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News



Prestigious medal for cancer surgeon

Urological Cancer Surgeon Professor Noel Clarke has been awarded the prestigious St Peter's Medal by the British Association of Urological Surgeons (BAUS). It recognises his sustained contributions to the advancement of urology.

The St Peter's medal is the highest honour that the national association can give. It is awarded annually and it is the first time in 48 years that it has been awarded to an urologist in the North West.

Professor Clarke has been a Consultant Urological Surgeon at Salford Royal and The Christie since 1993 and has an international reputation for his expertise in the treatment of bladder, prostate, renal and testis cancer and in the management of complex pelvic and retroperitoneal tumours. You can read more on our [website](#).

Recruitment on the rise in Greater Manchester

More than 43,700 participants in Greater Manchester played a part in developing healthcare over the past year, according to new figures from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) which are being released to the media today.

The figures, which cover April 2017 to March 2018, show an increase of 5.75 per cent on 2016/17. Greater Manchester has three hospital trusts, including Salford Royal, in the top 30 of the NIHR's national 2017/18 Research Activity League Table, which measures the number of studies being conducted. Both Salford Royal and Pennine Acute are in England's top 30 for the number of participants recruited to studies within NHS organisations. Salford Royal has seen the second highest increase in research study activity in England with an increase of 36 studies, from 155 in 2016/17 to 191 in 2017/18.

Pennine Acute has had the third highest increase in England in recruitment to commercial contract studies, an increase of 769 participants, from 112 in 2016/7 to 881 in 2017/18. Salford Royal has seen the fourth highest increase in research activity in commercial studies - an increase of 19 commercial studies, from 28 in 2016/17 to 47 in 2017/18.

Pennine Acute was the eighth best performing trust in England in terms of recruitment to commercial contract studies. It recruited 881 participants in 2017/18, a 687 per cent increase on the 112 recruited in 2016/7. Salford Royal was 10th best. It recruited 778 participants in 2017/18, a 347 per cent increase on the 174 recruited in 2016/17.

Research in the spotlight as NHS reaches 70

Senior Clinical Research Nurse Manager Vikki O'Loughlin made sure research's key role in the NHS was highlighted as we celebrated the 70th anniversary of the NHS on 5 July. Vikki was chosen as one of 70 people to feature in the Northern Care Alliance's 70@70 Twitter campaign, which shared images of members of staff across our hospitals with messages about why they're proud to work in the NHS. Vikki also recorded a short video and was then asked to appear on BBC Radio Manchester's live broadcast from Salford Royal on the morning of the anniversary. As well as talking to presenter Chelsea Norris about her career in nursing and the importance of research, Vikki went head to head with Palliative Care Consultant Dr Iain Lawrie in the show's general knowledge quiz and stormed through to win a commemorative egg cup!

Well done to Vikki and many thanks also to NHS Big7T organisers Marie Greenhalgh and Diane Lomas and everyone else who contributed to the anniversary lunch at Summerfield House.

Setting the standard for initiation and delivery

Well done to everyone involved in our National Institute for Health Research Performance Initiation and Delivery report - both Salford Royal and recorded 100 per cent for their adjusted benchmark in the final quarter of 2017-18, making them the top sites in the country. The hard work of R&I Manager Katie Doyle and the Research Management & Support teams is behind this fantastic achievement which means that all our new studies in that quarter met the 70-day deadline for being set up and ready to recruit.

Home technology project features in national media

The Guardian has covered our work with Salix Homes, the University of Salford and the University in Manchester to help older people stay in their homes safely for longer. Under the headline [How Xbox technology could keep older people safe at home](#), journalist Rachel Pugh reported on the first phase of the MiiHome project in the paper's social care section and quoted our dementia and ageing research lead Dr Anthony Hodgson. This follows on from coverage of the work on Granada Reports, BBC Radio Manchester and the Manchester Evening News in April.

