

August 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 8th September 2017.

UHBristol Research Capability Funding (RCF)

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PLEASE NOTE: FOR THE 2017 GRANT CALLS, THE EMPHASIS WILL BE ON PUMP-PRIMING NIHR GRANTS. We know from past applications for NIHR grants that they have a much better chance of success (double) if they previously received RCF funding than those without. This is perhaps not surprising since the dedicated time and/or preliminary work allow for a much stronger application, but is nevertheless encouraging to see this borne out by our success rate with NIHR grant applications.

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

Deadline: 09:00am, Wednesday 25th October 2017

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This month's message from

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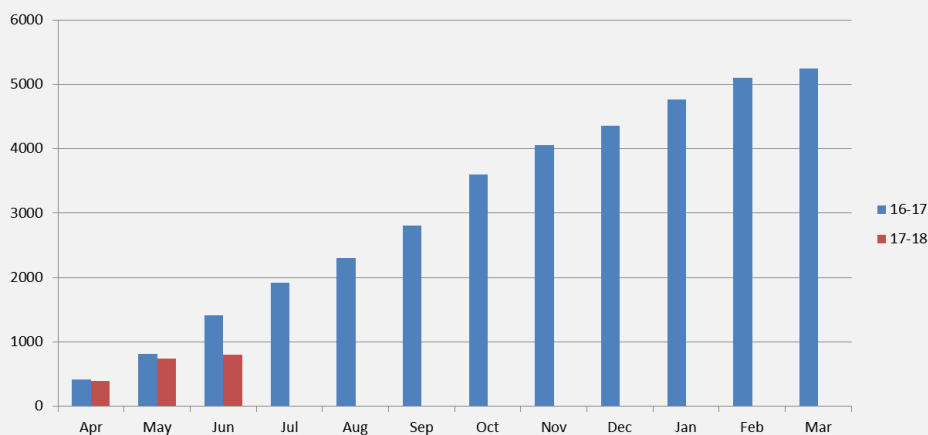
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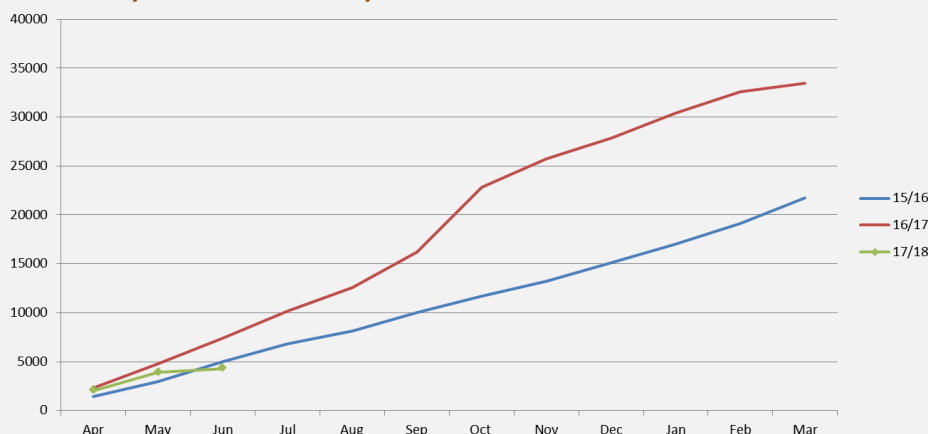
2. UHBristol Performance

Cumulative Recruitment in Commercial and Non-Commercial NIHR studies



The above is taken from the CPMS which is issued with a 4 week lag of data.

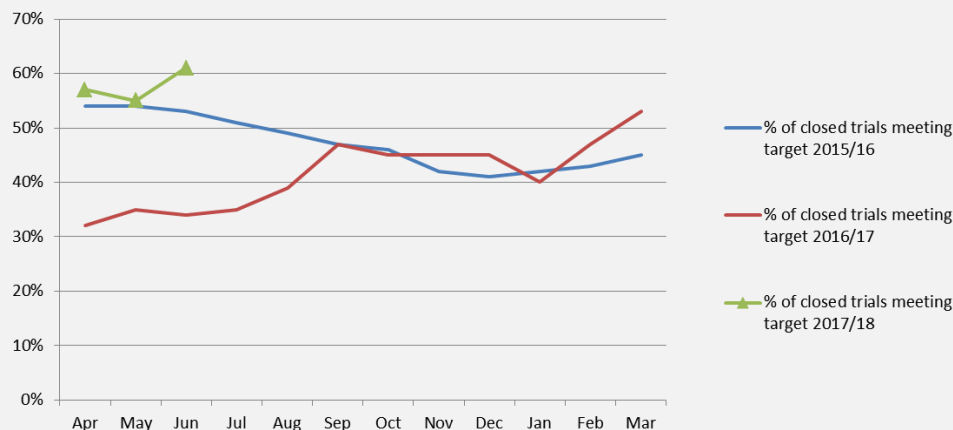
Cumulative Weighted Recruitment to date 2017/18 compared to 2016/17 and 2015/16



