

## September 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 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

### UHBristol Research & Innovation Showcase

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

09:45 – 15:30

Lecture Theatre 1, Education Centre, Upper Maudlin Street, Bristol, BS2 8AE

We are holding our next annual research showcase on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October and would like to invite you to join us.

We are basing this year's event around a general theme of "overcoming challenges in research". We have speakers from a variety of specialities and staff groups and the aim is to make talks accessible and aimed at anyone with an interest in research and evidence based care.

The day will bring together staff from all around the trust, providing an opportunity to network with other clinical and non-clinical researchers. Come along to find out more about wider Bristol research initiatives.

Format of the day

- Morning: Challenges of clinical research with examples from current research projects including our NIHR grants, and pump priming awards (Above and Beyond and Research Capability Funding)
- Afternoon: Research at the NIHR Bristol Biomedical Research Centre

To register please [visit our website](#), where you can also find a copy of the [programme](#).



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

### Research Design Service South West e-bulletin

Bulletins and more information – [click here](#)

### NIHR – CRN West of England

Latest news – [click here](#)

### CLAHRC West news

Latest news – [click here](#)

### Bristol Health Partners

BHP latest news – [click here](#)

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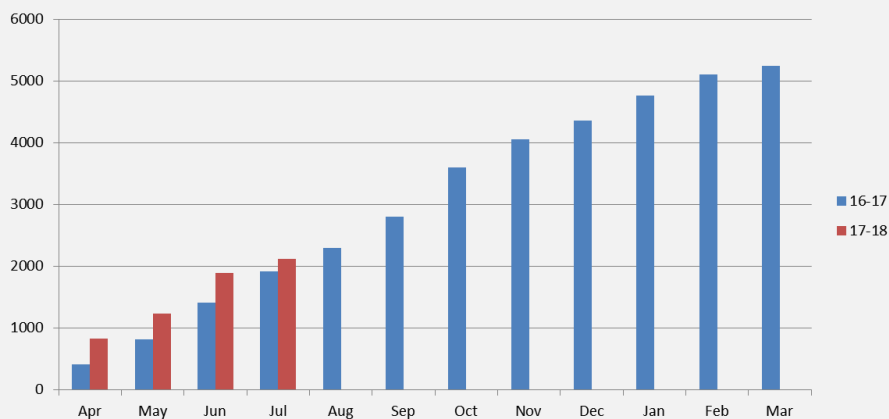
  
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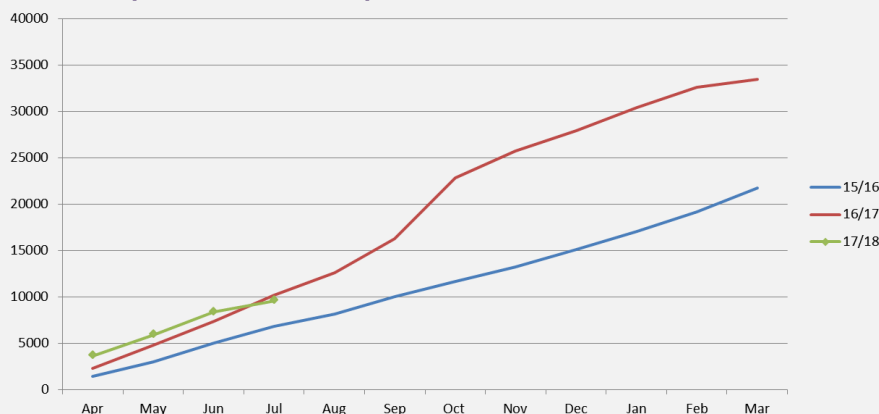
## 2. UHBristol Performance

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



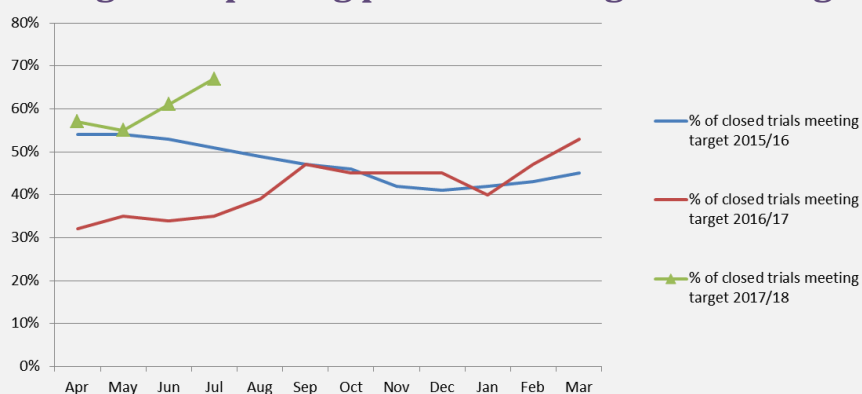
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### Cumulative Weighted Recruitment to date 2017/18 compared to 2016/17 and 2015/16



