

NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth

Specialty Group Newsletter

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The Highland cow or 'Heilan coo' is a Scottish breed of rustic cattle. Calving season often begins in March/ April.



NIHR Challenge - Maternity Inequalities

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[NIHR launches £50m 'Challenge' funding to tackle inequalities in maternity care](#)

Opened 13 March 2024. Closes 22 May 2024.

The National Institute for Health and Care Research has launched its first 'Challenge' funding call, focused on finding new ways to tackle maternity disparities. Backed by £50 million, will task researchers and policymakers with finding new ways to tackle maternity disparities.

This funding call will bring together a diverse consortium, funding research and capacity building. The aim is to increase the evidence base to address maternity inequalities, facilitating a multidisciplinary whole systems approach to address uncertainties across research, innovation and implementation.

A webinar was held on **18 March 2024 from 14.00 to 15.00**. [The recording is now available.](#)

If you would like access to the slides, please email nhrchallenge@nihr.ac.uk

For further information and how to apply please visit the [website](#), for help with your application contact nhrchallenge@nihr.ac.uk

Scottish applicants encouraged to join an NIHR committee and shape the future of research

It was announced last year that health and social care [researchers in the devolved administrations](#) will have increased access to health and social care research funding opportunities via the NIHR.

It is now essential Scotland representatives form part of professional and public committees that make important research decisions. Full article [here](#)

[Become a professional NIHR committee member.](#) If you would like to join a committee from your work-related perspective, you can apply to become a professional committee member. [Search professional committee positions here](#)



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NHS Research & Development Forum Annual Conference 2024

RDF24 will take place at the Celtic Manor in Wales from the **12-14 May**. It brings together the UK wide professional community in research management, support & leadership in health and care.



Research & Development Forum Trustees - Expression of Interest. Closing Date: Friday 3 May 2024

RDF is seeking to appoint up to three new trustees who possess the skills, knowledge and experience needed to join the Board of Trustees of the charity that leads the work of RDF. Applications are welcome from across the Health and Care System. **RDF is actively encouraging applications from those working in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.**

For information and to apply, please visit the website <https://rdforum.nhs.uk> or email info@rdforum.org.uk.

Your good news stories, queries, feedback, are always welcome:
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Research Early Adopter invite - Our Future Health



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CSO is working closely with Our Future Health on Scottish participation in this UKRI funded initiative to create a UK-wide cohort of 5 million adults for research to develop new ways to prevent, detect and treat diseases ([Researcher resources - Our Future Health](#)).

Our Future Health plans to open recruitment centres in Scotland later this year with over 1.25 million people recruited so far in England. Data are available for research. Our Future Health is currently offering opportunities to help shape and promote the research resource along with access to the data through an Early Adopter Scheme.

Please [read here](#) communication from Kate Feeny, the Scotland Stakeholder Manager of Our Future Health.

NIHR Research Learning Lecture series - more dates are available! Register via Eventbrite [here](#).

The [NIHR Associate Principal Investigator \(PI\) Scheme](#) is continuing to host the Research Learning Lectures; a series of lectures for anyone in Health and Social Care interested in learning more about research. Upcoming: Experiences in UK-US Fulbright Programme. 7 May 2024, 2:00-3:00pm.



For further details please visit the [website](#) or contact the API Scheme team at associatepisceme@nihr.ac.uk

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Our 2024 [Entry Level Scholarships](#) and [Postdoctoral Research Fellowships](#) are now open! Submission deadline: 11 July 2024 at 1pm



Please visit our [website](#) to find out more about all of our funding opportunities, including co-funding with research partners and how to apply. For queries please contact research@wellbeingofwomen.org.uk or call 020 3697 6346.

[Invention for Innovation - Product Development Awards Call 28](#)

Opened 10 April 2024. Closes 13.00pm on 29 May 2024



The [NIHR Invention for Innovation \(i4i\) programme](#) invites proposals to Call 28 of its researcher-led Product Development Awards (PDA). The NIHR i4i is a translational research funding scheme aimed at medical devices, in vitro diagnostic devices and digital health technologies addressing an existing or emerging health or social care need.

[The NIHR i4i programme is accepting applications from researchers and organisations based in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.](#) For any questions please contact i4i@nihr.ac.uk

The MRC Medicines Development Fellowship Scheme job advert has gone live. Deadline 27 May 2024

It offers a unique opportunity for **four Clinician Scientist Fellows (CSFs)** to develop into independent cross-boundary research leaders. The successful candidates will plan and deliver a five-year research project in collaboration with an industry partner supported by one of four universities, which includes the University of Glasgow. For more information please visit this [link](#)

Reproductive Health and Childbirth Studies

Find an update of Active Studies in Scotland per Health Board at this [link](#)

In the NRS RH&C [webpage](#), Portfolio studies are highlighted in the [Study Portfolio section](#)

RH&C Newsletters can be found [here](#).



For information about studies in the RH&C portfolio please contact Abha (abha.maheshwari@nhs.scot) or Txaro (maria.amezaga@nhs.scot)