

Research and Innovation Newsletter

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A note from the Head of R&I



A belated Happy New Year to everybody! We have reached the end of the first month of 2025! Thank you everybody for the incredible amount of hard work and continued dedication over the last 12 months!

We ended 2024 on a high with 3280 accruals so far which is fantastic, and have our MenSH-IBD study and BaBi as our highest recruiters for the end of 2024.

We are starting this month with another new member of staff. Please join me in welcoming Elettra Casellato, who will soon be joining us alongside Lisa Carr-Knot alongside the Project Support Team as a Research Delivery Facilitator.

Just a reminder that the Patient Safety Team is looking for members of staff to become Patient Safety Champions and we would absolutely love if we could get a clinical member of the team to consider this role if you are interested.

As well as this we are looking to reinstate the value board within the department but to do this we need a Values Champion, this is a lovely role and does not require much work. If you are interested please do get in touch.

- 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](#).

Mental Health Research Groups: Round 2 – The NIHR are looking to establish, in total, up to ten NIHR Mental Health Research Groups (NIHR MHRGs) in geographical areas with high mental health (MH) burden, limited local research capacity and low recruitment into MH research studies. To find out more follow this [link](#).

NIHR EME Prevention and/or management of lymphoedema following Breast Cancer Resection – The MRC-NIHR Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) Programme is inviting applications to evaluate the efficacy of novel surgical procedures and/or imaging techniques used to support surgery in the prevention and/or management of lymphoedema, in patients who have undergone breast cancer resection. The deadline for applications is 5th August 2025 at 1 pm. More information can be found [here](#).

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](#).

TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT, AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Band 7 Research Grant and Quality Lead – Doncaster 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](#).

RCN International Nursing Research Conference 2025 – The call for abstracts for translational research based on care improvement is now open for the 2025 RCN conference. The deadline line submission is 16th March 2025. The conference is open to nurses who have an interest in research. The day is aimed at supporting learning and celebrating the work of nurses who lead, design, and deliver research within clinical setting. To submit an abstract or find out more about the conference, 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 £20,000.000 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](#).

Research Grant Submissions

NIHR DSE - Utilising the Cord Blood Donation Facility at YSTH to gain a better understanding of hematopoietic stem cells through biomedical research. £9,000.00

Innovation Grants

Bowel Research UK - Evaluating the YoGi Dataset. Prof James Turvill, Mr Mike Lim and Mrs Liz Johnson £25,318.70

Cancer Research UK - Safe and Accessible Robot-Assisted Mammography. Dr Rosine Bradbury £495,977.20

ColoCap Is Live

The ColoCap study is the largest award the Trust has received for a clinical trial and investigates the diagnostic accuracy of colon capsule endoscopy compared to traditional, more invasive colonoscopy. The study is now open to recruitment and will be run across 30 sites in England, Scotland, and Wales and is aiming to recruit 973 participants across all of the sites. The study is going to recruit individuals with suspect colorectal cancer, pre-malignant polyps, and those with colitis.



Research Toolkit

Developed with input from our Head of Research Delivery and Nursing Research, Cate Laven, the national [Research Toolkit](#) is now live. Matrons and health care leaders are central to creating environments where nurses can lead, participate in, and deliver research and innovation. This research toolkit offers practical information and resources that can help nurture research as part of day-to-day nursing practice to achieve excellence in person-centred outcomes.

Cognition in Meningioma

Meningiomas are the most common type of primary intracranial removal yet the effects of tumour removal have been poorly investigated. The Trust's Lead Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Stephen Evans, along with collaborators, have addressed this and evaluated removal of these tumours. The evaluation found significantly improved verbal fluency and some measures of working memory upon removal. You can read more about this [here](#).

Research Champions

Are you interested in becoming a Research Champion for your clinical area?

Requirements for the role:

1. Attendance at x4 (1.5 hour) Multidisciplinary Research Forums per year
2. Supporting of AHP staff with research and innovation activities on an ad hoc basis
3. Advocate for Nursing and AHP research and innovation across the Trust
4. Willingness to contribute to research-related projects across the Trust
5. Escalating concerns related to research activity to the 'Head of AHP Research' or 'Head of Nursing Research'
6. Showcasing/sharing positive examples of staff research activity with the 'Head of AHP Research' or 'Head of Nursing Research'

If you are interested please get involved with Fran Butler (AHPs) and Cate Laven (Nursing and Midwifery).

News

It's only just finished and the planning for the next one has begun! Please hold the 19th November 2025 for our Research and Innovation Celebration Event. This year is on R&I and the impact it has.

In addition, to the Celebration Event please note that our next funding call for the Elsie May Sykes 2025 Research Funding Award will be going live soon, so keep an eye on your e-mails and future editions of the newsletter.

HYMS are due to soon call for Expressions of Interest for the NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow or Clinical Lectureship posts. The window of application for the ACFs is short so if you are interested in this position please contact Lydia Harris directly to discuss this post. The forms and posts will be released in the coming week so please check your e-mails for any information.

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](#)

[October 2024 Publication list](#)

[July 2024 Publication List](#)



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.