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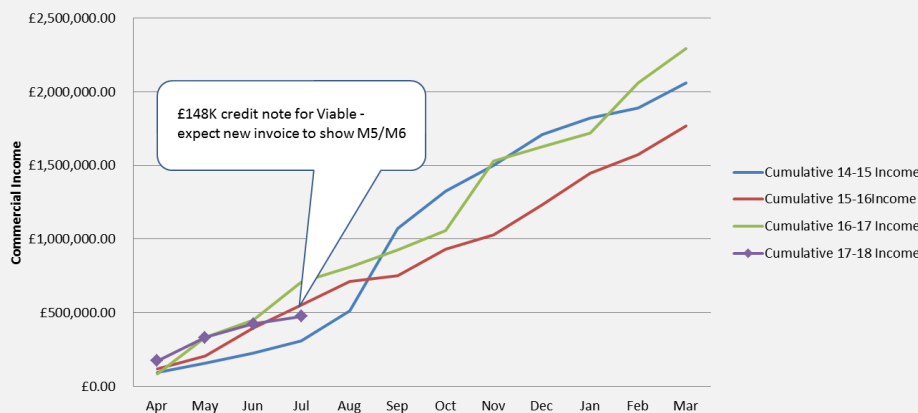
### Percentage of commercial clinical trials closed to recruitment during the reporting period meeting time to target



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 01/08/2016 and 31/07/2017 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

### First ever patient recruited to the MAGPIE study

The Children’s Emergency Department team have recruited the first ever patient to the MAGPIE study. The study is being run at 8 sites across the UK and Ireland, and Bristol is the first site to recruit.

The team rely heavily on clinical support in CED for the success of their emergency studies. Staff nurses Mel Hurse & Hannah Spires and PEM Consultant Giles Haythornthwaite were instrumental in the recruitment of this first patient. Without their support this recruitment would not have been possible.

There has been an amazing effort made by the whole CED nursing and medical team on completing their Good Clinical Practice (GCP) training. Research has always been well supported in CED however this study has required the active randomisation and handling of an IMP by clinical staff, for which they all needed GCP training. This is not part of their essential training matrix but they have all made such a huge effort to complete the module and obtain their certificates, helping Bristol CED to be a leader in paediatric emergency research, and improving the emergency care of children.

Congratulations to the CED research and clinical teams on this fantastic achievement.



## 4. Grants & Upcoming Awards

### Funding and support round-up

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

### Funding Finder

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



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

### UHBristol Research Capability Funding (RCF)

Research Capability Funding (RCF) awarded annually to UHBristol by the NIHR is 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, which 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 & 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 welcome 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: **09:00am, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

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

## The economic and social value of health - open call for innovative research on the economic and social value of health in the UK



Our research programme is now open for applications – [click here](#)

£1.5 million is available for research that builds the evidence for health as an asset for the economy and society, and generates new knowledge to understand the impact that the health of an individual has on their own social and economic outcomes.

Each project will receive between £150,000 and £350,000 for research that is up to three years in duration.

Deadline for applications: 12.00 noon, **Friday 29 September 2017**

## Royal College of Anaesthetists and Clinical Research Network awards



Three joint awards in conjunction with the RCoA. The awards are designed to recognise NHS clinicians (consultants and trainees) who are making outstanding contributions to clinical research, particularly in relation to NIHR CRN portfolio research studies.

Applicants must be NHS clinicians (clinical academics are not eligible) and must be a fellow or member of the RCoA. Clinicians can enter under one of three categories: consultant (including SAS), trainee (individual) and a new trainee network category.

Each award carries a £1,000 prize. For an application form and further information on criteria please visit the website: <http://bit.ly/RCoACRNawards>

The deadline for applications is midnight on **Friday 3 November 2017**.

The awards will be presented during the RCoA's new two day conference, [Anaesthesia 2018](#), in May 2018 in London. Award winners must be available to attend this event, and complimentary places will be allocated.

## The Lorna Smith Charitable Trust Research Fellowship

Administered by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

Applications are invited from all trainee doctors who wish to spend a period of time researching into disorders of a rheumatic, arthritic or inflammatory nature. Studies concerned with systemic/disseminated Lupus Erythematosus, vasculitis and Raynaud's disease, or other diseases of a vascular and inflammatory nature will be particularly appropriate.

