

Research and Innovation Newsletter

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A note from the Head of R&I



We have had a very successful month in which we launched our ColoCap trial, and have been on the news, in the papers, and on the radio this month with our HSDR Rural and Costal Study. We reached a new milestone by achieving over 4,000 accruals onto our studies which has smashed the target set by the RDN. This accomplishment underscores the growing interest and participation in our research. Our top recruiting projects this month we MenSH-IBD and BaBi.

Many congratulations to everyone who was involved in the first ADCap recruit! It is the first Phase 2 ICU trial in the past 12 years! The extensive preparation and fabulous teamwork have paid off.

We also have to welcome to Mark, our new CTA who will be working within our commercial team, and extend a congratulations to Ella who interviewed for the Laboratory role within R&I and was successful. We also say goodbye to Emma who is moving to Australia and Nicole who will be joining the Surgery Finance Team.

What a productive and eventful month! It is wonderful to continue to see the department grow and successfully deliver more studies, and here's to even greater achievements ahead.

- Lydia Harris

Institute of Health and Care Improvement

YSJU's IHCI are hosting their second annual Research Showcase which takes place on the 15th July 2025. If you wish to submit an abstract and showcase your work please complete this [form](#)

[Click here to register your attendance](#)



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 Alaghband](#) & [Dr Bhavani Rengabashyam](#)
Head of AHP Research - [Dr Fran Butler](#)

Lead Research Nurse and Head of Nursing Research - [Cate Laven](#)

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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](#).

UKRI Proof of Concept – The Proof of Concept funding aims to support and accelerate the development of new or improved technologies, products, processes, and services arising from research activities at eligible UK research organisations, including, universities, research institutes, facilities and centres. The UKRI Proof of Concept funding opportunity supports early-to-mid stage commercialisation activities that validate the development of concepts that arose from research. For more information follow this [link](#).

Improving health and social care services for working age people with multiple long-term conditions – The NIHR Health and Social Care Delivery Research (HSDR) Programme is looking to fund ambitious research about the quality, accessibility and organisation of health and social care services for working age people with multiple long-term conditions. This is a 2-stage, commissioned funding opportunity. To find out more follow this [link](#).

NIHR HTA The effectiveness of technologies for people living with deafblindness in social care settings – The NIHR are looking to fund research into effectiveness of technologies for people living with deafblindness in social care settings. This is a two-stage, commissioned funding opportunity. To apply for the first stage you should submit an outline application. For more information please click [here](#).

MPS Foundation – The MPS foundation are inviting applications to bid towards a maximum of £200,000. Research must be focussed on patient safety, delivery models, professional wellbeing, the impact of digital integration and technology or the effectiveness of teaching and learning. For more information please click [here](#).

TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT, AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Band 6 SHARC Programme Manager – **INTERNAL ONLY** and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospital are hiring a Research Grant and Quality lead on a permanent contract. The position is ideal for anybody who wishes to take a step into quality assurance and development of research grants. If you are interested or wish to apply please use this [link](#).

NIHR Clinician Researcher Credentials Framework – The NIHR have developed a national framework of Master's level qualifications. They worked with the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC), the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) and universities to develop it. The framework aims to give you the skills and confidence to lead and support clinical research studies. It focuses on the practical elements of clinical research delivery. To find out more about this Framework and how to apply, please follow this [link](#).

Pre-Application Support Fund Round 5 – The Pre-Application Support Fund offers extra support to prepare a competitive application for NIHR career development awards. This is open to all career stages and aims to create more opportunities for those groups and professions who are currently underrepresented within NIHR. The deadline for applications is Thursday 27th March 2025 at 1 pm. More information can be found by following this [link](#).

Occupational Therapy Funding for 2025 – The Royal College of Occupational Therapists are providing three grants of varying amounts to support Occupational Therapy research. One of these grants is £20,000.00 to support career development from a research perspective. Within these grants, there is also a fourth, all year grant to involving members of the public in research up to the cost of £2,000.00 which may be used to support Public Patient Involvement. These grants have differing deadlines so it is strongly recommended to review them early. Follow this [link](#) for more information.

