Welcome...
...to the Research and Development e-bulletin. We welcome your news, events and comments – the e-bulletin is compiled by Communications Officer Claire Mooney who can be contacted on 0161 206 8161.

News and updates

Tracey is our first Staff Awards winner
Congratulations to Critical Care Research Manager Tracey Evans, the first winner of the Research Practitioner of the Year category at the Salford Royal Staff Awards. Tracy, who said she became a research practitioner to improve things not just for patients today, but NHS patients of tomorrow, is an example to all with her enthusiasm and passion for research.

Well done, too, to Consultant Neurologist Dr David Rog and Brain Injury Research Manager Sharon Hulme, who were also shortlisted for the award and to all those nominated in the category, as well as to R+D’s Practice Development and Support Lead Jayne Hardicre, shortlisted for the Lin Hurst award, and Research Assistant Dace Dimza Jones, shortlisted for the Administrator of the Year award.

There’s more about the awards evening and a gallery of photos from the night on the Salford Royal intranet site.

New Healthcare Science Network
Nick Fowler-Johnson (North West Modernising Scientific Careers Implementation Programme Manager) and Helen Liggett (North West Healthcare Science Workforce Lead) are inviting all Healthcare Scientists employed at Salford Royal to a lunchtime meeting on Friday 29 November, 12.30pm-2pm, Seminar Room 12, Mayo Building, to discuss how a Salford Royal Healthcare Science Network can be developed.

Nick will be delivering a presentation on Modernising Scientific Careers implementation across the North West - progress report, and Helen will be delivering a presentation on the North West Healthcare Science Network - What can it do for you?

Email Lisa Deakin to confirm your attendance. Tea/coffee will be provided on the day, but please bring your own lunch.

Research: Past, present and future
Professor David Thompson will be giving the latest in Salford Royal’s series of professorial lectures on Wednesday 18 December, 4.45-6.30pm.

Prof Thompson has played a key role in the development of gastroenterology at Salford Royal since taking post in 1987 and his career has encompassed clinical practice, medical education, research and history of medicine.

His informal lecture will look back over his career and his wealth of research as well as assessing what the future holds for clinical researchers and how they can be best supported. See the events section to register.
More acclaim for Citizen Scientist project
Salford’s Citizen Scientists starred in the spotlight at the Health Service Journal Awards on Tuesday. The Citizen Scientist project was shortlisted in the Clinical Research Impact category thanks to an entry showcasing its innovative community engagement.

The eventual winner was Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust for its Without Stigma campaign.

The awards entry detailed how Citizen Scientist’s community-focussed approach gives people a way to investigate for themselves local health research activities and opportunities to take part.

Salford Royal’s Chief Executive David Dalton was shortlisted as Chief Executive of the Year in the same awards. The award recognises exceptional individuals who lead high performing organisations that are patient centred and have excellent clinical outcomes.

Funding
Research Training Fellowships
The Dunhill Medical Trust will award up to four Research Training Fellowships for studies integrating health and social care for older people in spring 2014.

Applicants are invited from clinicians and health or social care professionals (including more senior staff) who would like a career in research aimed at improving care for older people, but lack the necessary training and academic grounding. While successful candidates will be expected to undertake a practical research project, the main focus of the Fellowships will be on the completion of a robust training programme to equip them with a detailed understanding of applied research principles and practice.

A specific focus for this round of Research Training Fellowships is on the new health and social care system and how innovation can provide better person-focussed, integrated care for older people. Potential applicants should visit DMT’s website for detailed guidelines and application forms. The closing date is 10 January 2014.

Governance
Local Governance Review of new Portfolio studies taking place at SRFT
From 4 November, Greater Manchester Comprehensive Local Research Network (GM CLRN) will assist SRFT by conducting the local governance reviews of certain research studies. These will just be those NIHR portfolio studies for which SRFT is a participating site but not the study sponsor. SRFT will still sign all of the study permission letters and study site agreements. These temporary arrangements have been put in place because of current staff shortages, to enable us to provide researchers and sponsors with the best possible service, and to set studies up as quickly as possible.

Practically, little will change for you but you will now receive communication from GM CLRN on local as well as study-wide research governance issues. GM CLRN may request that you confirm your willingness to act as an Investigator for a study and contact support departments and sponsors on your behalf, to facilitate the local study set-up. If you have any queries about this process, get in touch with the CLRN Research Management & Governance team or call 0161 291 5911. If you have any specific concerns, contact Natalie Garratt, R&D Lead for SRFT, or call 0161 206 5203.

