

## April 2017

Welcome to this edition of the R&I monthly e-bulletin. If you have an item to add to the next bulletin, please [email us](#) by Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

### International Clinical Trials Day 2017

A week of events from 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May

International Clinical Trials (ICT) Day takes place on or around 20<sup>th</sup> May every year. This year UHBristol will celebrate ICT Day, with a week of research unit led events taking place all over the Trust. There will be displays held at various sites across our hospitals, providing patients, visitors and staff with information about the research taking place in those specialty areas. We will be showcasing how research at UHBristol has led to change in practice. Check back to our [website](#) for more information.

The NIHR have launched a new national campaign: [I Am Research](#).

'I Am Research' follows in the footsteps of OK to Ask, which has helped to raise the profile of clinical research in the NHS over the last 4 years.

I Am Research 2017 will focus on:

- promoting the benefits of clinical research through social media, press and events
- signposting people to the [UK Clinical Trials Gateway website](#) which enables people to find clinical studies of interest to them locally and nationally
- promoting Theatre of Debate 2017 - this event will screen a short film "People Are Messy", which explores clinical research from the perspective of a participant. There are ten screenings taking place around the country which will provide a focal point for local clinical research activity – visit the [I Am Research](#) page to find out more.



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## People & Research West of England (PHWE)

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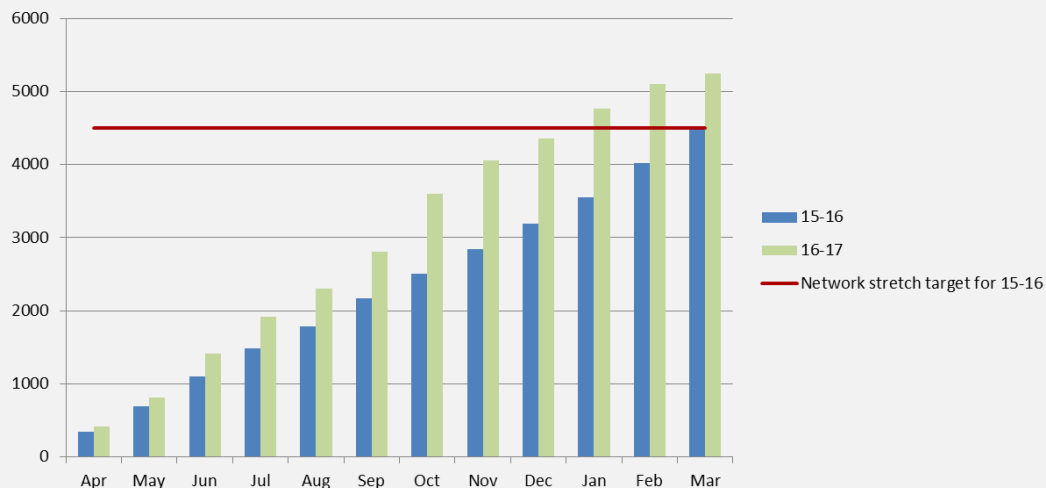
## Childrens Burn's Research Centre

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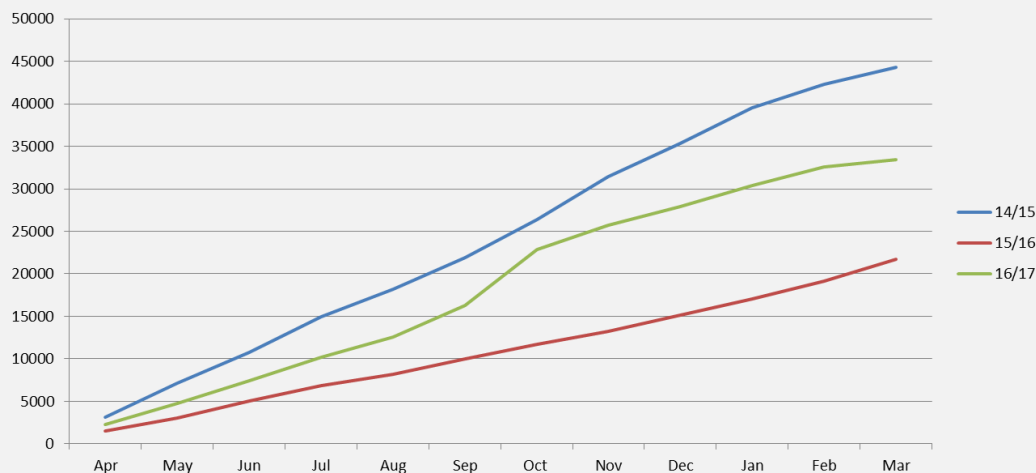
## 2. UHBristol Performance

