

Update from NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group August 2022



August is the best time to see heather bloom in Scotland



HRA NOW update: Could you help us improve research ethics review?



Workshop

We are holding a workshop on our ideas to make ethics review more proportionate. We want to hear from researchers and people who apply for ethics review about your views on how we can further improve the current service.

The Research Ethics Service reviews a wide range of studies with varying levels of ethical complexity and ethical risk. We know that there are ways in which we can make some of the current methods of review more proportionate to the material ethical risks within a research proposal, which could contribute to an overall streamlining of review of research.

The online workshop will take place on **Wednesday 31 August 10am - 12.30pm**. To express interest in attending this workshop, please email engagement.team@hra.nhs.uk. (*Apologies for the short notice*).

Survey

Rethinking ethics review: our public conversation runs from 13 June until 23 September 2022.

You can read more and take part in our survey [on our website](#).

SHARE Autumn Symposium 'Tomorrow's Medical World'

Wednesday 28th September 2022, 1 - 3pm

Following the success of SHARE's inaugural symposium in January 2022, the SHARE team is proud to present the second online symposium of the series:



We are delighted to introduce Professor Dame Anna F Dominiczak, Chief Scientist Scotland (Health) as our keynote speaker. The event will be chaired by Professor Iain B McInnes CBE, Vice-Principal and Head of College of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences, University of Glasgow.

Our Programme highlights five guest speakers who will share their experiences in the field of research. For further details please visit this link:

<https://www.registerforshare.org/news/share-autumn-symposium-wed-28th-sept-1-3pm>.

A Certificate of Attendance will be issued; this may be used towards any CPD points.

Please send us your good news stories, queries, feedback, etc:

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NEW STUDIES LOOKING FOR SITES IN SCOTLAND

LAMP trial. Assessing the effectiveness of lower molecular weight heparin (LMWH) in preventing Adverse pregnancy outcomes in carriers of M2 haPlotype: A multicentre randomised controlled trial.

CI: Professor Shakila Thangaratinam, University of Birmingham.

The trial will determine whether treatment with low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) in pregnancy will improve live birth rates in couples with M2 haplotype of the Annexin 5 gene. M2 haplotype is a marker for early pregnancy loss, implantation failure in the IVF population, and placental mediated complications like pre-eclampsia, fetal growth restriction, and preterm labour. Observational studies have shown improved pregnancy outcomes in M2 haplotype positive couples with LMWH. There are no randomised trials to date.

For further details see the [Trial Summary](#) and [Site Feasibility Form](#), if interested please send completed feasibility form or any queries to Dr Hajra Khattak (h.khattak@bham.ac.uk).

This trial will also be disseminated via the NRS Central Feasibility Service.



CSO Clinical Academic Fellowships Open for Applications

The Chief Scientist Office (CSO) of the Scottish Government has announced the latest round of their [Clinical Academic Fellowship scheme](#).

This scheme is open for applications with a deadline of Wednesday 12 October 2022.

The aim of this scheme is to build research capacity in the Scottish NHS as such it provides the opportunity for clinical professionals early in their career to undertake a PhD.

For details and guidance document please visit this [link](#).

The Precision Medicine Scotland Innovation Centre (PMS-IC) Funding call

PMS-IC brings together industry innovators, clinicians and world-class researchers to collaborate on Precision Medicine opportunities. PMS-IC has launched a call for Seedcorn grants aimed at developing new projects and collaborations across the academic, NHS and industry sector to drive novel and exciting research and innovation in Precision Medicine.



Researchers can apply for up to £30,000, which must be at least match funded by an industrial partner and/or show a strong case for commercialisation. The closing date for applications is **Friday 23rd September 2022 at 5pm** via admin@precisionmedicinescotland.com. [Full details are available here](#).



In our monthly newsletter we provide an update of Eligible studies which are Active in Scotland per Health Board, see studies [here](#), data cut 01/08/2022. ([NRS Eligible Funders list](#)).

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