

October 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 10th November 2017.

NIHR Bristol Biomedical Research Centre

UHBristol and the University of Bristol were recently awarded £21 million by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) to create a Biomedical Research Centre (BRC). BRCs take innovative basic scientific research and aim to turn this into ground-breaking treatments, diagnostics, prevention and care for patients in a wide range of diseases. The Bristol BRC builds on the former Biomedical Research Units in cardiovascular disease and nutrition, incorporating new strands of research on mental health, reproductive and perinatal health and surgical innovation. There are also underpinning cross cutting themes providing expertise in examining patterns of health and illness in large groups of people and interpreting this information to learn about causes of disease.

We are holding a launch event on 1st February 2018 at @Bristol and would be delighted to invite UHBristol staff to join us to celebrate the research being carried out in NIHR Bristol BRC and discuss opportunities for collaboration. The symposium is free to attend but please [register here](#).

Following the launch event, Professor Gianni Angelini will present a public lecture on “I’m a heart surgeon – should you trust me?” which will be followed by a debate with Professor Jane Blazeby and patient representatives on how we should monitor and evaluate innovation in surgery. This is also free, but we ask that you [register separately here](#).

More information, including a draft programme, is available on our [website](#), but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.



This month's message from
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1. News

UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research - now published

The [UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research](#) has been published.

This policy framework sets out principles of good practice in the management and conduct of health and social care research in the UK. These principles protect and promote the interests of patients, service users and the public in health and social care research, by describing ethical conduct and proportionate, assurance-based management of health and social care research, so as to support and facilitate high-quality research in the UK that has the confidence of patients, service users and the



public.

The new guidelines replace separate Research Governance Frameworks in each UK country with a single, modern set of principles for the whole UK. It has been developed by the Health Research Authority and the health departments in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, following public consultation.

As the Policy is based around the principles of good research management, we anticipate that many of you are already complying with the framework. Particular aspects to note are:

- It provides clarity on the indemnity arrangements for HRA Approval and sets out the status of the Framework as statutory guidance to which NHS Trusts in England must have regard under the Care Act 2014.
- There is a strong emphasis on fostering proportionate approaches to arrangements for the management and conduct of research, and ensuring research funding is spent on research and not on disproportionate bureaucracy.

Please see our [website](#) for further information relating to the policy framework.

IRAS supported browsers

In order to continue to develop the [Integrated Research Application System](#) (IRAS) and introduce enhanced functionality, the IRAS team have issued advance notice that from 18 October 2017, IRAS will officially support specific internet browsers and browser versions. Please refer to the IRAS '[Supported Browsers](#)' help page for more information and to find out if this will affect you.

This decision was taken by the IRAS Partners Board following a user poll taken during July 2017 which demonstrated that 95% of the 400 users who responded to the poll used, or had access to, the supported browsers. A small number of IRAS users will need to work with their IT departments to update their internet browsers.

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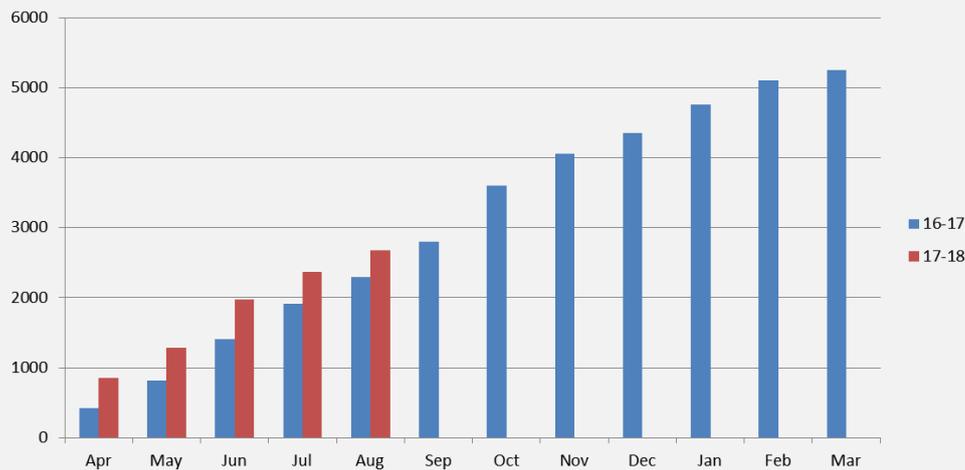
People in Health West of England (PHWE)