Events and activities
- Care and Compassion - A Conversation with Niall Dickson. The Chief Executive of the General Medical Council and CEO of the Kings Fund will speak about the role of the GMC after Francis, Berwick and Keogh on 28 November, 5-6.30pm, at Lecture Theatre 1, Stopford Building, The University of Manchester. View this information before the event and let Svetlana Kuimova know if you want to attend.
- Manchester Centre for Health Economics launch. Professor Alan Maynard will be the keynote speaker at this conference on 28 November, noon-4.30pm, at the Manchester Dental Education Centre, Higher Cambridge Street, Manchester, M15 6FH. Register here.
- NIHR Collaboration Workspace Roadshow. Find out about how the NIHR is modernising its technology platform to deliver a single workspace that will improve research through effective collaboration. Two-hour sessions start at 10.30am, 12.30pm, 3pm and 5pm on Friday 29 November at the Palace Hotel, Manchester, M60 7HA. It’s a drop-in event so you don’t have to stay the whole day – confirm attendance here.
- Greater Manchester LCRN. Find out the latest on the transition of the NIHR Clinical Research Network and share your views at engagements events on 10 December (Christie Hospital), 13 December (Royal Bolton Hospital) or 15 January (Stepping Hill Hospital). For details contact Janice Paterson.
• **Professorial lecture by Professor David Thompson**, who retired this summer after an acclaimed career in gastroenterology, 18 December, 4.45-6.30pm, Humphrey Booth Lecture Theatre, Mayo Building, Salford Royal. Register [here](#).

• **Developing proposals for Research for Patient Benefit.** If you’re planning to submit a RfPB application in May 2014, you can get expert advice through the Research Design Service North West’s support programme. Meetings will take place on 30 January, 6 March and 3 April in Leyland. See more [here](#). The closing date for the support programme is 29 November.

• **NCRN-Science of Targeted Treatments.** Elaine Vickers will present this advanced level one-day course to give delegates an overview of targeted cancer treatments, experimental treatment approaches, biomarker use and clinical trial design. It is primarily aimed at experienced research nurses and senior clinical research staff with a biology background. It’s on 31 January 2014, 10am-4.30pm, at The Christie, Manchester. See [here](#) for more information.

• **North West Network for NHS staff studying for a PhD part-time.** A one day workshop put on by NHS Research & Development North West to support the development of early career researchers working within the NHS. It takes place on 6 February at The Place, Manchester. If interested, email your name and details of where you are registered for your PhD to [Marie Hollis](mailto:). 

• **The Mental Health Research Network’s National Scientific Meeting 2014.** This will be hosted by the North West Hub from 5-7 March at the Hilton Hotel, Liverpool. Registration opens on 1 December on the [MHRN website](#).

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**Salford Research Training Academy**

Further copies of the Researcher Competency Development Toolkit are now available for collection. Please contact [Jayne Hardicre](mailto:).

- 4 December, Researcher Competency Development Toolkit session, 9-10am, Seminar Room 11.
- 4 December, Documenting the consent process, 10-11am, Seminar Room 11.
- 9 December, Risk Management in clinical trials, 10am-noon, Seminar Room 9.
- 12 December, GCP Refresher, 12.45-4pm.

Contact [Jayne Hardicre](mailto:), R&D Practice Development and Support Lead, for further information or call 0161 206 5235.

**Hot Topics: Research Data**

Rachel Georgiou and Stephen Brown will lead the next Hot Topics session on Best Practice in Research Data on Thursday 21 November, noon-1pm, in Seminar Room 4, Mayo Building. It will cover the regulations and guidance and how this applies to research; how to set up your data management plan; how to ensure research data integrity; how to archive and protect your data at the end of the study. The session is open to all – contact [Kirstin Greenhalgh](mailto:) with any queries.

December’s Hot Topics will be the Christmas quiz on 19 December, noon-1pm, Seminar Room 4.

**Engagement**

**Sharing best practice**

This week’s PPI in Research: Practice Sharing and Innovations event attracted more than 60 people from across Greater Manchester, working in the area of Patient and Public Involvement in Research.

With an opening presentation by Simon Denegri (Chair of INVOLVE and NIHR National Director for Public Participation and Engagement in Research), the event provided an opportunity to build new partnerships, share best practice and identify opportunities to improve participation, involvement and engagement.

Co-organiser Jess Zadik, Engagement in Research Manager Salford R+D, said: “We wanted to provide an opportunity for meaningful discussion and I am really pleased so many people were able to contribute. It’s really important that we harness the momentum and, as individuals and organisations, identify ways to move forward.” Follow the debate on Twitter at #gmppievent
Citizen Scientist
Citizen Scientist has been winning friends at home and abroad – thanks to backing from Salford City Mayor Ian Stewart and the chair of INVOLVE, Simon Denegri.

