

Update from NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group



June 2021



#Red4Research Day,
Friday 18th June 2021,
aims to get as many people
as possible wearing red to
demonstrate their support
and appreciation for all those
participating, undertaking and
supporting COVID-19 research.

#Red4Research

COVID-19 has affected us all.

Friday 18 June, is Red4Research Day,
acknowledging the incredible research
teams and participants, collectively
working to develop new diagnostics,
treatments, and vaccines for COVID-19.



Department
of Health &
Social Care

Open letter from Professor Jonathan Van-Tam, Deputy Chief Medical Officer to UK residents who have volunteered to take part in COVID-19 vaccine studies, published 11 June 2021

Clinical trials of COVID-19 vaccinations are critical for responding to COVID-19. They are a global public health good. Those who are taking part in them are creating great benefit for our society and indeed the rest of the world.

The Department of Health and Social Care makes a firm commitment to all volunteers in formally approved COVID-19 vaccine trials in the UK that you will not be disadvantaged in terms of any future domestic vaccine certification, if introduced, compared to anyone else who has had their vaccines under the standard NHS programme. The government will ensure that information on those in clinical vaccine trials is linked to any potential mechanisms to demonstrate your vaccine status to ensure that anyone on a vaccine clinical trial can prove they are in a clinical trial and therefore should be treated as fully vaccinated.

All Chief Medical Officers agree this approach and will be looking to embed these arrangements across the 4 nations, where and when appropriate. [Full Letter](#)

Cervical Screening Awareness Week 2021, 14th to 20th June

This annual event aims to encourage all women to have regular cervical screening as well as to provide information and reassurance around embarrassment and fears that women may have concerning taking the test, particularly under COVID-19 restrictions.

Around 3,200 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer in the UK each year. Regular cervical screening is the best way to identify abnormal changes in the cells of the cervix at an early stage and reduce the risk of cancer.

Visit the Jo's Trust website <https://www.jostrust.org.uk/>



SANDS (Stillbirth and neonatal death charity) Awareness Month, June 2021

This annual event aims to raise awareness of the facts and impacts relating to neonatal deaths and stillbirths. As well as awareness the event also aims to raise funds, to support research into neonatal death. Often the causes of death are unknown. Up to 15 babies a day die during pregnancy and labour or shortly after birth in the UK.

For more information please visit the website <https://sands.org.uk/>



Please send your Good News, queries or any information that you would like to be included to:
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Wellbeing of Women Training Grants 2021

Entry-level Research Scholarships and Postdoctoral Research Fellowships



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Deadline is 1.00 p.m. on Thursday 12 August 2021. For details see [WoW Flyer](#)

In partnership with the Royal College of Midwives we are accepting **Entry-level Research Scholarship** applications from midwives for research in: pregnancy, birth and the postpartum period; gynaecological cancers; and general wellbeing surrounding women's reproductive and gynaecological health.



<https://www.wellbeingofwomen.org.uk/funding-opportunities/entry-level-research-scholarships-for-midwives>

In partnership with the Royal College of Physicians, we are accepting **Entry-level Research Scholarship and Postdoctoral Research Fellowship** applications from physicians for research aimed: to improve outcomes for pregnant women with medical disorders, or who develop gestational syndromes.



Royal College
of Physicians

<https://www.wellbeingofwomen.org.uk/funding-opportunities/wow-rcp-entry-level-research-scholarships>;
<https://www.wellbeingofwomen.org.uk/funding-opportunities/wow-rcp-postdoctoral-research-fellowships>

With generous support from the Sir Victor Blank Charitable Settlement, we are accepting **Postdoctoral Research Fellowship** applications from clinical and academic researchers carrying out research across the whole breadth of women's reproductive and gynaecological health, including the following priority themes: preventing and managing pre-eclampsia; addressing pelvic floor problems which lead to bladder, bowel, vaginal, and sexual dysfunction; endometriosis; and ovarian cancer.

<https://www.wellbeingofwomen.org.uk/funding-opportunities/sir-victor-lady-blank-postdoctoral-research-fellowships>

The [WoW-NIHR Doctoral Fellowships](#) (Round 6) is also still open to applications until 1pm 15 July 2021.

For full details and forms please visit: [For researchers - Wellbeing Of Women](#)

If you have any queries please contact: research@wellbeingofwomen.org.uk or call 020 3697 6350

NIHR Research advisory service for midwives

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Nursing and Midwifery Incubator, in partnership with the NIHR Research Design Service (RDS), is pleased to announce the launch of a virtual careers advisory service to support nurses and midwives to start and advance their clinical academic research careers.

Following an initial trial in 3 RDS regions, the service will now be piloted in all RDS regions in England and supported by advisors in the North West, East Midlands and the South East.

The pilot service will run over the next 4 months to learn how best to offer this service and make a decision if it merits national roll out.

For more information go to the advisory service page here <https://www.arc-wx.nihr.ac.uk/nihr-incubator/clinical-academic-career-advisory-service/>