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“Critical Appraisal: Making Sense of Other People’s Research”

Date: Thursday 17 th February
Time: 9.30 – 12.30
Venue: Microsoft Teams

This workshop is designed to help health care staff identify the strengths and weaknesses of research papers. This is particularly important for staff planning services and deciding when to change practice as these decisions should be based on robust evidence. The course will also help those designing their own projects and writing up their results in ad hoc reports and peer-reviewed papers. At the end of the course those attending should be able to:

- *Define what is meant by critical appraisal*
- *Describe the key features of quantitative & qualitative research*
- *Understand the strengths & weaknesses of different quantitative studies / designs*
- *Identify the correct study design for a given research question*
- *Be familiar with the hierarchy of evidence*
- *Be familiar with critical appraisal check lists*
- *Have an understanding of sources of bias*
- *Gain practical experience in critical appraisal of a research paper*

“Introduction to Qualitative Research”

Date: Tuesday 08 th March
Time: 9.30 – 12.30
Venue: Microsoft Teams

This course provides an introduction to qualitative research approaches for those thinking of undertaking qualitative or mixed method research within health care settings. No prior knowledge of qualitative research methods is assumed.

The session will introduce qualitative research, describe sources of qualitative data, consider the techniques qualitative researchers use and give an overview of the theoretical approaches underlying a variety of common qualitative research methods.

At the end of the workshop those attending should be able to:

- *Understand what qualitative analysis is and how it differs from quantitative research*
- *Identify sources of qualitative data and the techniques researchers may use to collect relevant data*
- *Be aware of the theoretical assumptions underlying qualitative research methods*
- *Identify the skills and knowledge required to design a qualitative research project, collect qualitative data and analyse it rigorously*

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“Half day GCP update (Good Clinical Practice)”

Date: Wednesday 09 th March
Time: 9.30 – 12.30
Venue: Common Room, QMH

This course is for anyone who has completed the full day GCP training course or equivalent and is due to update their training. It is essential that GCP training is updated every two years for those involved in CTIMPs. For those not involved in CTIMPs, it is still highly recommended.

The course will cover the Research Governance Framework and the principles of GCP using a combination of lecture and interactive workshops.

Topics covered include:

- *Informed Consent*
- *Documentation and Data Management*
- *Safety Reporting*

“How to Interview Participants & Run Focus Groups”

Date: Thursday 10 th March
Time: 9.30 – 12.30
Venue: Microsoft Teams

This course is designed to help participants new to using interviews and focus groups in research, to feel more confident about developing a project that involves collecting data using interviews or focus groups.

What is a research interview?

What is a focus group?

Can interviews or focus groups be used in service evaluation, or are they always qualitative research methods... and why is this important?

What ethical issues need to be considered when designing & conducting interviews?

What are the stages of the interview process?

How should a focus group be structured?

What skills do you need to run an interview or focus group?

By the end of the workshop those attending should be able to:

- *Develop a clear understanding of what interviews and focus groups are/how they might be used in research*
- *Develop an awareness of factors important in the design of studies incorporating interviews and focus groups*
- *Identify communication skills that contribute to successful interviews and focus groups including non-verbal responding*
- *Gain experience observing basic interview and focus group skills and applying them in practice with peers undertaking qualitative in the NHS*

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“Thematic Analysis”

Date: Thursday 10 th March
Time: 13.30 – 16.00
Venue: Microsoft Teams

Thematic analysis is a relatively straightforward approach used to analyse qualitative data. It involves using a systematic process of coding data into themes, so that the meanings conveyed by participants can be summed up and presented in a useful and rigorous way, following a transparent and clear coding practice.

This training course will introduce participants to the basics of thematic analysis, via a short presentation. Participants will then have the opportunity to look at data and consider how it may be coded, at each stage of thematic analysis. This should be sufficient to allow most participants to undertake a basic thematic analysis on their own qualitative data. Participants will be provided with examples showing how findings can be presented.

This course is designed to be useful to staff conducting research, audit or evaluation projects that will collect qualitative data, particularly those using interviews or focus groups. No prior experience will be assumed and it is not essential to have your own project underway at the point you attend.

If you have any questions prior to booking you are welcome to contact Tara Graham at taragraham@nhs.scot

“Writing a Research Question & Proposal”

Date: Thursday 24 th March
Time: 9.30 – 12.30
Venue: Microsoft Teams

This 3-hour workshop is directed at novice researchers who are in the early stages of planning a research project. The course is relevant in particular to those undertaking an MSc course. Examples of protocols are used throughout. At the end of the workshop those attending should be able to:

- *Identify the features of a good study*
- *Describe the components of a valid research question*
- *Understand the difference between a qualitative and quantitative approach*
- *Describe the strengths and weaknesses of different study designs*
- *Choose a study design appropriate to a research question*
- *Describe the key content of a protocol*
- *Have a better understanding of their own study's protocol*

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Fife February 2022

IMP²ART (asthma study)

This is a UK-wide RCT aiming to explore how people living with asthma can better self-manage their symptoms. The researchers are keen to hear from interested practices before the end of April when recruitment closes. This study involves automated data extraction (using OPC) and audit-type feedback to practices.

MultiCath (Multi-use catheter study)

This is a non-inferiority randomised controlled trial to compare mixed (multi/single-use) catheter management with single-use catheter management by intermittent catheters users over 12 months.

Lyme disease

A team from NHS Highland are looking for a small number of GPs/practices with a special interest in Lyme disease to take part in a project. The aim of the study is to improve and evaluate standardisation of diagnostic process, management, coding, and treatment, of Lyme Disease. This is done using a specific tool that has been developed with a team of GPs. It should enable GPs to manage patients confidently in a standardised way without adding more than a couple of minutes to consultations.