Healthcare Science Associate Practitioner Research and Innovation – We are looking for applications from people from within the Trust to join our commercial research team in Laboratory Medicine on a permanent contract. To view the job description of this internal only position please follow this [link](#).

Clinical Research Delivery Leadership Qualification: – The NIHR are hosting an event for those interested in becoming clinical leaders and gaining Masters level qualifications to support this role. Information can be found at this [link](#).

Research Grant Submissions

Burdett Trust - A behavioural insights study into breastfeeding choices in Urban and Coastal North Yorkshire: Attitudes, beliefs, and influencers among mothers, partners, midwifery teams, and community support groups. Bev Waterhouse £60,205.51

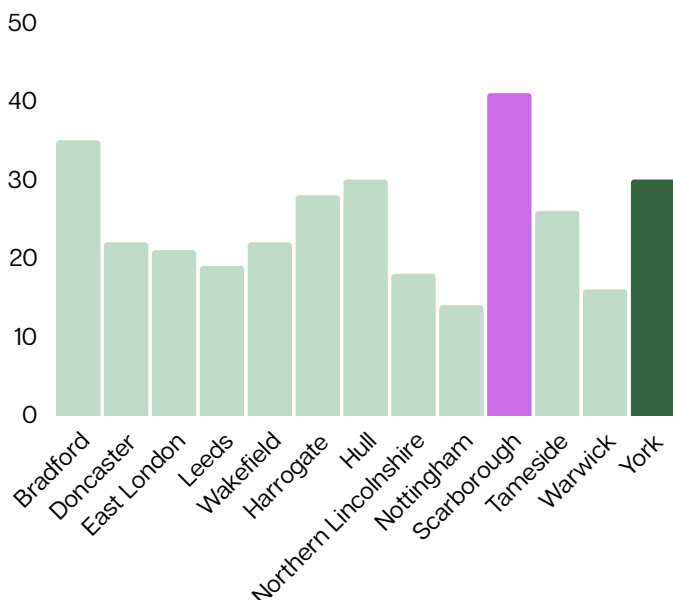
Other Grants

RRDC Yorkshire and Humber - Business Case for Strategic Funding. Department Wide Bid £104,712.68

BaBi: Y&S Success

Following the previous success of Born and Bred In: York and Scarborough, we have even more positive news. First, a massive congratulations to Scarborough Hospital who have the highest recruitment rate of eligible mothers in the BaBi Network, with York joint third behind Bradford.

We also hit a major milestone this month on the 19th of February when our 1,000th baby recruited to the project was born at 9:57 am who was delivered at York Hospital. This is a fantastic milestone for the project and the Trust and we currently have 2 BaBi grants in progress.



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Hospital given £1.2m for health research



Rural and Coastal Research

The Trust, in partnership with the University of Birmingham and University of York, has been awarded £1.2 million in funding from the National Institute of Health Research to improve urgent and emergency care in rural coastal areas across the United Kingdom!

Dr Bella Scantlebury (University of Birmingham), Professor Joy Adamson (University of York) and the Trust's Scarborough Coastal Health and Care Research Collaborative (initiative) are leading this project.

Dr Scantlebury and Prof. Adamson were interviewed This Is The Coast about this exciting project and work the universities and SHARC are doing to tackle health inequalities in coastal and rural regions within the UK. Rebecca Blakey from SeeCHANGE shared: "This is a welcome change for our communities. It will help staff provide the right care for patients and improve understanding of how emergency services can cope with demand."

To listen to the This Is The Coast interview please follow this [link](#).

Research Practitioner Scholarship

In December we advertised the Research Practitioner Scholarship backfill. The programme sought applications to backfill time for the development of new research projects, systematic review, and the development of ERCs to pump prime their own research projects with the aim of these becoming larger projects in the future aligned to our SHARC Project.

Alongside YSJU's Institute of Health and Care Improvement, we awarded three projects within the Trust all with the aim of tackling health inequalities within the broader community.

Three projects were awarded in this call. The first to Clinical Stroke Nurse Specialist, Carol Wood, who will be investigating what is considered best practice when managing nasogastric feeding tubes and how to prevent dislodgment and reduced nutritional intake.