### Cumulative Recruitment in Commercial and Non Commercial NIHR studies



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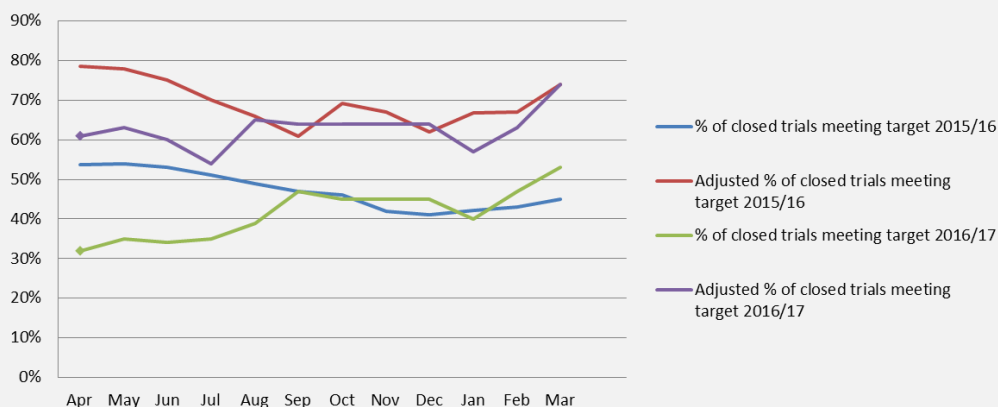
### Cumulative Weighted Recruitment to date 16/17 compared to 15/16 and 14/15



This data is extracted from the NIHR portfolio report which issued with a 4 week lag of data.

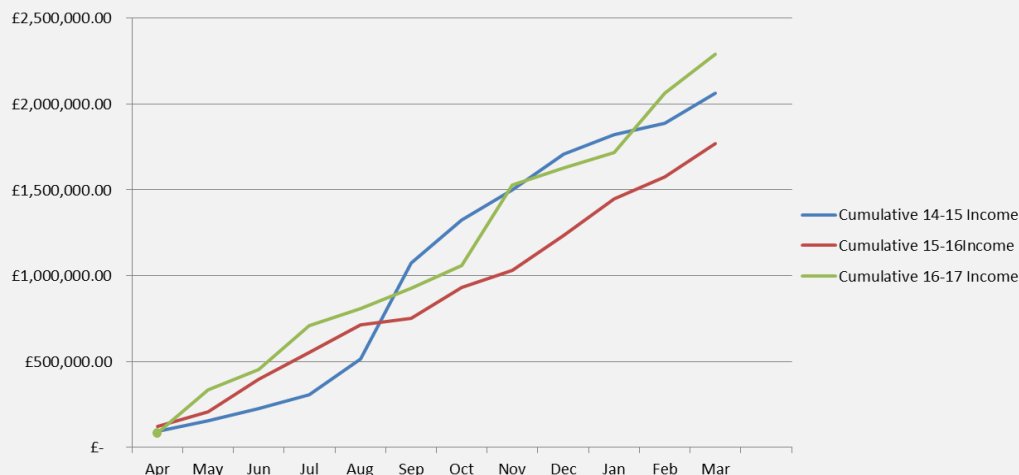


## Percentage of commercial clinical trials closed to recruitment during the reporting period meeting time to target



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 01/03/2016 and 28/02/2017 meeting time to target (i.e. the preceding 12 months). The adjusted line excludes trials where recruitment to target is 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

