

## July 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 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

### Student nurses in research

University Hospitals Bristol now offers second year adult and paediatric nursing students a seven week placement in our research teams. These give students the opportunity to work alongside research nurses, experience the reality of research and see how we support and care for patients throughout the research process. It has proven to be a valuable experience for both students and research teams alike.

Kate Edmett, the first nursing student on this placement, said "Prior to this placement I did not know the role of the research nurse and how important it is for future professional nursing as well continuing to improve every aspect of patients' care. I think every student would benefit from having a placement in research."

This opportunity not only provides undergraduate nurses exposure to research early in their professional career, but it also makes UHBristol an attractive place in which to learn and work. The research teams are developing their mentoring skills and the students make evidence based practice a reality. Their time spent in a research environment develops an understanding which influences their future clinical placements.

We would like to recognise the hard work undertaken by all involved and look forward to an increased number of student nurses working alongside our teams in the coming months and years.



*This month's message from*  
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## 1. News

### Research Design Service South West e-bulletin


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## West of England AHSN

News and views – [click here](#)



## People in Health West of England (PHWE)

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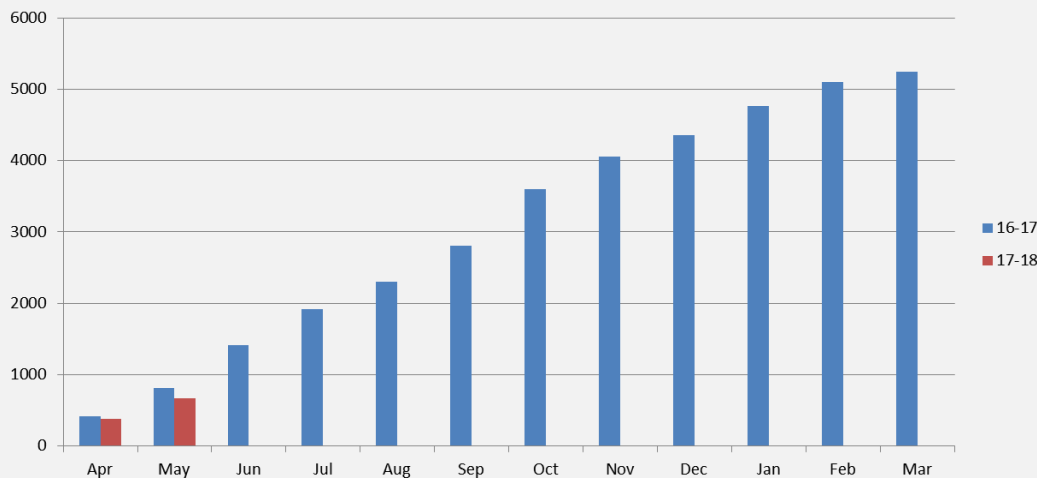
## Children's Burns Research Centre

Latest newsletter – [click here](#)



