

Update from NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group



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The 2022 Lunar New Year fell on 1st February, marking the beginning of a calendar year based on Moon cycles particularly celebrated in many Asian countries and their diasporas. One of the world's oldest lunar calendar is located at Warren Field, Crathes Castle, Aberdeenshire (c. 8,000 BC)



Medicines & Healthcare
products
Regulatory Agency

Consultation on proposals for legislative changes for clinical trials - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

The MHRA is currently consulting on proposals for legislative changes for clinical trials.

See [MHRA's Press release and consultation document](#).

You may already be submitting on behalf of your employing organisation, however, NIHR CRN plans to make a formal response to this public consultation. If you wish to contribute to the CRN response, please review the consultation document and provide any feedback or views using [this form](#).

Your feedback through this form will be used to inform a collective view on behalf of the CRN. We would ask that colleagues do not make individual submissions to the MHRA consultation in the context of their CRN role.

Please provide your response by close of play on 28th February 2022.

NIHR | National Institute
for Health Research

UK clinical research ecosystem continues to build on learnings from COVID-19 research | NIHR

The UK Clinical Research Recovery, Resilience and Growth Programme (RRG) has published an update detailing the key milestones that have been achieved in the 6 months since the publication of [The Future of UK Clinical Research Delivery 2021/22](#) implementation plan.

NHS Research Scotland is one of the key delivery partners of the RRG Programme, a cross-sector, UK-wide coordinated programme of work. The update sets out what the RRG delivery partners have already accomplished, and provides detail on further work that the programme is looking to deliver. The RRG programme is now planning for the next phase of work and will publish the phase two implementation plan in spring 2022. [Full Update document](#)

Outcome of the Precision Medicine Alliance Scotland Funding Call – Chief Scientist Office

On May 27th 2021, the Chief Scientist Office launched the Precision Medicine Alliance Scotland funding call.



Applications were invited for Scottish-led research to support NHS Boards in the development and delivery of Precision Medicine based approaches to tackle health conditions of major importance in Scotland, including diseases that disproportionately impact those at risk of socioeconomic disadvantage. CSO convened an international expert panel to review applications. Four projects were recommended for funding. [Press release](#).

SRNCN

Scottish Research Nurse, Midwife and Coordinators' Network (SRNCN)

'Celebrating Clinical Research in Scotland', 25th March 2022. TheStudio, Glasgow.

Keynote speaker: Professor Jason Leitch, National Clinical Director in Health and Social Care.

This event is now fully booked. To be added to the waiting list or for any queries, please email:
education@edinburghcrf.ed.ac.uk

For full details please visit <https://www.srncn.org/>. [Draft programme here](#). Follow the event on twitter using #SRNCN22.

Please keep sending us your Good News Stories!

What could be good news stories from your teams?

First patients to Trials, completion of difficult Trials to Target, Key Studies, Findings, Awards/achievements of local PI/CI/team members, collaborations, working with NIHR in cross border studies, bringing/ opening of Trials in Scotland. Anything that goes on behind the scenes of recruitment numbers, overcoming challenges, achievements, etc.

NEW STUDIES OPEN TO SITES IN SCOTLAND

REGAL trial. Recurrence of Endometriosis: A randomised controlled trial of clinical and cost-effectiveness of Gonadotrophin Releasing Hormone Analogues with add-back hormone replacement therapy versus repeat Laparoscopic surgery. CPMS ID 50851, IRAS 271703.

Chief Investigator: Dr Lucky Saraswat, NHS Grampian. Funder: NIHR.



In this trial, women who have had recurrence of pain after previous surgical treatment to endometriosis are randomised to either repeat surgery or GnRH analogues with HRT for two years. They also receive regular DEXA scans to check bone mineral density.

REGAL has finally started recruitment in January 2022 after a long delay due to COVID-19. NHS Grampian has been the first site to open. It is expected to open in NHS Lothian soon.

STOPPIT-3. A Randomised Placebo-Controlled Trial of Antenatal Corticosteroids for Planned Birth in Twins. IRAS 1004166.

Chief Investigator: Dr Sarah Stock, University of Edinburgh. Funder: NIHR.



STOPPIT-3 is due to start recruitment in May 2022. The study team will be looking for around 50 sites to recruit 1,552 women into the trial. The trial will address the current uncertainty regarding the use of ACS in twin pregnancy as there is currently little evidence of effectiveness in twins. See more details [here](#). If you would like further information please contact the study team via email, STOPPIT.Trial@ed.ac.uk or message via Twitter @Stoppit3Study.

This study has been circulated via the NRS Centralised Feasibility Service.

Please let us know if you are interested in participating and would like further details.

NEW NRS REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND CHILDBIRTH WEBPAGE

Please visit:

[Reproductive Health and Childbirth | NHS Research Scotland | NHS Research Scotland.](#)



In the revamped webpage there is a Studies Spotlight section which features some studies in the Specialty. In addition in the newsletter you can find Eligible Studies Active in Scotland per Health Board [here](#), data cut 09 02 2022. Eligible studies are supported by a funder which appears on the [CSO Eligible Funders list](#).

The monthly NRS RH&C Newsletter can be accessed via the webpage: [Newsletters and Resources Section](#)

Please send us your Good News stories, queries or feedback:

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