### UHBristol selected as a Clinical Trials Accelerator Platform (CTAP) Centre site within the South West CF Network

The Trust are delighted to announce that it has been selected as a CF Clinical Trials Accelerator Platform Site, funded by the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, to become a lead centre within the South West CF Network alongside Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. This is initially a paediatric collaboration and the Trials Accelerator Trial Co-Ordinator post-holder will be firmly supported within the Paediatric CF team and the W&C Division Research unit.

The Clinical Trials Accelerator Platform is a UK-wide initiative to bring together cystic fibrosis (CF) centres, to increase participation and improve delivery of and equity of access to CF clinical trials in the UK. The centres will collectively lead in the delivery of high-impact clinical trials.

To find out more, please visit: <https://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/the-work-we-do/clinical-trials/clinical-trials-accelerator-platform>

## UHBristol has formally been selected as one of ten funded IMPACT centres in the UK

IMPACT (the partnership for accelerated clinical trials funded by Anthony Nolan, Leuka and NHSBT) is a hugely exciting development for clinical research in stem cell transplantation in the UK, with the potential to transform ability to deliver prospective clinical trials across all fields of stem cell transplantation and vitally improve outcome for transplant patients. Selection comes with a grant to fund an IMPACT research nurse for a four year pilot period. Bone Marrow Transplant Consultant, Stephen Robinson, will act as the Principal Investigator for IMPACT activities at UHBristol supported by the BHOC Clinical Trials Unit and appointed IMPACT research nurse.

## W&C Research Unit are leading UK enrolment in global study

Lead recruiters in UK to a clinical trial looking at the treatment of children and young people with Osteogenesis Imperfecta.

The Women's & Children's Division Research Unit has successfully enrolled the first two global recruits into the younger age cohort within a research trial of Denosumab in children with Osteogenesis Imperfecta. In this trial exploring a new therapy in paediatrics, the Bristol site screened the first UK patient for this trial and leads the UK sites on recruitment. The trial is led by Dr Christine Burren and Dr John Barton, in the Bristol Complex Childhood Osteogenesis Imperfecta Service, a service commissioned by NHS England.

For information please contact Rachel Helyer and Camilla Ballin, Research Nurses, on 0117 342 0196 <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02352753>

## BHOC are the highest recruiting centre for the colorectal cohort for Add Aspirin

Add Aspirin is a study looking to discover whether taking aspirin regularly after treatment for early stage Breast, Colorectal, Gastro-oesophageal and Prostate cancer stops or delays the cancer coming back.

It is a nationally run study, of which our Trust is one of 150 centres open to recruitment with another 41 due to open soon.

Clinical Trials Unit research staff Verity Henson and Seonaid Wright work proactively recruiting and managing patients on the study at Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre, with Dr Axel Walther as Principal Investigator.

Following recent information from the Study's Steering Committee Group with regard to accrual, we are delighted that we are currently the highest recruiting centre for the Colorectal cohort of the study, and are currently ranked third highest for overall recruitment nationally.

## Two Health Integration Teams responsible for £340,000 savings annually

Two Health Integration Teams (HITs) are responsible for £340,000 annual savings in the city's two acute trusts, through changes to services and care pathways. 'Bristol Bones and Joints HIT' and 'Improving Care in Self-Harm HIT (STITCH)'. Read more – [click here](#)

## 4. Grants & Upcoming Awards

### NIHR funding alert

The following new funding opportunities are available:

- Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme - An NIHR and MRC Partnership
- Health Technology Assessment Programme
- Research for Patient Benefit Programme

Find out more – [click here](#)



### Are you planning to submit a grant application to NIHR?

The Research Design Service is holding oneday events aimed at helping you to improve your chances of success. These will be held on:

**Thursday 27 April 2017** - University of Bristol

**Wednesday 28 June 2017** - Bournemouth University

The **morning seminar session** is open to anyone to come and hear Simon Goodwin, RfPB Programme Manager for the South West, and RDS advisers give presentations on what makes a good grant proposal.

