

## Update from NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group November 2021



The Northern Lights (*Aurora borealis*) are best viewed on clear autumn and winter nights in Northern Scotland

### Managed Recovery Performance Monitoring

Delivery of commercial contract NIHR CRN Portfolio studies is a key focus for the NIHR CRN, with a significant spotlight on studies within managed recovery. The NIHR CRN should provide support to deliver commercial managed recovery studies in line with sponsor agreed national targets and timelines. To see full document, please copy this link in your browser:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sNYVJkMs2Xqv3f7UCRAm4XPI8eRRixXYaQzbuXOLH3I/edit>

### Roll out of the Non-commercial Portfolio Application service to social care and public health studies

From the 10 November 2021 non-commercial studies that do not require HRA Approval (i.e. those taking place in public health and social care settings) should apply for CRN support via the Non-commercial Portfolio Application service in CPMS. To see full document that outlines the new service and the changes, please copy this link in your browser:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fjwHnhacVDM-8R1V4OcVAnH-zKqn4zIDDiHaOLKY-pQ/edit>

### Associate PI Scheme Launch Event, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2021. Recording available

Please find below the link to the recording, please forward to colleagues who may be interested in participating in the scheme.

Website: [associatepilaunch.com](http://associatepilaunch.com),

Password: AssociatePI

### New guidance published on set up of interventional research activity at NHS/HSC organisations



The Health Research Authority (HRA), alongside the devolved administrations, have published new guidance to support the set-up of interventional research projects research activity at NHS/HSC organisations.

[IRAS Help - Preparing & submitting applications - Interventional Research \(myresearchproject.org.uk\)](https://myresearchproject.org.uk)

### The NIHR 2021 Reproductive Health and Childbirth Symposium: Growth, progress and positive change, 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021. Recording available

The recorded symposium can be accessed on [www.rhandcvirtual.co.uk](http://www.rhandcvirtual.co.uk); Password – Symposium21

This Symposium was organised by the NIHR Reproductive Health and Childbirth National Research Champions (RHC-NRC) group, this group is a national network of midwives and nurses representing all Clinical Research Network regions and the devolved nations. [Please see vacancy below if you are interested in being part of this group.](#)

## NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Advisory Group

### Vacancy: Lead Research Midwife/ Nurse

The NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Advisory Group consists of local champions from each Health Board and representatives from Sexual and Reproductive Health, Midwifery, Nursing and Trainees.

The NRS Clinical Research Lead (Professor Abha Maheshwari) will put forward the NRS lead midwife/nurse candidate for membership to the National NIHR RHC-NRC Group to represent Scotland.

If you are a research midwife/ nurse interested in joining the Advisory group please let Abha ([abha.maheshwari@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:abha.maheshwari@abdn.ac.uk)) or Txaro ([maria.amezaga@nhs.net](mailto:maria.amezaga@nhs.net)) know and we will send you the details.

Please include a brief CV and a short paragraph indicating why you would like to join the group.

**“Healthcare professionals’ experiences on delivering unexpected news in pregnancy” Survey**

Please complete/ disseminate this short survey as appropriate and share with relevant members of your team. This should take *less than 3 minutes* to complete.

The aim of this survey is to find out how healthcare professionals (HCPs) who work in the field of Fetal Medicine within the NHS deal with delivering unexpected news to pregnant women and their significant others.

**CSO Launches New Postdoctoral scheme to support Early Career Health Researchers**

**– Chief Scientist Office (scot.nhs.uk)** Deadline 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022

For full details please visit [Early Postdoctoral Fellowship – Chief Scientist Office \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://scot.nhs.uk/early-postdoctoral-fellowship)



**GOOD NEWS STORIES**

**NHS Grampian will be the first recruiting site to open the CERM Trial in Scotland**

**The CERM Trial.** Chronic Endometritis and Recurrent Miscarriage.

CPMS ID 42757, IRAS 251756.

Chief Investigator: Professor Siobhan Quenby, University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust. Funder: NIHR EME Programme.

For more information please visit:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/research/ctu/trials/cerm/>



Grampian team, from left: Dr Andrea Woolner (PI), research nurses Laura Naylor and Nataleigh McGonagle

**“The Power of Collaboration”**

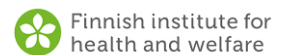
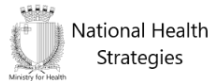


**Dr Sohinee Bhattacharya (University of Aberdeen) and team, in collaboration with centres in Finland and Malta have recently published three papers, using routinely collected perinatal data from Aberdeen, Finland and Malta.**

In the first publication the effects of changes in risk factors between the first two pregnancies on the occurrence of placental abruption were evaluated. [Full article- PLOS ONE.](#)

A second paper aimed to assess the effect of interpregnancy BMI change on the risk of perinatal complications in the second pregnancy. [Full article- Int J Obes.](#)

The third paper “Risk of Recurrent Stillbirth in Subsequent Pregnancies” which compares the prospective risk of stillbirth between women with and without a stillbirth in their first pregnancy, is scheduled to be published in the January 2022 issue of *Obstetrics & Gynecology*. It will be published ahead of print on December 2, 2021 (after 5:00 pm ET). At that time, you will find the article online at <http://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/toc/publishahead>.



**NEW NRS REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND CHILDBIRTH WEBPAGE**



We have updated the NRS webpage for the Specialty, please visit: [Reproductive Health and Childbirth | NHS Research Scotland | NHS Research Scotland.](#)

There is a [Study Portfolio Section](#), which features in collapsible tabs some of the current Portfolio studies in different areas of research.

In addition, please find Eligible Studies Active in Scotland per Health Board [here](#), data cut 25/11/2021.

Please note that Eligible studies are supported by a funder which appears on the [CSO Eligible Funders list](#).

The monthly Newsletter can be accessed via the webpage in collapsible tabs:

[Newsletters and Resources Section](#)

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