Here in Salford, the City Mayor has signed up to be a Citizen Scientist, alongside Assistant Mayor for Health and Wellbeing Coun Margaret Morris. They gave their backing as part of a fresh information and recruitment campaign, which also saw buses throughout Salford driving home the message through posters inside and out. Read more here.

Over in Alberta, Canada, Simon Denegri cited Citizen Scientist as an ‘excellent project’ and an example of a research active community as he shared the UK’s experiences in developing public involvement in research.

If you have a project that could benefit from promotion through the Citizen Scientist Project contact Francine Jury on 0161 206 1828.

Have your say on HRA policy
The Health Research Authority is seeking opinions on its strategy for patient and public involvement in the HRA’s work. The strategy aims to:

- Improve the quality of decision making in the HRA by involving patients and the public in its own work, and
- Improve the quality of research the HRA approves by using its influence to ensure that more health research involves patients and the public.

Fill in the questionnaire here – the closing date is 31 December.

Staff Updates

Vacancies
- Practice Development Support Lead – Research Academy Training Lead (Band 8a). (Advert will close as soon as sufficient applications have been received).

Please visit the NHS Jobs website for all internal or external vacancies.

Journals, articles, newsletters and blogs
- The Health Research Authority has launched its new website. It also has a monthly news bulletin with useful information about governance and PPI – sign up here. Issues covered in the October edition include evaluation of the ethics officer role, an update on HRA decision tools, guidance on Phase 1 clinical trials and information on the new rules about entering trials on a publicly accessible clinical trials register as a condition of approval from NHS Research Ethics Committees.
- MAHSC’s October newsletter, which mentioned Salford’s successful Research Day, is here. The November edition, featuring Citizen Scientist, the Salford Royal kidney research event and a success for the NW Stroke Research Network, is here.

If you can’t access the following articles through the links provided, all journal articles are available through the Library Service, details and links to e-journals are available through the online library catalogue.

- Claire Howard, Fiona Rowe, David Wright, Darren Brand, Carole Jackson, Shirley Harrison, Tallat Maan, Claire Scott, Linda Vogwell, Sarah Peel, Nicola Akerman, Caroline Dodridge, Tracey Shipman, Una Sperring, Sonia MacDiarmid, Cicely Freeman: A prospective profile of visual field loss following stroke: Prevalence, type, rehabilitation, and

• Thekkootu Pisharam Navadkumar, Tom Solomon, Reena Sharma: *Anterior horn cell and encephalopathic variant of Fabry's disease-The neuro-Fabry* (Journal of the Neurological Sciences).

• Rajiv Mohanraj, Phil Tittensor, J Morrow, Manny Bagary, S Keogh, Paul McDonald, Charlotte Lawthom, M Brodie, B McLeod: *Safety and efficacy of eliscarbazine acetate (zebinix) in everyday clinical practice using a retrospective multicentre audit* (Journal of the Neurological Sciences).

• Robert Young, Christopher Hill, Chris Cardwell, Alexander Maxwell, Beverley Matthews, Donal O'Donoghue, Damian Fogarty: *Obesity and kidney disease in type 1 and 2 diabetes: An analysis of the National Diabetes Audit* (QJM).

• Richard Hoefield, Philip Kalra, Beverley Lane, Donal O'Donoghue, Robert Foley, Rachel Middleton: *Associations of baseline characteristics with evolution of eGFR in a referred chronic kidney disease cohort* (QJM).

• Philip Hamann, Robert Cooper, Neil McHugh, Hector Chinoy: *Statin-induced necrotizing myositis - A discrete autoimmune entity within the statin-induced myopathy spectrum* (Autoimmunity Reviews).

• Christian Hendriksz, Marc Patterson, Stefan Kolb, Harbajan Chadha-Boreham: *A novel suspicion index tool to aid diagnosis of Niemann-Pick disease type C (NP-C) in paediatric patients* (European Journal of Paediatric Neurology).

• Maggie Isom, Jenny Fox, Julie Francis, Alexander Thomson: *A daily round board improves communication and discharge planning on an elderly medicine ward* (European Geriatric Medicine).

• Jamie Young, Rachel Pyburn, Jenny Fox: *Introduction of a falls care pathway in the emergency department improves the assessment of older people who fall* (European Geriatric Medicine).