The **afternoon support session** of one-to-one appointments is for those who would like to discuss their own proposal with Simon and/or an RDS adviser.

Registration is **FREE** and lunch will be provided. **Places are limited** and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. [Find out more and register](#)

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### Residential grant writing retreat

**Monday 4 September to Friday 8 September 2017**

Dillington House – near Ilminster, Somerset

The Research Design Services South West (RDS SW) and South Central (RDS SC) are delighted to offer a unique opportunity to researchers in health and social care across their regions. The Residential Grant Writing Retreat provides an opportunity for research teams to make rapid progress over a relatively short period of time toward high quality research proposals suitable for submission to national peer-reviewed funding streams. Participating teams will enjoy protected time dedicated to the development of their research proposals away from the distractions of their workplace, expert help and support from RDS adviser staff and the experience of working as part of a professional research team.

The Retreat is open to health, public health and social care practitioners and academic partners working within the areas covered by RDS SW and RDS SC.

Researchers who have attended this retreat have gone on to have notable success. Further information can be found here: <http://www.rds-sw.nihr.ac.uk/rgwr.htm>

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### Funding Finder

The West of England Academic Health Science Network Innovation Funding Bulletin

For funding opportunities [click here](#)



## Research for Health Challenge Elizabeth Blackwell Institute launches challenge call

Do you work with patients? Have you got a healthcare challenge that you think could be solved through research?

This is a challenge led scheme where we consult with healthcare workers, managers & commissioners to collect information about problems they encounter in their practice that could potentially be solved via innovative research at University of Bristol.

Deadline for challenges is **9am on 24 May**.

More information – [click here](#)

If you would like to register your interest in the scheme please email [Lisa.King@Bristol.ac.uk](mailto:Lisa.King@Bristol.ac.uk) or call Lisa on 07875 077715 to find out more.



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## 5. Events

### Women's & Children's Research Unit Events

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May

#### Reproductive Health Research presentation

Where: Meeting room, Level C, St Michael's Hospital

Time: 09:30 - 12:00

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May

#### Children's Research presentation

Where: Lecture Theatre 1, Education Centre, Upper Maudlin Street

Time: 14:15 - 16:30

Open to: all Trust staff (no booking required, drop in encouraged)



### Who provides what dementia services in Bristol and South Gloucestershire

**Thursday 18 May 2017** 12:00 to 13:30 – Lecture Theatre, Learning & Research building, Southmead Hospital, Bristol, BS10 5NB

Are you unsure who provides what services for people living with dementia in Bristol and South Gloucestershire? If so, this is an opportunity to find out what services are available. You will also have the chance to ask questions about the services.

There will be presentations which in total will last around 50 minutes from the following people about the dementia services available;

- Lynn Cross (Alzheimer's Society Services Manager for South Gloucestershire)
- Paul Frisby (Partnership Manager for South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group)
- Paul Knocker (Service Manager for Bristol Dementia Wellbeing Service)
- Paula Shears (Alzheimer's Society Services Manager for Bristol)
- Sue Jaques (Commissioning Manager Children, Adults & Health for South Gloucestershire Council)

Following these presentations there will be approximately 30 minutes for you to ask the presenters any questions you may have. Please note we will not be providing refreshments at the event so as to keep it free, however, there is a café within the Learning & Research centre, and other cafés nearby in the Brain Centre and Brunel building if you wish to purchase refreshments prior to or following the event.

Register for this event – [click here](#)

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