Congratulations to our Research Stars of the Month

Always helpful and understanding, that's Anne-Marie Peers who is the Chief Pharmacy Technician – Specialist Services at Salford Royal, our Research Star of the Month for May. Since Anne-Marie joined the pharmacy team in 2015 she's improved the working environment within the clinical trials department by streamlining procedures and upgrading equipment. Dedicated and well-informed, she often works in the background building the platform from which our studies smoothly run - so it's great to put her in the spotlight for once. The quality of her work really helps all research staff, the Trust and ultimately our patients.

Congratulations also to the Research Management & Support team and Beverley Greenhalgh, who are June's Research Stars of the Month. Over the last year the joint Northern Care Alliance RM&S team has built excellent relationships with our sponsors, Principal and Chief Investigators, research delivery staff and service support teams. They are always working to improve what we do and nothing is too much trouble for them. The team really pulls out all the stops to make sure sponsor timelines are met and also supports other teams on grants, standard operating procedures, contract reviews, amendments, archiving, GCP training and more. Beverley Greenhalgh, who leads the Sponsorship Support & Compliance team, works closely with Research Management & Support and while she has worked alone for much of the past year, she has still managed to set up a comprehensive process for new studies that require sponsorship support. She also supported colleagues ahead of our MHRA inspection and assisted with the development of a new suite of SOPs.

It's great to hear the many stories of staff working so hard to make a difference to research and patient care within research. Please keep sending your nomination(s) each month to both Senior Clinical Research Nurse Manager [Vikki O'Loughlin](#) and Engagement in Research Manager [Jess Zadik](#) with the name of the person or team and a short paragraph explaining why their work should be recognised.

Awards to recognise your fantastic work

- [Health Business Awards](#) (entries close 12 October).

Engagement



Alzheimer's Society fundraisers tour brain bank

Special visitors from the Alzheimer's Society delved deep into the research work supported by Manchester Brain Bank during a trip to Salford Royal.

The nine fundraisers from the charity toured the Brain Bank – one of just 10 in the UK – to discover more about its collection and how it is involved in the latest dementia studies. They met the bank's founder, neuropathologist Professor David Mann, and manager Dr Andy Robinson, who showed the group some of the facilities and equipment. [Read more](#).

Practical help with engagement and recruitment

Need advice with patient and public involvement in your research? Ready to recruit into your study but worried about getting enough participants? Did you know Research & Innovation has its own Engagement team who can offer practical help and advice?

In addition, [Citizen Scientist](#), which is part of R&I, can help to recruit participants for your study, spreading the message to more than 3,000 people who have asked to be kept informed about opportunities to take part in research – as patients or healthy volunteers. Studies can be promoted via its website, newsletters and social media, providing a quick and easy way to reach potential participants.

For advice on PPI and engagement contact [Engagement in Research Manager Jess Zadik](#) or to get your research opportunity promoted on Citizen Scientist, contact info@citizenscientist.org.uk

Funding



NIHR Senior Investigator competition

Leading researchers funded by the NIHR and who are employed by an NHS Trust, university or charity based in England, are encouraged to apply to the NIHR Senior Investigators competition. Applications are invited from all relevant fields and the closing date is 29 August. [More here](#).

Global health transformation fund

The NIHR's call for 'Research and Innovation for Global Health Transformation (RIGHT)' will fund high quality research ideas in three areas of unmet need and underinvestment in low and middle income countries – epilepsy, infection-related cancer and severe stigmatising skin diseases. Further details are [here](#). The deadline for outline applications is 1 August and typical award size will be £3-5m over 3-4 years.

Other NIHR calls

- [Cochrane Incentive Awards](#) are small payments offered to Cochrane Review Groups for preparing key new or updated Cochrane reviews by agreed dates. They are intended to be applied at the discretion of Co-ordinating Editors in ways that will facilitate and possibly accelerate activity that is already planned or underway. The deadline for applications is 28 September.
- [Digital technologies to improve health and care](#). Applications that span the remit of more than one of the NIHR programmes are eligible for this call, although this isn't a requirement. The deadline is 6 November.

