

Update from NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group

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Department
of Health &
Social Care

Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) Survey

Women's Health Strategy: Call for Evidence – closing date 30th May



DHSC is seeking written submissions from researchers as part of their [Call for Evidence](#) to help inform the development of a Women's Health Strategy. Closing Date 30th May

They are particularly looking to understand more about how research is used by healthcare professionals and/or patients, and identify how areas of health and medical research has overlooked women's experiences and perspectives. [Read the written submission guidance](#). All women can also respond to the [public survey](#).

Please distribute widely.

Update on student research – new eligibility criteria from 1 September 2021

The HRA and the devolved administrations, supported by the Wessex Institute at the University of Southampton, have reviewed their approach to study approval for student research.

The review aimed to ensure students have the best learning experience of health and social care research, and to reduce the time that the HRA, DAs and NHS Research Ethics Committees (RECs) spend advising on and reviewing student applications.

In March 2020 student research approvals were paused to create capacity for urgent COVID-19 research. Now, from 1 September 2021, new eligibility criteria for stand-alone student research are to be introduced.

Full details: <https://www.nhsresearchscotland.org.uk/news/update-on-student-research--new-eligibility-criteria-from-1-september-2021>

Find out the benefits of working with industry in research

The NIHR Academy has put together the linked YouTube presentation on the "benefits of working with industry on research".

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hm0mLNepMA0>

PLEASE

Please send us your Good News stories, queries, etc:
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NEW STUDIES UPDATE

The **OptiBreech** Care Pathway: evaluating the feasibility and acceptability of team care for women seeking to plan a vaginal breech birth (OptiBreech 1). CPMS 47843; IRAS 268668. CI: Dr Shawn Walker, King's College London. Funder: NIHR, Sponsor: King's College London.



Please visit the OptiBreech Project website for further details <https://optibreech.uk/>

The GBS3 Trial is back!

Following the pause in November as a result of COVID-19, the GBS3 team are planning to randomised their first wave of sites in April 2021!



Please find here the GBS3 April 2021 [Newsletter](#).

It addresses the issue of ECM (Enriched Culture Medium) testing and mentions the letter from the Minister of State for Patient Safety to NHS Chief Executives reminding them that all Trusts should be using the RCOG and NICE recommended best practice ECM testing as soon as possible.

Please contact the GBS3 team ASAP if you face any challenges including ECM and would like to discuss options such as the potential use of an external lab, gbs3@nottingham.ac.uk.

The Newsletter also highlights a new study: **iGBS Study** which collects cord blood samples to investigate the relationship between antibodies at the time of GBS and the risk of neonatal/ infant GBS. To take part in this study you must be a GBS3 site.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NIHR- Wellbeing of Women Doctoral Fellowship

Wellbeing of Women (WoW) have partnered with the NIHR to jointly fund one Charity Partnership Doctoral Fellowship. The call is now open. Submission deadline: 15th July 2021. [Flyer here](#). For further information please visit [WoW website](#).



For any questions, please contact research@wellbeingofwomen.org.uk or call 020 3697 6350.

Research Delivery Staff Survey from the NIHR Reproductive Health and Childbirth National Research Champion Group (RHC-NRC)

Please complete and distribute this survey widely, submission by no later than Tuesday 11th May 2021. Link to survey- <https://forms.gle/MQDf3kGcjJErQV3AA>