

# Research and Innovation Newsletter

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## A note from the Head of R&I



What a fabulous month it has been for our department. We celebrated our third annual Celebration of Research event, which showcased the breadth of our research and innovation activities which we all contribute to within the department. We had an emotive and powerful speech by Professor Bola Owolabi which echoed the determination of all us to improve health inequalities across our Trust.

We welcome several new and returning staff this month, so please join me in welcoming Izzy Cunney (research practitioner), Keira Hulse-Storr who has returned from maternity leave, and our new commercial research Nurse Mangia Pan (Cathy). We look forward to working closely with you all!

Huge congratulations to Clare Panesar and Kylie Davies who have trained 100 midwives to BaBi! This is a huge moment for BaBi and showcases how determined our Trust midwives in York and Scarborough are to be involved in the project. We have also hit another major milestone in recruiting over 2,000 Mothers and Babies to the project.

Finally a big congratulation to Lisa Ballantine and Bex Blakey who have been shortlisted to speak at the RDF Conference in Manchester next year!

**- Lydia Harris**



## Care Group Research Leads

**Medicines York** - [Dr Luke Bridge](#) ([Deputy Dr Chris Hayes](#))

**Surgery and Family Health** - [Dr Joe Carter](#) & [Dr Michael Lim](#) (Surgery) [Dr Dominic Smith](#) & [Dr Leila Fahel](#) (Family Health)

**Cancer, Specialist & Clinical Support Services** - [Mr Pouya Alaghaband](#) & [Dr Bhavani Rengabashyam](#)  
**Head of AHP Research** - [Dr Fran Butler](#)  
**Lead Research Nurse and Head of Nursing Research** - [Cate Laven](#)

**Clinical Lead for SHARC** - [Dr Phil Dickinson](#)  
**Scarborough Research Lead** - [Dr Adil Hazara](#)  
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# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, GRANTS, AND SCHEMES

**NIHR Rolling Call HSDR Programme** – The Health and Social Care Delivery Research (HSDR) Programme is accepting Stage 1 applications to this funding opportunity. The programme is interested in receiving applications to meet recommendations in research identified in NICE guidance that has been published or updated during the last 5 years. This call closes 18th March 2025. For more information follow this [link](#).

**NIHR Public Health Research Programme (Future Topics)** – The NIHR are due to release their Public Health Research Programmes, which will consider: unstructured physical activity for children, interventions to reduce violence, citizens advice, children and young people's mental health, health impacts of messages in the media, community wealth (asses) building, and coastal details. The programmes are released on November 28th 2024. For more information follow this [link](#).

**York St John University Research Backfill** – York St John University's Institute for Health and Care Improvement is providing practitioner backfill funding up to £5,000, to support the delivery of a short-term collaborative research project. To express your interest in this please contact Cameron via [e-mail](#).

**NIHR RfPB Under-represented disciplines** – The Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) programme is launching the fourth highlight notice addressing the NIHR strategy to strengthen the careers of under-represented disciplines and specialisms. This call invites applications led by registered health and care professionals (HCPs) who were not eligible to apply to the previous RfPB highlight notices supporting under-represented disciplines and specialisms. Applications close April 9th 2025. More information can be found [here](#).

**NIHR Team Science Award Round 2** – The NIHR Team Science Award Round 2 aims to bring together individuals with an interest in Applied Health and Social Care Research Methodology to form new interdisciplinary collaborations and facilitate research in areas of need. For more information please click [here](#).

## TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT, AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Integrated Clinical and Practitioner Academic Internship** – Hosted by Sheffield Hallam University on behalf of NHS England in the North East and Yorkshire, the Integrated Clinical and Practitioner Academic Internship scheme is now open for applications for the next intake which will commence on 5th February 2025 and complete in October 2025. For more information about the scheme and to apply please use this [link](#).

**NIHR Leeds Biomedical Research Centre** – The NIHR Leeds Biomedical Research Centre is delighted to invite applications for the 2024 Pre-application support fellowships: Round 1. In order to support applicants applying for competitive funded career development fellowships, Leeds are holding a targeted support funding call: To allow individuals from all professions and career stages across our region, to apply for the NIHR Leeds BRC pre application support fellowship. For more information about the scheme use this [link](#).

**NIHR ARC Palliative and End of Life Care Leadership** – NIHR ARC are inviting practitioners to the second NIHR ARC Palliative and end of life care national leadership webinar. This session focuses on breathlessness in palliative and EOL care and offers valuable insights and discussion from experts within the field. The webinar is free to attend and booking for the session on December 2nd can be found by following this [link](#).