• Liezel Griffin, John Staniland, Jenny Fox: *The scanner – a simple fail?* (CME Journal Geriatric Medicine).

• Arabella Grinsted, Maggie Isom, Ziad Alio, Jenny Fox: *Telephone follow-up reduces readmissions and improves patient experience* (European Geriatric Medicine).

• James Lilleker, Matthew Jones, Rajiv Mohanraj: *VGKC complex antibodies in epilepsy: Diagnostic yield and therapeutic implications* (Seizure).

• Anja Weidemann, Ania Crawshaw, Emily Byrne, Helen Young: *Vascular endothelial growth factor inhibitors: Investigational therapies for the treatment of psoriasis* (Clinical, Cosmetic and Investigational Dermatology).

• Jose Sanmillan, Ivan Pelegrin, David Rodriguez, Carmen Ardanuy, Carmen Cabellos: *Primary lumbar epidural abscess without spondylodiscitis caused by Fusobacterium necrophorum diagnosed by 16s rRNA PCR* (Anaerobe).


• David Mann, Penelope Foulds, Peter Diggle, Douglas Mitchell, Angela Parker, Masato Hasegawa, Masami Masuda-Suzukake, David Allos: *A longitudinal study on alpha-synuclein in blood plasma as a biomarker for Parkinson's disease* (Scientific Reports).

• Ula El-Kafrawy, Robert Taylor, Natalie Francis, Emaan Boussabaine, Maysoon Badrideen: *Effectiveness of a neonatal intensive care unit access intercom linked audiovisual display monitor highlighting infection control procedures* (American Journal of Infection Control).

• Cecile Tawadros, Kate Burnett, Noel Clarke, Christopher Betts: *External urethral sphincter electromyographic activity (EMG) in asymptomatic women and the influence of the menstrual cycle* (Neurourology and Urodynamics).

• Mark Roberts, Robert Cooper et al: *ANOS gene analysis in a large cohort of patients with anoctaminopathy: Confirmation of male prevalence and high occurrence of the common exon 5 gene mutation* (Human Mutation).

• Anna Vas, Philip Laws, Alexander Marsland, Orla McQuillan: *Acute generalised exanematous pustulosis induced by Pneumocystis jirovecii pneumonia prophylaxis with dapsone* (International Journal of STD and Aids).

• Dipesh Vasant, Arun Abraham, Peter Paine: *Endoscopically assisted suturing of a persistent gastrocutaneous fistula by using a site closure device* (Gastrointestinal Endoscopy).

• Rebecca Brooke, Meneka Sidhu, Animesh Sinha, Rachel Watson, Lesley Rhodes, Peter Friedman, Geraldine Clough: *Prostaglandin E2 and nitric oxide mediate the acute inflammatory (erythema) response to topical 5-aminoalaevulinic acid photodynamic therapy in human skin* (British Journal of Dermatology).

• Craig Smith, Catherine Lawrence, Beatriz Rodriguez-Grande, Kristzina Kovacs, Jesus Pradillo, Adam Denes: *The immune system in stroke: Clinical challenges and their translation to experimental research* (Journal of Neuroimmune Pharmacology).


• Matthew Harries, Christopher Griffiths, Katja Meyer, Iskander Chaudhry, Jennifer Kloepper, Enrique Poblet, Ralf Paus: *Lichen planopilaris is characterized by immune privilege collapse of the hair follicle’s epithelial stem cell niche* (Journal of Pathology).

• Natalia Meier, Iain Haslam, David Pattwell, Guo-You Zhang, Vladimir Emelianov, Roberto Paredes, Sebastian Debus,
Matthias Augustin, Wolfgang Funk, Enrique Amaya, Jennifer Kloepper, Matthew Hardman, Ralf Paus: Thyrotropin-Releasing Hormone (TRH) promotes wound re-epithelialisation in frog and human skin (PLOS One).

- David Mann, John Hardy: Amyloid or tau: the chicken or the egg? (Acta Neuropathologica).
- Catherine McMahon, Stephen Hopkins, Andy Vail, Andrew King, Debi Smith, Karen Illingworth, Simon Clark, Nancy Rothwell, Pippa Tyrrell: Inflammation as a predictor for delayed cerebral ischemia after aneurysmal subarachnoid haemorrhage (Journal of NeuroInterventional Surgery).
- Waseem Bakkour, Jason Williams: Screening for PPD allergy - safe but effective (Dermatitis).

If you’ve contributed to a publication, please let us know so we can include it in this monthly list.

**Publication dates**
- 18 December
- 15 January
- 19 February

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**How to submit articles**
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