

Update from NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group

October 2021



THE LOCI TRIAL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

LOCI is a Phase III double blinded trial investigating whether Letrozole is a suitable alternative to Clomifene, with or without metformin, for ovulation induction in women with polycystic ovary syndrome. CPMS 42795. CI: Professor Arri Coomarasamy, University of Birmingham.

This NIHR Portfolio trial has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic as acknowledged by the funder (NIHR HTA). However, they have asked for the trial to more than double recruitment from 25-30 per month to 75 by Oct-2021. This outcome would be devastating news for patients and the NHS.

The recruitment numbers have been increasing steadily on a month-by-month basis, and so we feel that we can reach the target and save this trial. However, this would require a truly concerted effort from every PI, and every research nurse.

Every single participant who is recruited is now essential for our survival. Could I (the CI) therefore please ask for your help and support at this hour of need? We need your site to recruit to LOCI please!

Any issues please contact Abha or Txaro

Reminder: [Associate PI Scheme Launch Event - Registration, Wed 3 Nov 2021 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](#)

IMPORTANT NOTE: This registration page will be closed from Friday 29th October 2021. After this time you will not be able to register for the Launch Event. You will not be able to attend the Event without first registering, so if you would like to attend please register as soon as possible to avoid missing out.

Inspiring Innovation in Women's and Children's Care - 30 Nov & 7 Dec 2021

The event will be of interest to all staff working in Women's and Children's Services in NHS Scotland but is open to all NHS staff and academia colleagues.

[Inspiring Innovation in Women's and Children's Care - Virtual Event \(shsc.scot\)](#)



Health Research
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[Make it Public: transparency and openness in health and social care research - Health Research Authority \(hra.nhs.uk\)](#)

This strategy covers health and social care research taking place in the UK which involves people, their tissue or their personal data, and which require review by an NHS Research Ethics Committee. Everyone involved in research – from researchers and funding bodies to registries, publishers and the public – has a part to play in making health and social care research open and transparent.

Clinical trials will be automatically registered to guarantee a full picture of research taking place in the UK, thanks to our world-first partnership with ISRCTN, a clinical trial registry recognised by the World Health Organisation. [New partnership guarantees full picture of UK clinical trials - Health Research Authority \(hra.nhs.uk\)](#)

UKRD Consultation Response – Re-imagining the CRN:

'NIHR Clinical Research Network: The Next Ten Years Consultation'

[UKRD Report – Re-imagining the CRN – UKRD – R&D Leaders in the NHS \(ukrdleaders.org\)](#)

NIHR is currently undertaking and commissioning a number of system-level reviews that are developing challenging questions around the organisation of their research support infrastructure. Link to recent report below.

[Microsoft Word - CRN Consultation UKRD - FINAL \(ukrdleaders.org\)](#)



Please send your Good News, queries or any feedback to:
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GOOD NEWS STORIES

HELP Fertility? 1st SITE TO OPEN IN SCOTLAND



The NHS Grampian team is the 1st site to open this study in Scotland.

HELP Fertility? Hysteroscopic Excision of Leiomyoma and Polyp in Infertility - two randomised controlled trials.
CPMS 48137, IRAS 283141.

Chief Investigator: Mr Mostafa Metwally, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Funder: NIHR HTA.

This trial aims to determine the clinical and cost-effectiveness of hysteroscopic removal of submucosal fibroids and endometrial polyps, in women presenting with infertility and recurrent pregnancy loss.

For more information or expressions of interest please contact: Kirsty McKendrick (Kirsty.mckendrick@sheffield.ac.uk)
or Clare Pye (clare.pye1@nhs.net).

STUDY LOOKING FOR SITES IN SCOTLAND. WILL Trial



WILL Trial. When to Induce Labour to Limit risk in pregnancy hypertension – a multicentre, randomised controlled trial. CPMS 39805, IRAS 252294.

Chief Investigator: Professor Laura Magee, King's College London. Funder: NIHR HTA.

Following a successful pilot phase, the trial has been granted permission to enter the main phase of recruitment and the trial team are looking to extend site opening across the UK. The trial is designed to be conducted remotely from consent, randomisation and through to follow up so it is an ideal trial for teams who are facing the challenge of healthcare research in the midst of a pandemic. Please see [Protocol](#) and if interested in participating complete the [WILL Feasibility Survey](#) and [WILL Survey of Practice](#), this will help the team to advise how best to implement the WILL protocol at your site.

For further details please contact the Senior Trial Manager, Katie Kirkham, K.L.Kirkham@bham.ac.uk

NES/CSO Postdoctoral Clinical Lectureships – New Round Open for Applications. Deadline 5 pm on Monday 31 January 2022.



NHS Education Scotland (NES) and the Chief Scientist Office (CSO) are delighted to announce that the next round of their joint lectureship scheme is open for applications. Applications are invited from speciality registrars in training who hold a Scottish NTN and have completed (or will shortly complete) a PhD or MD and wish to spend 50% of their time on research and 50% of their time in clinical training. As such these Lectureships posts are integrated academic training posts they will run until the CCT has been achieved.

Full details: [NES/CSO Clinical Lectureships – New Round Open for Applications – Chief Scientist Office \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#)

NRS Career Researcher Fellowships. Closing date 17th November 2021.



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REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & CHILDBIRTH STUDIES. PORTFOLIO UPDATE.

Please find Eligible Studies Active in Scotland [here](#), data cut 15/10/2021.

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

For study information or any queries please contact Abha or Txaro.