

# Update from NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group

## December 2023/ An Dùbhlachd 2023



### Full Government response to the Lord O'Shaughnessy review into commercial clinical trials Updated 8 December 2023



This report sets the government's response in full. It provides an update on progress made against the initial commitments and provides a prioritised response on both the remaining recommendations and the existing programme of work announced in previous implementation plans. This document updates and supersedes previous plans.

The UK government welcome the areas highlighted in [Lord O'Shaughnessy's review of commercial clinical trials](#), which has helped to prioritise key areas of the ongoing work to implement the bold and ambitious 10-year vision set out in [Saving and Improving Lives: The Future of UK Clinical Research Delivery](#).

The [initial UK government response published in May](#) alongside the review, welcomed all recommendations from the review in principle, and made 5 headline commitments backed by up to £121 million. This was followed by a [full government response to the review into commercial clinical trials in November](#).

Whilst the review focused on the systems and structures in England, many of the recommendations made in the review are applicable across all four nations of the UK as part of a collaborative, innovative cross-sector approach.

See NHS Research Scotland article [here](#)

### The Scottish National Menstrual Health Specialist Network



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The Women's Health Plan Team are inviting healthcare professionals with a particular interest in Menstrual Health, to come together to share knowledge, experience and ideas in order to support the aims and ambitions of the [Women's Health Plan](#).

The aim is to build a professional Network to facilitate peer support, education and access to expert clinical advice as well as providing an opportunity to share good practice and work collaboratively across Scotland to support healthcare services to be responsive and adaptive to the individual needs of women.

These meetings will be held quarterly over MS Teams and will be chaired by [Dr Jackie Maybin](#) with attendance from the [Women's Health Champion, Professor Anna Glasier](#).

The next meeting is due to take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 - 16:00-17:30.

If you are interested in participating in The Network, please send a note of interest with confirmation of your full name, job title and email address to [womenshealthplan@gov.scot](mailto:womenshealthplan@gov.scot) to be added to our mailing list.

**Please circulate to colleagues who may be interested**

*On behalf of Sarah Dillon, Senior Policy Manager, Women's Health Plan Team, Scottish Government*

### UPDATE. REQUEST TO ADVERTISE STUDY POSTER IN MATERNITY UNITS



**RELAX. REDucing Levels of AnXiety** - in pregnancy and after birth.

Please see full details of this request in the [RH&C Nov 2023 newsletter](#). This study is now available on SReDA (IRAS 307468). Poster for display at this [link](#) and [website here](#).

NRS PCC have confirmed that displaying the RELAX Study poster does not require Generic Review in Scotland. Regarding local R&D approval, NHS Grampian have confirmed that in this Health Board R&D review is not necessary to display this poster. For other HBs please check with your R&D colleagues.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
BEST WISHES FOR 2024!

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Many thanks for sending your good news stories, queries, etc:

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### CSO Early Postdoctoral Fellowship - Open for applications

**Application deadline: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024**



This fellowship provides 3 years of funding to researchers who have just completed a PhD and are looking to take the next step in developing a research career. The scheme is open to both clinical and non-clinical researchers who propose a project within CSO's overall remit of early translational (experimental medicine), clinical and applied health research and social care. For full details please visit the [early postdoctoral fellowship page](#). For queries please contact Julie Simpson [julie.simpson@gov.scot](mailto:julie.simpson@gov.scot)

### 23/160 Management of metabolic morbidity in women and others with PCOS | NIHR

**Opens 30th November 2023, closes 13:00 on 15th May 2024**

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The NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme is accepting Stage 1 applications to their commissioned workstream for this primary research topic. See details [here](#).

### National Maternity Research Programmes' Maternity and Perinatal Vision Seminar



NHS England's inaugural 'Maternity and Perinatal Research Vision Seminar' will be hosted **14th February 2024**, at The Studio (thestudio) in Birmingham from 10:00-16:00.

This event aims to bring together researchers in all maternity and perinatal care areas to discuss critical questions and identify gaps in current research efforts. The day is broken into keynote talks, sofa-style panel discussions, and workshops, and it facilitates networking to drive forward critical research questions in the field.

Please click [here](#) to register your interest. Tickets are limited and your expression of interest does not guarantee attendance, confirmation will be sent out as soon as possible. For queries or if link doesn't work in your HB please contact [lisa.sharrocks@nhs.net](mailto:lisa.sharrocks@nhs.net)

## 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](mailto:abha.maheshwari@nhs.scot)) or**

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