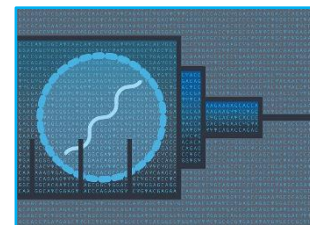


Update from NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group

October 2023/ An Dàmhair 2023

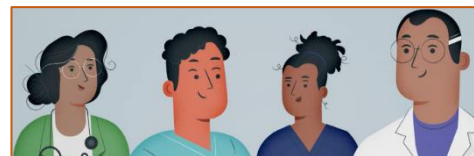
This year's Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine has been awarded to biochemist Katalin Karikó and immunologist Drew Weissman for discoveries that enabled the development of mRNA vaccines against COVID-19



NIHR Associate Principal Investigator Scheme Update

The NIHR Associate PI Scheme team have provided an update on the performance of RH&C National Specialty Group (data cut 15/09/2023).

Please see data in Infogram at this [link](#). If the link is blocked in your Health Board, please see PDF format [here](#), where you can view the data but without the interactive elements of Infogram. For the list of studies in Scotland currently registered to the Associate PI Scheme and accepting API Trainee applications, please click [here](#).



We would appreciate if you could let Abha or Txaro know if you or your colleagues are currently taking part in the Scheme, as API Trainees or if you have successfully completed the Scheme and received your Certificate.

NIHR Associate Principal Investigator Scheme Educational Event

30th November 2023, 9:00am - 12:30pm. **Virtual Event** - [Register Here](#)

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Are you a Health and Care professional with an interest in the Associate PI Scheme? If so, this event is tailored just for you! Discover how you can embark on a rewarding research career and become an Associate Principal Investigator. The [Associate PI Scheme](#) provides a unique six month, in-work training opportunity for healthcare professionals embarking on their research career. For information about the Scheme visit the [website](#).

For any questions or further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Associate PI Scheme Team at associatepischeme@nihr.ac.uk.

GOOD NEWS STORIES

New CSO funded Study

The "PROTEA" study. PROgesterone for ThrEAtened Miscarriage: A Prospective Cohort Study in Scotland



PI: Dr Andrea Woolner (Aberdeen Centre for Women's Health Research, University of Aberdeen)

Co-applicants: Prof Siladitya Bhattacharya, Dr David McLernon, Prof Graham Scotland (University of Aberdeen), Prof Colin Duncan (University of Edinburgh) and Ruth Bender Atik (Miscarriage Association). Funding granted = £299,875.

Bleeding in the earliest stages of an ongoing pregnancy is known as threatened miscarriage. The hormone progesterone has been shown to reduce the risk of pregnancy loss in women who have had one or more previous miscarriages but is not equally effective in all women. In this research, we aim to use hospital records from all Scottish hospitals to study how well progesterone works in terms of preventing miscarriage and what additional NHS resources are needed to support this service. Please read full plain language abstract [here](#).

Application for study approvals (PBPP, Public Benefit and Privacy Panel for Health and Social Care) are pending, but when approved we intend to ask all health boards in Scotland if they would be willing to share data from Badgernet or Trak maternity (NHS Lothian) to contribute to this prospective cohort study.

The PROTEA team will be in touch soon with individual health boards once approvals are in place and we would love to have your support to undertake this valuable research

Your good news stories, queries, feedback, are always welcome:

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Txaro (maria.amezaga@nhs.scot), NRS Champion Support Manager

GOOD NEWS STORIES



Funded PhD opportunity in Urogynaecology in Aberdeen Centre for Women's Health Research

"Home Continence Stress Test" a Novel Objective Assessment Tool for Female Stress Urinary Incontinence.

Please see details and how to apply [here](#).

It is not easy nowadays to source a funded PhD opportunity, so colleagues may be interested in this announcement, and please forward to anyone who you feel would benefit. Informal enquiries are encouraged, please contact Professor Mohamed Abdel-Fattah (m.abdelfattah@abdn.ac.uk) for further information.

Next round of NRS Fellowships and New CSO NHS Researcher Development Fellowships now open for applications



NRS Career Research Fellowships

The aim of this scheme is to support General Practitioners and NHS-funded clinical staff with research experience to develop research within their post. The award provides funding for protected time to contribute to, conduct and lead clinical research to strengthen the research culture in the NHS. **Closing Date for applications 29 November 2023.**

For further details and application forms please visit [NRS Fellowship page](#).

CSO NHS Researcher Development Fellowships

This scheme is an introductory fellowship aimed at NHS employees currently working as a Nurse, Midwife, allied health professional, pharmacist, healthcare scientist or other in a clinical role to enable them to explore research as part of their existing NHS role. This is also an opportunity for experienced NHS researchers to mentor and support health professionals at the start of their research journey. **Closing Date for applications 31st January 2024.**

For further details and application forms please visit the [CSO NHS Researcher Development Fellowship page](#).

NIHR Invention for Innovation (i4i) Programme Webinar



If you didn't manage to attend the NIHR i4i Webinar for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, on 11 or 13 September 2023, but would be interested in the slides presented, please let Abha or Txaro know and we will forward them to you. You can review the documents available on the [i4i website](#), including [FAQs](#) which will have most of the questions answered. If you have any doubts about your eligibility you can complete the [NIHR i4i enquiry form](#) and a member of our team will be in touch. Any other enquiries can be directed to i4i@nihr.ac.uk.

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 portfolio please contact Abha (abha.maheshwari@nhs.scot) or Txaro (maria.amezaga@nhs.scot)

