

## Update from NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group

January 2024/ Am Faoilteach 2024

Capercaillie (*Tetrao urogallus*) can be seen in pinewoods in  
Northern Scotland



### NHS Research Scotland (NRS) and Chief Scientist Office (CSO) Patient and Public Involvement Event – 12 March 2024



NRS and the CSO are hosting an event bringing together Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) partners, professionals, researchers and policy makers to share, shape and celebrate PPI happening in research across Scotland. Taking place at the V&A Dundee, 12 March 2024, 9.30am – 4pm (timings tbc) this event will consist of workshops, plenary sessions, and PPI awards.

**Registration will open in January 2024.** Please come along, learn, network, and share your activities and experiences. Please note that spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Further details [here](#)

### NIHR Research Learning Lecture series

The [NIHR Associate Principal Investigator \(PI\) Scheme](#) is continuing to host the Research Learning Lectures; a series of lectures for anyone in Health and Social Care interested in learning more about research.

The lectures cover a variety of topics relating to basic science, clinical trial methodology & statistics, and more - providing learning and advice for anyone who wishes to know more about research or work towards a career in research/academia. For more details please visit [Resource site](#).

**Upcoming lectures:** 'Recruitment challenges and how to overcome them', 25th January 2024, 12:00-1:00pm. 'Adaptive Trial Designs', 6th February 2024, 2:00-3:00pm.

The majority of lectures are of general interest but if you are a Research Nurse or Midwife please note lecture 'Principal Investigator Pipeline Programme (PIPP) for Research Nurses and Research Midwives', 21st March 2024, 2:00-3:00pm.

**To attend please register via the [Eventbrite page here](#)**

For any queries or further assistance, please feel free to reach out to the Associate PI Scheme team at [associatepischeme@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:associatepischeme@nihr.ac.uk).



### NHS SHARE can help with study recruitment

SHARE - The Scottish Health Research Register and Biobank is the national research database of over 300,000 willing volunteers aged 11 and over interested in participating in health research.

SHARE is a valuable research resource, assisting recruitment to studies by providing suitable volunteers matching eligibility criteria. Researchers can also apply to obtain anonymised samples, DNA, health, and genomic information.

Please see [here](#) more details from Sarah Ritchie, SHARE Deputy Program Manager, which includes examples of trials that SHARE has assisted. For more information please visit their [website](#).



Your good news stories, queries, feedback, are always welcome:  
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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### CSO NHS Researcher Development Fellowship

**Application deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

This Fellowship is an introductory funded scheme for NHS employees currently working as a nurse, midwife, allied health professional, pharmacist, healthcare scientist or others in a clinical role to explore research as part of their existing NHS role. For full details please visit the [CSO NHS Researcher Development Fellowship page](#). For queries please contact Julie Simpson [julie.simpson@gov.scot](mailto:julie.simpson@gov.scot)



### NIHR Webinar: Devolved Administrations Introduction to PGfAR



Since autumn 2023 the NIHR [Programme Grants for Applied Research](#) (PGfAR) and [Programme Development Grant](#) (PDG) are accepting applications from researchers and organisations based in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, in addition to those from England. Full details [here](#)

To stimulate the submission of competitive applications from the Devolved Administrations that are in scope for the PGfAR and PDG awards they are holding a webinar for interested researchers on **16 February 2024 1-2:30pm**. Please register for the webinar [here](#)

### NIHR i4i & OLS Real World Evidence Programme



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. The aim of the call is to support consortia to address real world evidence gaps to accelerate widespread adoption of technologies recommended for early use in the NHS through NICE Early Value Assessment (EVA). Full information at this [link](#)

## Funding Opportunities Reminders:

**CSO Early Postdoctoral Fellowship - Open for applications Deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**NIHR 23/160 Management of metabolic morbidity in women and others with PCOS Deadline: 15th May 2024**

## 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](mailto:abha.maheshwari@nhs.scot)) or Txaro ([maria.amezaga@nhs.scot](mailto:maria.amezaga@nhs.scot))**