The primary aim of the fellowship is to support trainees wishing to undertake research either as part of their professional training or with a view to an academic career. Applicants are advised to consider carefully the goals they wish to achieve and to identify specific educational objectives in their application.

Applications can be made for a period of one year and the Trust will provide a sum of up to £50k to fund salary and research costs.

An application form and more details can be obtained from: Mrs Cathy McCartney, Awards and Grants Administrator, Secretariat, The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9DW. Alternatively these can be downloaded from the Awards and Grants website.

More information and to download an application form – [click here](#)  
The closing date for applications will be **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017**.



## Dr Simon Newell Early Career Investigator of the Year (Sparks) Award

Sparks funds an annual award for excellence in research to an outstanding young medical research worker in British paediatrics.

Since 1999, Sparks (now part of the GOSH Charity family) has funded an annual award that recognises excellence in the field of paediatric research. The award is offered in partnership with the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

The Dr Simon Newell Early Career Investigator of the Year Award is offered to recognise an outstanding medically qualified, early career researcher in British paediatrics.

The call for nominations is now open and we welcome applications from early career researchers who have not yet completed or who may have recently completed their certificates of completion of training (CCT). Nominees may nominate themselves with the support of a sponsor.

The deadline is **24 November 2017**.

For more information and to view the nomination forms, [click here](#). For questions about the application process, please contact: [research@rcpch.ac.uk](mailto:research@rcpch.ac.uk)



## 5. Events

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We would like to invite you to join us – have a look at the programme and [visit our website to register](#). You can register for **just the morning** or **afternoon**, or for the **whole day**. A sandwich lunch is available, but you need to book when registering.



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## Twitter for Research Nurses

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 10 – 11.30am

Short session aimed at research nurses on using twitter as a research professional. There is no prior knowledge of twitter required and will include the following:

- Brief overview of what Twitter is
- Setting up a profile
- Trust social media policy and how this relates to UHB professionals tweeting
- Main benefits
- Cautions
- How to make the most of the research community on twitter
- Finding people (to follow and followers)
- Using Twitter for CPD/ Revalidation

To register – contact [Emma.Heron@UHBristol.nhs.uk](mailto:Emma.Heron@UHBristol.nhs.uk)

## 6. Training and Employment

### Upcoming training courses at NIHR CLAHRC West

#### The basics of health economics for NHS staff

Wednesday 29 November 2017 – Meeting Room 1, St James' Priory, Bristol, BS1 3NZ

Closing date: Monday 16 October 2017 To apply [click here](#)

#### Project evaluation for the voluntary sector

Wednesday 29 November 2017 – Whitefriars, Bristol

Closing date: Monday 16 October 2017 To apply [click here](#)

#### Improving your searching skills

Thursday 7 December 2017 – Whitefriars, Bristol

Closing date: Wednesday 25 October 2017 To apply [click here](#)

If you have any questions, you can email the CLAHRC West Capacity Building Team [clahrcwest-training@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:clahrcwest-training@nihr.ac.uk)

### Study Support Service Facilitator

Band 5 – Whitefriars, Bristol

The Clinical Research Network (CRN) West of England is looking to recruit a dynamic, organised person with good attention to detail skills as the Study Support Service Facilitator. This role plays a key part in ensuring the Local Clinical Research Network functions effectively and helping to ensure effectively delivery of its Study Support Service and Business Intelligence work streams.

[Link to the job](#)

Closing date for applications: **25-Sept-2017 23:59**

## BRC Partnership and Commercialisation Manager



The National Institute for Health Research Bristol Biomedical Research Centre (NIHR Bristol BRC) is a £21M partnership between University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust (UH Bristol) and the University of Bristol. BRCs translate innovative basic scientific research into improvements in health and healthcare for the benefit of patients. Commercialisation of research arising from the BRC and development of links with industry are key to the success of the BRC.

We are seeking an enthusiastic and experienced individual to work across the partner institutions to help shape and lead on the implementation of BRC's industrial engagement strategy, to lead on commercialisation aspects of other funded clinical research grants at UH Bristol and to work with academic and clinical researchers to transfer knowledge to business. You will work with researchers and clinicians to identify, evaluate and protect outputs of research and create license agreement opportunities or new spin-out companies for the transfer of such knowledge, representing the University and UH Bristol in these negotiations. You will build and manage a portfolio of projects and help secure translational grant funding for some of these.

[Link to the job](#)

Closing date for applications: **06-Oct-2017**

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