**NIHR Global Health Award Training** – The NIHR are holding a session on training for SPARC and CADA applications. Through the GHR SPARC scheme, Global Health Research Academy Members could apply for up to £10,000 to design and undertake a short, bespoke placement. The NIHR are running a webinar focusses on developing applications and creating a strong CV to support the application to the programmes. During the webinar you will hear from Professor Dilly Anumba, the chair of the selection committee who will discuss what makes a successful application and what the selection committee looks for in applications. This is a one hour online session which runs on December 11th 2024. Follow this [link](#) for more information.

**NIHR ARC Using Routine Data for Decision Making** – YH ARC are running a lunch and learn session which focusses on using routine collected data to make decisions in healthcare. This session is presented by Dr Hollie Henderson and runs from 12:30-13:30 December 4th 2024. To get tickets to the online session please follow this [link](#).

# Research Grant Submissions

**EDI Centre University of York** - Blindness Research Inclusion and Development for Greater Engagement (BRIDGE) Mr Pouya Alaghband. £2,875.00

**NIHR RfPB** - IPC-ED: Integrating Palliative Care into the Emergency Department (IPC-ED): Adaptation and Initial Validation of a Screening Tool to Identify Palliative Care Needs. Dr Sunita Daniel. £196,325.00

**NIHR RfPB** - How does an Acute Care Model provide patient benefit and address compound pressure on the health and social care system in a rural, coastal town in the North of England: a qualitative study. Dr Ed Smith. £199,966.00

**NorthFutures** - Empowering Disabled Communities' Daily Living Through Improved Adoption of Home Care Technologies. Lisa Ballantine. £46,588.00

**NIHR UIP** - Undergraduate Internship Programme Grant for 3 internships. Dr Fran Butler. £13,833.00

# Innovation Grants

**UKRI MRC** - Learning Safe and Adaptive Behaviours for Robot-assisted Mammography. Dr Roisin Bradley £218,560.00

**InnovateUK SMART Grant** - Clinical delivery of innovative breastcancer breath test. Dr Theo Issit and Dr Jenny Piper. £177,650.00

# Webinars

**Better Start Bradford** - Better in Bradford are hosting an online webinar which looks at how early intervention is supporting early years oral health. The webinar looks at the development of an oral health champion role within the health visiting team to support the integration of oral health across early years and dental services. The webinar is 12:30-13:30 Tuesday 3rd Dec and tickets are available [here](#).

# Seminars

**York Medical Society** – York Medical Society are inviting medical students, practising and retired colleagues from all healthcare professions to attend their first seminar on the Art of Medicine. The seminar is interactive and aims to discuss the role of art to improve health and wellbeing, the role of creativity within all healthcare fields. The seminar runs from 29th January 2025 from 19:00-21:00 with refreshments provided. To register your interest please follow this [link](#).

# Brightlight

York was the first to recruit to the NIHR Brightlight study in 2023 which aimed to improve outcomes for young people. The Brightlight policy report has been released which has been used to shape UK national policy for improving teenage and young adult cancer services across the country. If you wish to read the report you can find it [here](#).



# Have something to say?

If you have something you wish to include, such as an award you have won, a research spotlight article, or a research event you think would like to include in the staff newsletter please contact Cam either by e-mail or drop him a message over teams.

# News

It has been a fantastic month again for the department with lots to celebrate. Firstly, a welcome to Adil Hazara, who joined as the Research Lead for Scarborough at the end of September. Adil has a PhD from HYMS, which focussed on the feasibility of a novel transitional regime of incremental haemodialysis and he is a consultant in renal medicine.

Congratulations to Monica Haritakis, Hayley Gould, and Joanne Thompson who were our winners of the Celebration of Research Event Poster competition presented by Gareth Wheelan. Monica came first place with her poster 'The Journey to COLOCAP - Determining the diagnostic Accuracy of Colon Capsule Endoscopy compared to standard colonoscopy in patients at risk of colorectal disease'.

Finally, we have reached an absolutely fantastic and major milestone with the BaBi: York and Scarborough project which has not only recruited 2,000 people onto the project but also 100 midwives! Even better that this occurred during Baby Week 2024!

# Publications

To view the full list publications please click on the boxes below. Papers can be read by following the individual DOI of each paper within the documents

[November 2024 Publication List](#)

[July 2024 Publication List](#)



# BaBi Consent

Following much discussion consent training for the Born and Bred in: York and Scarborough project is now available on the learning hub for all midwives. Please log into Learning Hub with your staff account and search for BaBi and follow the BaBi Consent Training link to enrol and complete the training. We hope this makes training and refreshers for already recruiting midwifery staff easier and more accessible. For more information please contact Clare Panaser.

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