Visit the [NIHR website](#) for details of all current funding and support calls.

Gastroenterology opportunities

The charity Guts UK has announced a number of funding opportunities.

- [Guts UK/BSG Trainee Awards](#) are funded by the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) and Guts UK for trainees or trainee research networks who want carry out research or audit/quality improvement projects. The deadline is 10 September.
- [Guts UK Development Grants](#) are available for established clinicians and investigators who want to do translational and/or proof of concept research on any aspect of gastroenterology/hepatology. The deadline is 3 September.
- [Guts UK Amelie Waring Fellowship](#) is for research on pancreatic inflammation or injury. The deadline is 8 October.
- [Guts UK/Olympus Fellowship](#) is for endoscopy research on one or more of the [top 10 research priorities in Barrett's Oesophagus and Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease \(GORD\)](#) – the authors for this include Professor Shaheen Hamdy, Professor John McLaughlin and Dr Yeng Ang from Salford Royal. The deadline is 8 October.

Training



Clinical Research Network courses

The dates for Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and GCP refresher courses for 2018 are available on [our website](#). If your certification is due to expire, please use [this link](#) to confirm your place.

The CRN also runs courses on informed consent, communication and consent in paediatric settings, informed consent in adults lacking capacity, research practitioner essentials and working in the CRN. [More here](#).

Events



[Robotics@Manchester workshop](#). This new initiative aims to bring together the University of Manchester's diverse activity in robotics research. The workshop for UoM staff will include brief presentations from academics involved in robotics research from across the University and group discussions. It's on 6 September, 1-5pm, at Sackville Street Building. For information, contact the [Manchester Informatics team](#).

[Tourettes Action Research Network Meeting 2018](#). This will include discussions on developing new hypotheses for future projects. It's on 13 September at the Royal Society of Medicine, London.

[Greater Manchester Cancer Conference](#). This one day conference will underline the benefits of cancer services, research and education working together. It will focus around Greater Manchester patient outcomes and explore key improvements made and continuing challenges. It's on 26 November at Old Trafford.

Staff updates



Vacancies

- [Consultant Nurse in Critical Care](#) – Band 8b (closes 20 July)
- [Trust Doctor in Neonatology](#) – ST2 equivalent (closes 22 July)
- [Clinical Fellow](#) – FY2 (closes 29 July)
- [Locum Consultant Hand Surgeon](#) (closes 1 August)
- [Senior Research Nurse](#) – part time, internal candidates only (closes 3 August)
- [Fixed Term Junior Doctor](#) – Trauma and Orthopaedics (closes 9 August)
- [Consultant Gastroenterologist](#) (closes 12 August)

This list of vacancies now incorporates roles across the Northern Care Alliance. Please visit the [NHS Jobs](#) website for all internal or external vacancies.

Congratulations and thanks

- Congratulations to [Mr James Bedford](#), Consultant Plastic and Hand Surgeon working across Salford Royal and Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, who has been appointed as Senior Clinical Advisor for plastic surgery and burns at the Getting It Right First Time programme. This is a national project helping to improve the quality of care within the NHS by reducing unwarranted variations, bringing efficiencies and improving patient outcomes.
- Well done to Dr Leila Asfour, Dermatology Specialist Trainee at Salford Royal, who has won the Kligman essay competition at the British Society of Geriatric Dermatology. Her essay, [Older skin: How does it affect your management decisions](#), has been published in the journal GM.

Publications



Journals, articles, newsletters and blogs

- Gareth Evans, Naomi Bowers, Simon Tobi, Claire Hartley, Andrew Wallace, Andrew King, Simon Lloyd, Scott Rutherford, Charlotte Hammerbeck-Ward, Oman Pathmanaban, Simon Freeman, John Ealing, Mark Kellett, Roger Laitt, Owen Thomas, Chris Duff, Elaine Harkness, Miriam Smith, et al: [Schwannomatosis: A genetic and epidemiological study](#) (Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry).
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