

## Research and Development Twitter Account



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## Regional Governance Group documents

The below documents have recently been updated / revised

**UHB 406 / SR-RG-017** Reporting Requirements for Cardiff and Vale Health Board Sponsored Research Standard Operational Procedure v1

**UHB 253 / SR-RG-015** Safety Reporting in CTIMPs: Standard Operational Procedure v2

**UHB 147 / SR-RG-004** Research, Consent and Mental Capacity Standard Operational Procedure v6

## HRA e-learning module - Use of schedule of events

In line with the introduction of the Schedule of Events the following training may be useful:

HRA Schedule of Events at [www.elearning.hra.nhs.uk](http://www.elearning.hra.nhs.uk)

If you have any queries, please contact the HRA Learning & Development team at [hra.training@nhs.net](mailto:hra.training@nhs.net)

## General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The introduction of the GDPR brings stricter requirements around how organisations inform people of how their personal data is being used. The HRA have drafted a series of templates to help organisations meet this requirement. The templates exist as dynamic web pages rather than downloadable documents, so you can always be assured you are following the most up-to-date guidance. To further supplement the guidance and templates, the HRA have also produced questions and answers, outlining commonly occurring queries. The GDPR Guidance and templates can be found on the HRA website at the following links -

<https://www.hra.nhs.uk/hra-guidance-general-data-protection-regulation/> and <https://www.hra.nhs.uk/planning-and-improving-research/policies-standards-legislation/data-protection-and-information-governance/gdpr-guidance/templates/>

Any queries can be sent to [hra.approvalprogramme@nhs.net](mailto:hra.approvalprogramme@nhs.net)

## Single electronic submissions of the IRAS Form for studies led from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales

On 28th June 2018 there was an update to the Integrated Research Application System (IRAS). A single e-submission of IRAS Forms and associated documents was introduced. This change applies to studies taking place in NHS organisations in Scotland and Wales and Health and Social Care (HSC) organisations in Northern Ireland where the lead NHS/HSC R&D office is in Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales.

Single IRAS Form and document e submission was already available in England.

There is no change to how participating organisations are set up. [IRAS Help](#) provides advice on how to submit site specific/ local information to sites.



## Cardiff & Vale Research Forum

The Cardiff & Vale Research Forums are to be held on a quarterly basis. This will be an opportunity to:

- hear from Research Staff about the exciting work they are doing and the challenges they have faced
- keep up to date with important information
- be involved in forming a collaborative Research Community in Cardiff and Vale contributing towards raising awareness of the importance of research and the impact it has on our patients and services

The next Research Forum and workshops will be held on the following dates:

- **Friday 28 September 2018 10-12am**
- **Tuesday 27 November 2018 2-4pm**

## Training Needs Analysis (TNA) workshops

During July and August I will be continuing to work with research staff in a number of TNA workshops to identify what training they currently have and what training we can build on and improve to support development. This work will hopefully lead to a set of research competencies for each role, guiding development and directing learning in practise. A link to book into sessions via Doodle Poll has gone out to managers, please get in touch via email if you have any questions – [Zoe.Boult@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Zoe.Boult@wales.nhs.uk).

## Research Design and Conduct Service Annual Event: Thursday 13th September 2018

The 7th Annual Research Design and Conduct Service (RDCS) workshop will be held in the Glamorgan Building, Cardiff University, on Thursday 13 September 2018.

This event is open to NHS staff and those working in Social Care only, and focuses on applying for research funding to the RfPPB and Social Care Award calls. It is free of charge, and features consultants with a wide range of expertise including statistical methods.

The event will run from 9.30am to 3.30pm and will cover all aspects of successful funding applications including:

- applying for research funding
- working with your R&D office
- responding to reviewers' comments
- specific guidance based on observer feedback from this year's RfPPB panel.

The day will focus on key aspects of successful applications. We will be using examples of both successful and unsuccessful RfPPB applications during the day to illustrate how to maximize your chances of putting together a high-quality grant application.

To book a place please go to <https://cardiff.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/rdcs-annual-event-september-13th>.

If you require a parking space, please email [rdcs@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:rdcs@cardiff.ac.uk). The cost of the event will be covered by the Research Design and Conduct Service, so there is no charge to you. We politely ask for one week's notice in case of cancellation, so we can offer your place to another colleague.

## Clinical Research and Development Student spoke placement

Two successful research placements have taken place over the last two months. Two Nursing students from Cardiff University who were based in Haematology spent a week with research teams in R&D to experience clinical trials, and how they form part of the care pathway for the patients they have been working with on the Haematology ward. We have had really good feedback from both students explaining that the placement gave them a different view of what clinical research is, and how much work is carried out by research teams. I'd like to thank the teams involved in getting this off the ground – Emma Williams and the Haematology clinical research group, The Clinical Research Facility, Haemophilia research manager, Ana Guerrero, SMPU Clinical Trials Lead, Angela Hallam, Sarah James and Gaynor Chase in the Labs, and Anwen Davies at Cardiff University. I'm hoping that this model can be rolled out to other research areas linked to a speciality hub and would be keen to speak to managers who are interested in taking this forward. If you require any further information please contact me on – [Zoe.Boult@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Zoe.Boult@wales.nhs.uk).

