BRU Nutrition Seminar Room [Book a place](#)

-Tuesday, 21 February 2017 08:00-09:00 Tutorial Room 6 [Book a place](#)

-Wednesday, 22 February 2017 13:00-14:00 BRU Nutrition Seminar Room [Book a place](#)

Places are limited so please book in advance using the links above or by emailing funding@uhbristol.ac.uk

For further information about these grants, please contact funding@uhbristol.ac.uk or [visit the website](#)

Graham Bull prize and Goulstonian lecture award

Closing date 31 March

The award is open to RCP members and fellows who must apply for their own work to be considered. The Graham Bull prize was established in 1988 in honour of Sir Graham Bull, who was the first director of the Clinical Research Centre at Northwick Park. A trust was set up to provide money for young research workers under the age of 45 who feel that they have made a major contribution to clinical science, such as molecular and cellular biology, psychiatry or health sciences. The winner will be invited to deliver the Goulstonian lecture, an annual lecture endowed in 1635 by Ellen Goulston in memory of her husband, Dr Theodore Goulston FRCP; and win £1,000, which is offered on a competitive basis each year.

Who can apply?

Researchers must be under the age of 45 on the application closing date*, and must be a member or fellow of the RCP London. *as per the terms of the original bequest

For more information, or to apply please visit the website [here](#)

The Spring 2017 call for Joint University Hospitals Bristol (UHBristol) Research Capability Funding (RCF) and Above and Beyond grant call is now open

Deadline: 09:00, Thursday, 13 April 2017

UHBristol Research Capability Funding (RCF)

Research Capability Funding (RCF) is awarded annually to UHBristol by the NIHR based on our NIHR grant income. RCF is used to help NHS organisations attract, develop and retain high quality research active staff. The call is now open for UHBristol RCF funded grants, of up to £20,000, that can be used to:

- a) Fund Research Sessions/PAs (for medical and non-medical staff) to allow time to prepare NIHR research grant applications; and/or
- b) Fund the generation of preliminary or underpinning data to support an NIHR application; a “pump-priming” grant

Above and Beyond

Above and Beyond generously allocate funds to research in UHBristol, and the call is now open for Above and Beyond research grants (up to £20,000). These grants aim to promote high quality biomedical research in UHBristol. Applications are welcomed from any medical or non-medical UHBristol employee, or university academic (Universities of Bristol and the West of England) holding an honorary contract with UHBristol.

Please note: for the 2017 grant calls, the emphasis will be on pump-priming NIHR grants

Application forms and full guidance notes for both RCF and Above and Beyond grants are available [on our website - click here](#)

Or contact: funding@uhbristol.nhs.uk Tel: 0117 342 0228/0585

Funding Finder

The West of England Academic Health Science Network Innovation Funding Bulletin

For funding opportunities [click here](#)



NIHR Funding Opportunities

For the latest funding opportunities – [click here](#)



5. Training & Employment Opportunities

How to win at twitter

Date: Tuesday 21 February 2017

Location: Whitefriars, Bristol

This course will teach setting up and managing your Twitter account, how to find people tweeting on things that interest you, how to improve follower numbers, how to reach more influencers when you tweet.

For more information please [click here](#)



Writing for a lay audience

Date: Tuesday 28 February 2017

Location: Whitefriars, Bristol

This course will teach you the fundamentals of writing for a lay audience, including; focusing on key messages, putting yourself in your audience's shoes, cutting your word count, words and phrases to avoid using active language.

For more information please [click here](#)



Health Education England now accepting funding applications for MSc in genomic medicine

The Masters in Genomic Medicine has proved particularly popular and Health Education England (HEE) have extended the allocation of funded places for the Masters programme, Postgraduate Diplomas and Certificates.

Funded places are still available to take individual modules as continuous personal and professional development (CPPD) without the formal academic assessment process. Please be aware that many of the modules only run once an academic year and to ensure a university place and HEE funding you need to plan and apply in 2016 or in early 2017 at the latest to secure a place.

If you have had a funding application approved, this can still be used to apply for a spring 2017 intake at any university offering a second intake in 2016/17 which includes the [University of Exeter with Bristol Delivery](#)

The GMC is keen to support individual applications and assist with smoothing the

application process for both the funding and the university, so please can any applicants contact the co-chair of workforce development [Professor Aniko Varadi](#) or the education lead for WEGMC [Mel Watson](#). This will ensure that applications are received and acted upon within the appropriate time-frames.

Please keep an eye on the [WEGMC website](#) for further updates and you can also sign up for [news updates](#) from the Genomics Education Programme website.

Whole Genome Sequencing – sign up now for free three week online course from Health Education England.

Enrolment is now open for Health Education England's free three week online course on 'Whole Genome Sequencing: Decoding the language of life and health'.

The course is for healthcare professionals who have limited or no understanding of the sequencing process and for science undergraduates and non-specialists who want to learn more about sequencing, genomic medicine and what it could mean for the future of healthcare.

The **start date for the course is 23 January 2017**.

For more information on more genomic medicine education and training opportunities, please visit the [WEGMC website](#).

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