Latest newsflash – [click here](#)



2. UHBristol Performance

Cumulative Recruitment in Commercial and Non-Commercial NIHR studies



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

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 01/09/2016 and 31/08/2017 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. Grants & Upcoming Awards

Funding and support round-up

October 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:

- Fund Research Sessions/PAs (for medical and non-medical staff) to allow time to prepare NIHR research grant applications; and/or
- 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 25th 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

Applying for an NIHR Fellowship – Information event

24 November 2017

Streatham campus, University of Exeter

Are you planning to submit a Fellowship application to NIHR? This free event aims to help you improve your chances of success.

Registration deadline: 1.00pm, **10 November 2017**. Find out more – [click here](#)

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4. Events

UHBristol Research & Innovation Showcase

Tuesday 31st October 2017

09:45 – 15:30

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

It's not too late to register for our Research & Innovation showcase – the deadline for registration is 24th October.

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.

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



University Hospitals Bristol
NHS Foundation Trust

Building Research Partnerships workshop

People in Health West of England

Tuesday 21st November 2017 from 09:30 to 16:30, Bristol

The workshop is for people interested in getting involved in research, and researchers interested in involving patients and carers in their research.

Find out more and [register](#).

People in Health
West of England

GPs on the Brink: Restoring the Joy to General Practice

Thursday 2 November 2017, 7.30 to 9pm

St George's Bristol, Great George Street, Bristol, BS1 5RR

[Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard](#), Chair of the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP), and theatre maker [Viv Gordon](#) will share the stage for the [Elizabeth Blackwell Institute's](#) fourth Annual Public Lecture, GPs on the Brink: Restoring the Joy to General Practice.

The NHS underpinned by General Practice is where the vast majority of patient contact takes place. However General Practice has been on a precipice for some time – under-resourced and under-staffed our GPs are burning out and leaving the profession. Professor Stokes-Lampard, a GP in the Midlands and the RCGP Chair, talks about where the profession is now and how we all have a part to play in restoring the joy to General Practice, while Viv Gordon will share readings from her new theatre work *PreScribed* (a Life Written for Me).

PreScribed (performed at the Edinburgh Fringe 2017 and touring the UK this autumn) tells



Elizabeth Blackwell Institute
for Health Research

a witty and emotive story drawing on research into improving support for the estimated 13,000 GPs living with mental ill health in the UK. The research project 'Improving access to support' was led by [Dr Ruth Riley](#) (Lecturer, University of Birmingham, previously University of Bristol) with research carried out by [Dr Johanna Spiers](#), previously at the University of Bristol, both of whom will join Helen Stokes-Lampard and Viv Gordon for a panel during the event.

Tickets are free but must be booked via [St Georges website](#)

5. Training and Employment

Upcoming training courses at NIHR CLAHRC West

Improving your searching skills

Thursday 7 December 2017 – Whitefriars, Bristol

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

Introduction to service evaluation

Wednesday 6 December 2017 – Whitefriars, Bristol

Closing date: Monday 6 November 2017 To apply [click here](#)

To apply please click here:

If you have any questions, you can email the CLAHRC West Capacity Building Team clahrcwest-training@nihr.ac.uk

PhD short courses on using the Stata statistical software

9 - 10 November 2017 - 'Introduction to Stata'

30 November - 1 December 2017 - 'Review of Linear Regression Using Stata'

These courses are run as part of the ESRC SWDTC/P Advanced Quantitative Methods pathway. Full details on each course – [click here](#)

To reserve a place on either course, please email fssl-agmcourses@bristol.ac.uk and give your name, position (e.g., PhD student or Research Assistant), department and institution.



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