## R&D Conference update

Cardiff and Vale UHB held another successful Research and Development (R&D) Conference on Thursday 14 June at Cardiff City Stadium. The conference celebrated the exciting research taking place within the UHB.

The event, now in its sixth year, was a chance for staff to learn about research and development and how they can get involved. It featured presentations from all clinical boards at the UHB. Professor Chris Fegan, R&D Director said this year the format was putting the focus on the clinical boards who are carrying out a wide range of interesting and in several areas impressively pioneering R&D work.

It was very interesting to hear updates from the clinical boards on what they're doing and what progress they have been making. The presentations broached a wide spectrum, from highlights from the Traumatic Stress Research Group, Genomic analysis in patients with rare diseases to the use of routine NHS data to answer clinically important questions, to name but a few.

Collaboration with our colleagues in Cardiff University was evident, with Professor Siladitya chairing the morning session and a presentation in the afternoon by Professor Peter Ghazel, (Chair in systems medicine) regarding his work with Mallinath Chakraborty (Consultant Neonatologist at the UHB).

## New Research Training documents to be disseminated and launched over the summer

A new Research and Development Induction and training file has been adapted, from the Health and Care Research Wales Induction File template. This is to standardise induction and training records for all staff in research in Cardiff and Vale. This includes a Research and Development Induction workbook for new staff to use during their first month in post. This gives guidance on learning around the history of clinical research, the regulations and laws, informed consent, mental capacity, GCP, roles of research staff and some practical elements of interpreting a trial protocol and conducting a trial visit. This is available to teams to adapt for use in their area. Feedback any comments by email to [Zoe.Boult@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Zoe.Boult@wales.nhs.uk). SOP guidance for creating & maintaining training files are underway.

## Maternity research paper wins top prize

Julia Sanders, Professor of Clinical Nursing and Midwifery, School of Healthcare Sciences, Cardiff University and Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, was a member of the BUMPES Epidural and Position Trial Collaborative Group who were recently awarded the 2018 BMJ UK Research Paper of The Year.

The paper, published in [The BMJ](#) described the results of the BUMPES trial which investigated whether the position a first-time mother with a low dose epidural adopts during the end stages of labour increases the chance of a birth without interventions such as forceps or Caesarean section. 'Low dose epidurals' are now the standard method of epidural pain relief offered to women in labour, and are popular, being chosen by around 30% of women giving birth in the UK.

## Health and Care Research Wales Conference Save the Date Thursday 25th October 2018 – Swalec Stadium, Cardiff

Theme:

**Future-proofing research in Wales  
#ResearchWales18**

Speakers so far confirmed include:

- Vaughan Gething, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services
- Dr Frank Atherton, Chief Medical Officer for Wales

## Save the Date

If you would like to be informed when registration opens, please email [healthandcareresearch@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:healthandcareresearch@wales.nhs.uk)

## Health and Care Research Wales – Research Route Map

A recent addition to the Health & Care Research Wales website is a Research Route Map, which can be utilised as a useful tool when setting up studies. The Research Route Map is designed to help guide health and social care researchers through the research process. It aims to give researchers and research teams easy, user friendly guidance on every aspect of the research process. It makes clear the support available from Health and Care Research Wales and others, providing guidance, best practice examples and key documents and templates.

For more information please go to <https://www.healthandcareresearch.gov.wales/research-route-map/>

# Research and Development

## R&D Office Activity Report

Have you wondered what we get up to in the R&D Office? Each quarter we report to the Research Governance Group on our activity. Below is a summation of 2017/2018's activity

Activity ref no.	Activity	Q1 1 April- 19 June	Q2 20 June - 30 Sept	Q3 1/10/17 – 31 Dec	Q4 1 Jan – 31 March	TOTAL 2017/2018
1a.	No. of new non-commercial projects received from HCRW	24	41	32	25	122
1b.	No. of new commercial projects received from HCRW	13	11	11	13	48
2a.	No. of projects approved non-commercial	21	36	31	20	108
2b.	No. of projects approved commercial	7	15	7	9	37
3a.	No. of non-commercial amendments received	65	93	67	74	299
3b.	No. of commercial amendments received	27	41	40	47	155
4.	No. of Feasibilities completed for Commercial studies	21	60	58	58	199
5.	No. of new grant applications dealt with	19	23	31	28	101
6.	No. of commercial debtors requests raised	128	208	214	182	732
7.	Value of invoices raised (£)	379,476.03	520,015.29	427,451.78	£299,450.56	£1,626,393.66
8.	No. of training events provided	3	2	2	2	9
9.	No. of Letters of Access/Honorary research contracts issued	27	37	40	51	155
10.	No. of SIV/Host Quality Assurance Visits	2	1	9	4	16
11.	No. of UHB sponsored CTIMPS in set up	3	2	1	1	1
12.	No. of document control documents written/reviewed	3	5	4	8	20
13.	No. of audits undertaken	0	0	1	2	3
14.	No. of new breaches or research related incidents dealt with	5	8	9	3	25
15.	No. of non –commercial contracts received	21	43	16	17	97
16.	No. of commercial contracts received	29	46	38	35	148
17.	No. of new projects processed for science review	2	8	4	2	16