

Update from NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group February 2021



NIHR issues final update on implementation of the Restart Framework

The NIHR (National Institute for Health Research) published a [Framework](#) on 21 May 2020 - when the NHS started to restore routine clinical services - to support the restarting of research paused due to COVID-19. Developed in partnership with multiple stakeholders and the devolved nations, the Framework provides a flexible structure for local decision-making.

Dr William van't Hoff, CEO of the NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) and Senior Responsible Officer for the Restart Programme, said: "Given the pressure the NHS is under, our focus right now has to be on urgent public health research into COVID-19, including delivery of prioritised vaccine studies and platform therapeutics trials. However, we are actively collaborating with research system partners to ensure that non-COVID research can quickly regain momentum as and when things ease up in the Spring."

[Full text](#)

NIHR Urgent Public Health Studies Research Workforce Participation Certificate

Dr William van't Hoff has written a letter, on behalf of the NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN), to all CIs of Urgent Public Health (UPH) studies, to thank and acknowledge the efforts of the multidisciplinary workforce who have contributed to the recruitment of UPH studies.

[Please see letter here](#)

This letter is to be disseminated amongst the PIs of UPH studies to share with their teams, so they can sign up and log into NIHR Learn to download their certificate for their CPD Portfolios. You can sign up to NIHR Learn using your NHS or institute email addresses.

Please note that this certificate does not count towards official CPD points, however NIHR are reviewing a way to make this an official part of the CPD portfolio and will ensure that Scotland is included.

Webinar: "Recruiting to Clinical Trials in Pregnancy: The ENCOUNTER Study"

14th April 2021, 12:00- 13:00 PM.

Run by the UK Trial Managers' Network,

Presenter: Vivienne Hanrahan, National University of Ireland Galway

Contact: UKTMN uktmn@nottingham.ac.uk. *Online registration is available until: 12/04/2021.*

[Click here to register](#)



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NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth ADVISORY GROUP UPDATE



Farewell to Sonia White. She is leaving the University of Edinburgh at the end of March 2021 and will be taking up a position with the University of Liverpool working in their Clinical Trials Unit focussing on global women's health.

Sonia is the Lead midwife in the NRS RH&C Advisory Group and as such, in December 2019 joined The Research Midwife/ Nurse Reproductive Health and Childbirth National Research Champion (RHC-NRC) Group to represent Scotland.

Many thanks Sonia for your contribution to the group and best wishes in your new job!

Please note: If you are a Research Midwife/ Nurse interested in this role and joining the RHC-NRC Group please let Abha / Txaro know and they will send you the details. Please include a brief CV and a short paragraph indicating why you would like to join the group.

Welcome to Joanne Woodward, Patient Representative for Endometriosis.

Joanne co-founded Endo Bonds. "While seeking emotional support for myself I, reached out to support group leaders across Scotland, seeing the need to link up support, services and information. Endo Bonds wants to help create better links between health care teams across Scotland and within the endometriosis community as a whole. Devolved health care deserves a devolved attitude to make it work for all people in Scotland."



"We provide Scottish relevant information designed for both the general population and health care professionals, with the help of specialist teams from all fields relating to female health care".

NEW STUDIES. UPDATE

SafeBoosC-III. Safe guarding the Brain Of Our Smallest Children-III Cerebral near-infrared spectroscopy monitoring versus treatment as usual for extremely preterm infants. A multinational randomised, pragmatic phase III clinical trial. IRAS 275529.



CI: Dr Anne-Marie Heuchan, NHS GG&C. This is a multicentre international study sponsored by Region Hovedstaden, Rigshospitalet, Department of Neonatology. Copenhagen, Denmark.

NHS Lanarkshire and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde are participating.



STOP-OHSS. A qualitative study to understand the acceptability and feasibility of new earlier active management of Ovarian Hyper-Stimulation Syndrome (OHSS). CPMS 45491. IRAS 279154.

CI: Prof Mostafa Metwally, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Funder: NIHR.

NHS Grampian is the first site to open in Scotland for STOP OHSS.

GEM3 is recruiting until the end of March 2021.

Congratulations on the recruitment so far and best wishes to all sites involved!

A double blind placebo controlled trial of a combination of methotrexate and gefitinib versus methotrexate alone as a treatment for ectopic pregnancy. CPMS 20626. IRAS 187949.

CI: Professor Andrew Horne, University of Edinburgh. Funder: NIHR EME.