The second project was awarded to Research OT, Laura Wendon, who will conduct a qualitative interview study to explore the experiences of OTs and their perspectives on the barriers faced by higher-weight patients in acute hospital settings.

The Third project was awarded to Research Midwife, Clare Panaser, who will engage in PPI to better understand how women currently prepare for pregnancy and identify barriers and facilitators to breastfeeding.

We look forward to seeing the outcomes of these projects, and thank the judging panel for the review of the applications. A second call will be released later this year.

PhD Student Success

Trust PhD student, Jamie Squire, recently has his Letter published in the British Medical Journal which disseminated his work on Advanced Clinical Practitioners in Emergency Medicine. Jamie, alongside the research Team and The University of York, designed an electronic census for ACPs to self-report their role within the work force across regions in the UK.

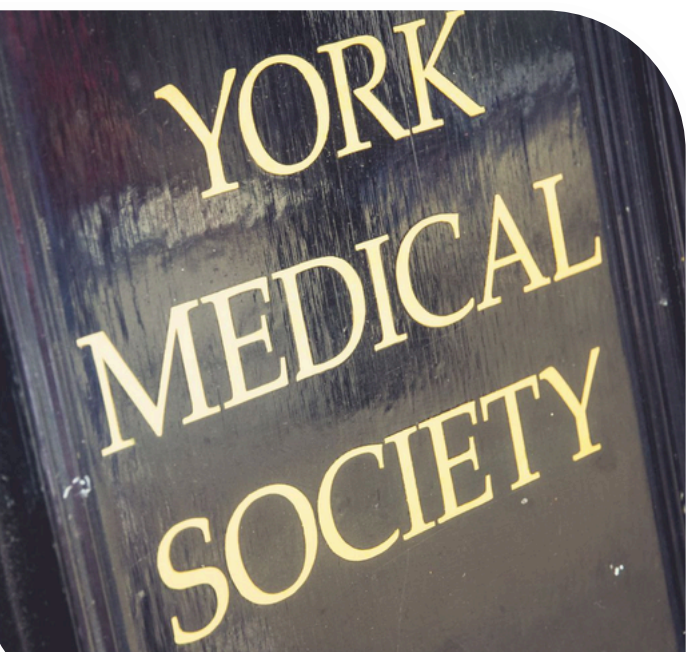
Previous census data of the ACP workforce lacked information regarding locations, and profession status of ACPs. This updated census found nurses, then paramedics were the highest reported base professions across all regions. However, the census also revealed a broader range of professions (including physiotherapists and pharmacists) thus reflecting the RCEM position change and progression since previous reporting. You can read the Letter [here](#).

Art Of Medicine Seminar

York Medical Society is inviting all healthcare professions and non-members to attend a seminar on the art of medicine. The seminars are a programme of interactive seminars that have different art forms to inspire clinical colleagues. These seminars run every two months and are free to attend. For more information or to register your interest please visit the Medical Society [website](#).

YSJU Research Webinars

YSJU's Institute for Health and Care Improvement are running a CPD series which is a mix of online and in-person sessions aimed at those wanting to further develop their research and innovation knowledge. These sessions are running through March as whole days with each session optional to attend. To sign up please follow this [link](#) to the form.



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.

To access the list of authors please click on the below boxes. Note that access may occasionally need to be granted to open these files.

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NIHR Webinars

The NIHR are running two free webinars: Research Funding Opportunities on Tuesday 4th March 2025 from 12:30-13:30 sign up [here](#).

Tips on a successful grant application on Monday 17th March 2025 10:00 onwards sign up [here](#).

These webinars are free to attend and a youtube recording will also be distributed to those who sign up but cannot attend on the day.



Research and Innovation Ideas

If you have a research or innovation project in mind and would like to find out about funding please contact either [Lisa](#) or [Cameron](#), our dedicated Grant Writers, who will help you fund find, facilitate your application. This includes original research ideas, career development awards aimed at starting a research career, as well as helping to link you up to the appropriate academics at our partner organisations to start building your wider research and innovation network.

Have something you want to include?

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.