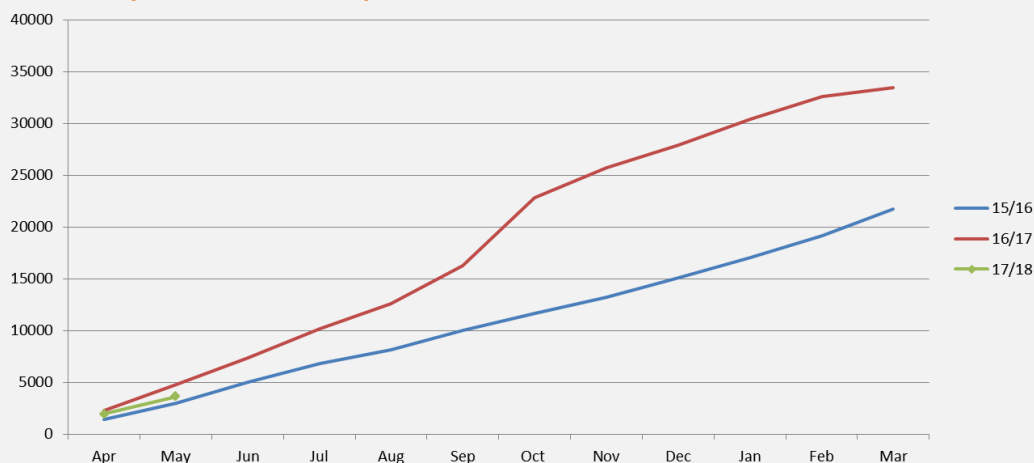
## 2. UHBristol Performance

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



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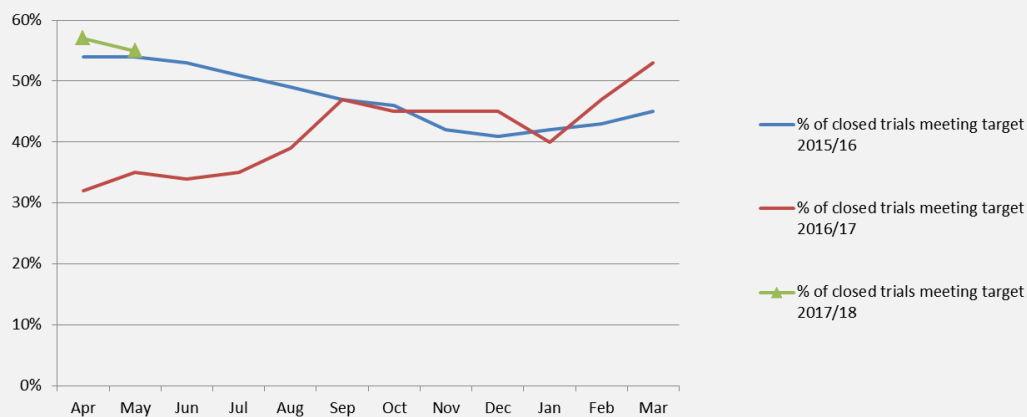
### Cumulative Weighted Recruitment to date 2017/18 compared to 2016/17 and 2015/16



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

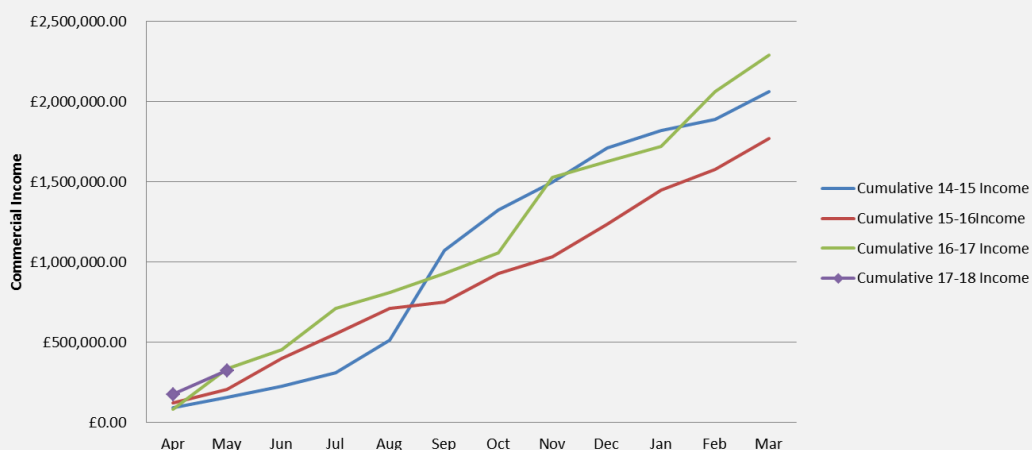


## Percentage of commercial clinical trials closed to recruitment during the reporting period meeting time to target



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 01/06/2016 and 31/05/2017 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 – Cumulative Commercial Income



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

## 3. Celebrating Successes

### BHOC CTU – CheckMate -238 trial

The Phase 3 CheckMate -238 trial has met its primary endpoint at a planned interim analysis. Trial sponsor Bristol-Myers Squibb have advised, in the study, Opdivo 3 mg/kg demonstrated superior recurrence-free survival (RFS) compared to Yervoy 10 mg/kg in patients with stage IIIb or stage IV melanoma who are at high risk of recurrence following complete surgical resection, an adjuvant setting.

This is important news for the oncology community because, despite surgical intervention and new treatment options, many of these patients still experience disease recurrence.

Congratulations to the UHBristol BHOC CTU team who recruited 4 patients to the trial. (PI: Dr Chris Herbert)

Full press release on the topline results on the Bristol-Myers Squibb [website](#).

## BHOC – first to recruit globally for 'A Study of CYP-001 for the Treatment of Steroid-Resistant Acute Graft Versus Host Disease'

Congratulations to BHOC CTU team on being the first to recruit globally for 'A Study of CYP-001 for the Treatment of Steroid-Resistant Acute Graft Versus Host Disease'.

Principal Investigator, Dr James Griffin said; "Cellular therapies are an exciting area of research in haematological malignancy and BMT. This trial is an excellent example of working with industry, NHS Blood and Transplant and multiple areas within the hospital to ensure groundbreaking treatment can be safely delivered to our patients."

