

## Update from NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group



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The mountain hare, *Lepus timidus*, is native to the Scottish Highlands. In summer their coat changes to grey-brown to camouflage against the typical backdrop of heather moorland

### Scottish Researchers to be able to access further NIHR research funding – CSO

From autumn 2023, health and social care researchers in the devolved administrations will have increased access to health and social care research funding via the National Institute for Health and Care Research.

The announcement expands the list of NIHR research programmes that are available to researchers in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Full article [here](#)

Additional NIHR funding programmes that researchers based in Scotland will be able to access:

- [Evidence synthesis](#)
- [Invention for Innovation \(i4i\)](#)
- [Research for Social Care \(RfSC\)](#)
- [Programme Grants for Applied Research programme \(PGfAR\)](#)
- [Programme Development Grants](#)

NIHR press release [here](#)

### SCOTLAND'S HEALTH RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CONFERENCE

50 years of advancing healthcare

Teaching and Learning Centre,  
Queen Elizabeth University Hospital,  
Glasgow, G51 4TF

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**31** OCTOBER 2023  
10am - 4pm

#### Save the date

Hosted jointly by the Chief Scientist Office (CSO) of Scottish Government and NHS Research Scotland, this conference will bring together researchers, innovators, healthcare staff, policymakers, industry, and the public.

The conference theme - **50 years of advancing healthcare** - reflects the 50th anniversary of the CSO.

It will provide an opportunity to reflect on all that has been collectively achieved during this time, whilst looking to the future and the opportunities to maximise our research and innovation capabilities to improve patient outcomes and grow our life science sector.

To stay up to date with latest news, speakers and registration launch dates, please join our **mailing list** or follow on social media via **#CSOat50**.

[Scotland's Health Research and Innovation Conference | NHS Research Scotland | NHS Research Scotland](#)

**Your good news stories, queries, feedback, are always welcome:**  
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## NIHR Associate PI Scheme Update

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Health and Care Research



The NIHR Associate PI Scheme team have provided an update on the performance of RH&C National Specialty Group (data cut 08/06/2023). Please see data in Infogram at this link:

[Reproductive Health and Childbirth - June 2023 - Infogram](#)

If the infogram link is blocked in your Health Board, please see PDF format [here](#), you can view the data without the interactive elements of the infogram.

Please note that the data applies to the UK. 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 colleagues are currently taking part in the Scheme, as API Trainees or if you have successfully completed the Scheme and received your Certificate.**

The API Scheme central team promotes uptake of the Scheme for both studies and Associate PIs and would appreciate your support. For information about the Scheme visit the [website](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the NIHR Associate PI Scheme central team at: [associatepischeme@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:associatepischeme@nihr.ac.uk)

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: InnoScot's Innovation Themed Call - Pregnancy and Perinatal

InnoScot Health is seeking forward-thinking pregnancy and perinatal care innovations that can help support NHS Scotland to improve women's health.



Pregnancy and perinatal care is an area of intense focus for the Scottish Government. The [Women's Health Plan \(2021-2024\)](#) set out a bold strategy to improve health and reduce health inequalities; [long-term plans for improving maternity and neonatal care](#) are being remobilised following the pandemic and [Getting it right for every child \(GIRFEC\)](#) is a continued commitment to providing all children, young people, and their families with the right support at the right time.

InnoScot Health is a formal partner of NHS Scotland and believes that identifying ideas drawn from the deep expertise and experience of the workforce is vital to improving services. A package of support for staff includes support up to the value of £25k for initial seed funding, regulatory support, project management, and the extensive innovation expertise of its highly experienced team. Find out more and get in touch with the InnoScot team here:

[Pregnancy and Perinatal call](#)



## 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](#).



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