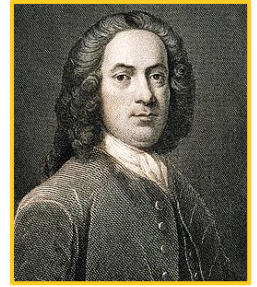


Update from NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group

February 2024/ An Gearran 2024

William Smellie, often referred to as the 'Father of Midwifery', was born on 5th February 1697 in Lanarkshire. He authored *A Treatise on the Theory and Practice of Midwifery* (published 1752 to 1764)



NIHR Associate Principal Investigator Scheme

UK-wide Update

The NIHR Associate PI Scheme team has provided an update on the performance of the RH&C National Specialty Group (Data Cut 26/01/2024) as an interactive Infogram at this [link](#).

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

Please note, if you missed the API Educational Event on 30th November 2023, in page eight of the report there is a link to a recording of this event, to view [click here](#).



Scotland Update

Since our last update, [November 2023](#) newsletter, the number of studies registered to the Associate PI scheme and number of applications in Scotland has increased.

In Scotland there are currently 6 RH&C Managed studies registered to the API Scheme which have Trainees On-Tenure or Completed the Scheme: LOCI, POISE, ESPriT2, REGAL, ROTATE and STOPPIT-3 (Data Cut 14/02/2024). 3 Applications Completed and 5 Tenure Active. See details [here](#).

In addition, studies in the Scheme managed by other Specialties include Gynaecological Cancers managed by Cancer: BRITROC-2, PAIRS. Neonatal Studies managed by Children: FEED-1, SurfON. Together, 6 Applications Completed. See details [here](#).

For any queries or further assistance, please feel free to reach out to the Associate PI Scheme team at associatepische@nihr.ac.uk.

Webinar – Maternity services: research to improve safety and quality of care.

4th March, 2024 1:00pm

This webinar will cover NIHR research that could help improve the safety and quality of maternity care.

Speakers will present actionable evidence that attendees can implement in their own practice. Presentations will be followed by a Q&A session, giving you a unique opportunity to quiz the researchers on how you could act on this research, and reflect on potential barriers and facilitators. The webinar will cover: - how to deliver more personalised care - the 7 features of safe care in maternity units - the role of hospital boards in improving maternity care. [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)



Your good news stories, queries, feedback, are always welcome:
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NIHR i4i & OLS Real World Evidence Programme Q&A Session 20th Feb 2024 at 10:00am

The [NIHR Invention for Innovation \(i4i\) Programme](#), in collaboration with the [Office for Life Sciences \(OLS\)](#) and the [National Institute for Health and Care Excellence \(NICE\)](#), invites applications to the [NIHR i4i & OLS Real World Evidence Programme](#) (closing date 27 March).

The NIHR i4i are hosting a Q&A session **20th Feb 2024 at 10:00am** for prospective applicants including a brief presentation of hints and tips on developing a strong application for this Competition.

Please [register via Eventbrite](#) to attend.

UK Vaccine Innovation Fund update



Please see update regarding the UK Vaccine Innovation Fund [here](#).

The upcoming Vaccine Innovation Fund is a pivotal component of the Moderna Strategic Partnership with the UK. Following extensive consultations and workshops with leaders across the UK health research landscape, the NIHR Vaccine Innovation Pathway are pleased to announce that the Vaccine Innovation Fund call is scheduled for the 11th of March. This fund aims to strategically address gaps in capacity and capability, accelerating the delivery of clinical trials of vaccines and mRNA therapeutics.

To ensure clarity and address any inquiries regarding this new funding initiative, we are organising an interactive webinar during the week commencing on the 26th of February. Further details regarding the webinar will be circulated shortly. We encourage your active participation as we collectively strive to advance vaccine innovation and research capability in the UK.

For information about the NIHR Vaccine Innovation Pathway please follow this [link](#).

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