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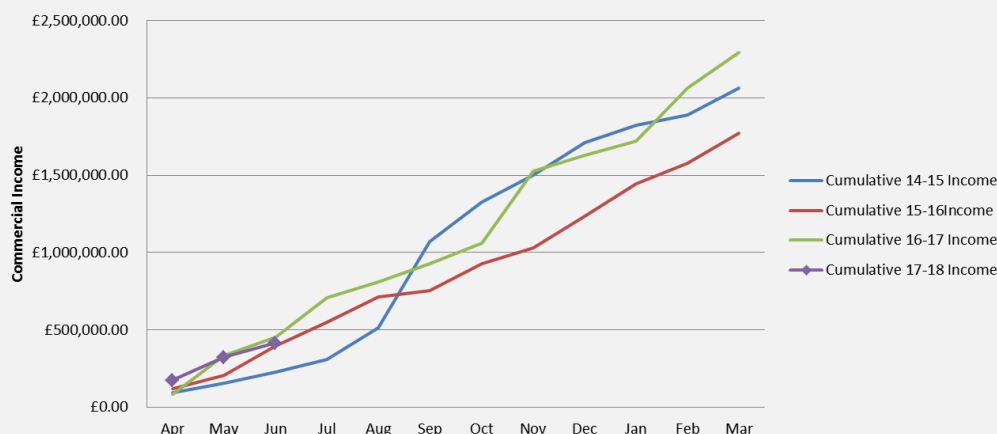


Percentage of commercial clinical trials closed to recruitment during the reporting period meeting time to target



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 01/07/2016 and 30/06/2017 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 - Cumulative Commercial Income



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

3. Celebrating Successes

Bristol Eye Hospital research

Endophthalmitis defensin study (EDS) study

The EDS study is a case-controlled UH Bristol sponsored study that aims to assess whether a specific HBD-1 genetic profile is associated with endophthalmitis, (inflammation in the eye which is often caused by infection and which can be sight-threatening), following a range of intraocular procedures. The CI is Mr Haynes here at the BEH and there are 3 UK sites: BEH, Taunton and Sunderland. The BEH site was given Green Light on Monday 25 July and the first patient was recruited into the study at BEH on the 26 July.

(PI: Richard Haynes, POC: Helen Talbot)

OPHT 4170 (AMD) study

Safety and Efficacy of Abicipar Pegol (AGN-150998) in Patients with Neovascular Age-related Macular Degeneration.

The team recruited 8 patients against a target of 8 and were the second highest recruiter to the sequoia trial and had the highest target of all sites. (PI: Abosede Cole)

4. Grants & Upcoming Awards

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

The David Telling trust is delighted to announce two calls for funding for research proposals within UHBristol and NBT

1. Clinical research fellow awards sessional awards

These will be awarded to fund a period of research activity for up to three years for clinicians in training. It is anticipated that these will be part funded by the David Telling trust; and/or a service commitment is encouraged funded by the employing trust, and/or funding will also be sought from the Clinical research network West of England for time to develop and perform NIHR portfolio work. These awards thus offer the possibility of developing a research career that can be integrated into clinical training pathways and practice.

2. One year Research Fellowship

Funding is again available for a, for a medical/surgical trainee wishing to take a year out of clinical practice to undertake research. The award will cover the salary costs only of the successful applicant. To apply, please use the attached grant application guidance to describe the research proposed, but also include a CV of the potential research fellow and

a) a one side of A4 sheet describing the applicants background and why he/she would benefit from the award and

b) a letter of confirmation from the applicants consultant supervisor confirming that the applicant is suitable for the award and that the department involved has the necessary infrastructure, equipment and facilities to support the fellowship and c) a note of the annual salary requested.

3. £25000 Pump-priming Grants

These are pump priming awards. They are flexible to get new researchers of all professions started.

Please note that we can accept applications for both research grants and medical equipment for up to £25000, although more may be available for medical equipment if there is a strong case for it (there should be clear patient benefit and a reason why the NHS will not fund it).

Closing date for applications: Friday 15th September 2017

More information and application form, contact Stephen.falk@UHBristol.nhs.uk

Funding and support round-up

August 2017 - Latest funding opportunities – [click here](#)

Funding Finder

The West of England Academic Health Science Network Innovation [Funding Bulletin](#)

5. Events

UHBristol Research & Innovation Showcase

Tuesday 31st October 2017

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

Showcasing current research at UHBristol, providing an opportunity to network with other clinical and non-clinical researchers – come and find out about wider Bristol research initiatives.

To register please [visit our website](#) – a programme will be available on the website soon.

Improving health through better use of data

Tuesday 19 September, 1pm – 4.30pm

Central Bristol venue TBC

Are you interested in finding data sources in BNSSG NHS trusts and commissioning organisations, local authorities and universities?

Could linking data sets help you answer your healthcare challenges?

Do you want to work with researchers and others developing and delivering health services & interventions to create new projects?

Join our workshop to explore a new resource that will help clinicians, service planners & others make best use of data to improve health & care.

Register: Spaces are limited, to register – [click here](#) For more information please email oliver.watson@bristol.ac.uk

How to support someone living with dementia

14th September 2017 13.30-16.30

BAWA – Ballroom – Filton, Bristol, BS34 7RG

This three hour event will help you to understand how best to support someone living with dementia. This event will be interactive with plenty of time for questions. The following individuals will be present during the afternoon; The layout for the event will be very informal with café style tables around the edges. This enables those who need to, to get up and walk about.

To book a place – [click here](#)

NIHR Clinical Research Network West of England – free events

Are you a clinician, nurse or support staff member interested or involved in

- critical care research
- dermatology research

Come to one of these free West of England meetings where you will have an opportunity to network with peers, share ideas and best practice. A sandwich lunch will be included. Provided by NIHR Clinical Research Network West of England.

Raising the profile of critical care research 22nd September 2017 10:00 – 14:00

To register – [click here](#)

Raising the profile of dermatology research 16th November 2017 13:00 – 17:00

To register – [click here](#)

Both events held at Level 5, Whitefriars, Lewins Mead, Bristol, BS1 2NT

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