## F2304 JIA trial – Women' and Children's research

Congratulations to the Women's and Children's team on achieving the first UK patient to be baselined on the F2304 JIA trial (for children with arthritis) and the third patient on the trial globally. This is a huge achievement on an important study for this patient population. (Principal Investigator – Prof. Ramanan)

## 4. Grants & Upcoming Awards

### The Autumn 2017 joint call for University Hospitals Bristol Research Capability Funding and Above and Beyond grants is now open

#### [UH Bristol 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](#).

Deadline: **09:00, Wednesday 25 October 2017**

Please read the guidance and then contact Caroline Nash or Elinor Griffiths: 0117 342 0228/0585 Email: [funding@uhbristol.nhs.uk](mailto:funding@uhbristol.nhs.uk)

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

The next deadline for submission of A&B/RCF grant applications will be in October 2017. We are running workshops aimed at anyone who is planning to apply for one of these grants (up to £20,000) 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
- how to identify eligible costs

Venue: **Research & Innovation, Education & Research Centre, UHBristol**

Workshop dates:

- **Tuesday 5 September, 2017** 08:00-09:00 Tutorial Room 3 [Book a place](#)
- **Tuesday 12 September, 2017** 08:00-09:00 Tutorial Room 6 [Book a place](#)
- **Thursday 14 September, 2017** 13:00-14:00 Tutorial Room 6 [Book a place](#)

Places are limited so please book in advance using the links above or by emailing [funding@uhbristol.ac.uk](mailto:funding@uhbristol.ac.uk)

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

## NIHR Senior Investigator Competition 11

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual NIHR Senior Investigators competition has now opened.

NIHR Senior Investigators are fundamental to the NIHR Faculty and include some of the country's foremost researchers, making an outstanding contribution to clinical and applied health and social care research. At present, there are 200 NIHR Senior Investigators. The intention is to maintain numbers at around this level through continuing annual rounds of competition.

Leading researchers funded by the NIHR (including the Policy Research Programme); and who are employed by an NHS Trust, university or charity based in England, are encouraged to apply. NIHR Research Professors reaching the end of their term are also invited to apply; providing their term ends by 01 April 2018.

Funding will be awarded for 3, 4 or 5 year appointments upon recommendation of an Independent Selection Panel. Selected Senior Investigators will receive a discretionary research award of £15,000 per annum payable to their employer. Research Capability Funding (RCF) payments of £75,000 per annum are also made to the Senior Investigator's associated NHS organisation to accompany the appointment. The award is designed to fund activities that support Senior Investigators' research.

Information on how to apply for a NIHR Senior Investigator award can be found on the [NIHR website](#)

**Closing date** for electronic submission of applications: **Wednesday 23 August** at 1:00pm.

Please direct any queries to Daniela Toale [faculty@nhr.ac.uk](mailto:faculty@nhr.ac.uk)

## Funding Finder

The West of England Academic Health Science Network Innovation Funding Bulletin

For funding opportunities [click here](#)

## HEE/NIHR Integrated Clinical Academic (ICA) scheme

Closing date for applications: 9:00am, 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

HEE will be funding a number of integrated clinical training awards in the South West for 2017/18. Whilst this scheme has been available elsewhere, this is the first time we have been in a position to do this in the South West.

Details of the application process and forms are enclosed and are available on our website:

- [HEE/NIHR ICA Internship \(2017/18\)](#)
- [Post-Doctoral Award \(2017/18\)](#)
- [Transitional Awards \(2017/18\)](#)

More information – email: [Professor Selena Gray](#) – Deputy Postgraduate Dean and Interim ICA Lead for the South West, 01454 252 671.



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## 5. Events

### UHBristol Research & Innovation Showcase

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017

Education Centre, Upper Maudlin Street, Bristol, BS2 8AE

The annual Research & Innovation showcase is taking place on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017. The event will show current research at UHBristol from both new and established researchers. The day will bring together staff from all around the trust, providing an opportunity to network with other clinical and non-clinical researchers. This is a great way to find out more about wider Bristol research initiatives.

More information will be available on our [website](#) soon.



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## 6. Training and Employment

### Health Research Authority Research Ethics Committees – Vacancies for Expert Members

Interested in thinking about issues from the perspective of a potential research participant? Do you have or would like to develop a knowledge of research ethics?

HRA currently have vacancies for expert members (i.e. medically qualified individuals) who may be interested in serving on a REC.

Looking for someone who could devote approx. 2 days a month for REC work: one afternoon per month for the REC meeting; and later on some time for sub committee work and looking at proportionate review applications (the latter two being conducted via email). There are two RECs that meet during the day at Whitefriars, Lewins Mead, Bristol BS1 2NT.

Relevant training would be provided and reasonable expenses to get to and from training and the meeting venue would also be reimbursed.

More information contact – [nrescommittee.southwest-bristol@nhs.net](mailto:nrescommittee.southwest-bristol@nhs.net) or visit the [website for an application pack](#)



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