Why test?

This project from the Primary Care Academic Collaboration (PACT) offers an exciting opportunity for trainees, GPs, and allied health professionals to compete a quality improvement project for their practice whilst also gaining research experience. The project is looking at the reasons for test requests in Primary Care. More information is available here <https://sites.google.com/nih.ac.uk/pact/projects/why-test> and below.

COVID-19 studies

Two Covid-19 studies continue to **directly** recruit patients in Fife:

- **PANORAMIC** (using anti-viral treatments) <https://www.panoramictrial.org/>
- **PRINCIPLE** (using a range of medications to treat coronavirus) for the latest information [Join the PRINCIPLE Trial — PRINCIPLE Trial](#), here you can download posters. There is a payment to practices if patients enrol on this study.

Other items of interest:

We are also pleased to promote a **New eLearning RCGP course:**

Managing Chronic Pain in Children and Young People which can be accessed here:

<https://elearning.rcgp.org.uk/course/view.php?id=558>

Or via a quick link here: <https://elearning.rcgp.org.uk/chronicpainchildren>

MHRA have just launched their public consultation click below for more information:

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[8-week public consultation on proposals for legislative changes for clinical trials.](#)

They are looking to streamline clinical trial approvals, enable innovation, enhance clinical trials transparency, enable greater risk proportionality, and promote patient and public involvement in clinical trials. They would like to hear from the public and patients, clinical trial participants, researchers, developers, manufacturers, sponsors, investigators, and healthcare professionals to help shape improvements to the legislation for clinical trials.

Further information on studies listed:

NRS PRIMARY CARE NETWORK SUPPORTED STUDY 1:

IMP²ART - IMPlimenting IMProved Asthma self-management as RouTine

Aim of the study: to develop and test practical strategies to help practice staff deliver supported self-management for asthma as part of routine care.

GP practices must have a patient list size of 6,000 or more with at least 200 Asthma patients.

Practice involvement: There is a control group and an intervention arm for this study.

- The Intervention arm requires team training and patient monitoring to fit within existing patient reviews and encourages patients to self-manage their Asthma.
- GP Practices need to be signed up to OPC to take part.
- Some practices may be asked to screen a patient list.

Practice reimbursement:

This will depend on if the practice is in the control or intervention arm of the study. Practices will receive a one-off £40 set-up fee from the researchers.

Case Study Practices will receive £300.

Staff interviewed or asked for reports will be reimbursed at an hourly rate:

- GP rate £80/hour,
- Nurse, Practice Manager Rate £30/hour.
- Those practices which are asked to screen a patient list will receive £80-160 service support costs (depending on patient numbers) from the NRS Primary Care Network.

For further general information on the project go to:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/usher/aukcar/knowledge-hub/projects/imp2art> or email project IMP2ART@ed.ac.uk.

NRS PRIMARY CARE NETWORK SUPPORTED STUDY 2:

MULTICATH - A non-inferiority randomised controlled trial to compare mixed (multi/single-use) catheter management with single-use catheter management by intermittent catheter users over 12 months.

Aim of the study: This NIHR study is hoping to establish whether people who use intermittent catheterisation (IC) to empty their bladder, experience no more urinary tract infections reusing some of their catheters than they would using their standard care single-use catheters. 50% of the participants will be randomised to single-use

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catheters (usual care) with the other half randomised to the mixed-use strategy whereby participants will use a combination of single-use and multi-use catheters for 12 months. All the study will be conducted remotely because of COVID restrictions.

Practice involvement: Patient identification undertaken by NRS Primary Care Network searching on GP system, GPs will be asked to check the screening list for a small number of patients.

Practice reimbursement: £80-£240 depending on patient list.

OTHER STUDIES:

Why Test study - from the Primary Care Academic Collaborative (PACT)

The Why Test study is launching **NOW** and offers an exciting opportunity for trainees, GPs, and allied health professionals to compete a quality improvement project for their practice whilst also gaining research experience. For more information see their [website](#), [blog](#) or [video](#).

PACT is a new UK-wide network to help GP trainees and primary healthcare professionals do high-quality research.

- Approx. £200 per practice will be provided to cover service support costs
- Non-PACT members can also express an interest in the Why Test study via the [online form](#)
- Pilot phase is running in Jan/Feb; main data collection is planned for Mar-July
- No prior research experience is necessary and training materials are provided

Lyme Disease: General Practice Sentinel Scheme. Improving the recording and management of patients with Lyme Borreliosis in General Practice in the UK

Aim of the study: This project, led by NHS Highland in collaboration with Pfizer Inc., aims to establish the improvement and evaluate standardisation of diagnostic process, management, coding, and treatment, of Lyme Disease.

- Will be directed by an educational package and Interactive Clinical Guidance and Data Collection tool that will be built into the usual GP Practice clinical patient management system.
- The project will collect data on all new cases of Lyme Disease at involved GP practices.
- The tool, developed with a team of GPs, will enable GPs to manage these patients confidently in a standardised way without adding more than a couple of minutes to consultations.

Following a successful pilot of the project with practices in NHS Highland the project team plan to roll-out the scheme across Scotland during Spring 2022. They will be looking for a further 15 practices in both urban and rural settings.

Practice involvement:

- Review of a training package including a power point presentation (1-1.5 hours) –at a live training session or in their own time via recorded video.
- Installation of an interactive and integrated “Clinical Guidance and Data Collection Tool” onto their existing patient management system (designed by Albasoft Ltd)
- Testing the tool to be used by the clinician or nurse on each occasion of seeing a suspected or confirmed Lyme case.
- Taking clinical photographs (with consent) of Lyme cases presenting with an

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Erythema Migrans rash (optional).

- Agreeing to anonymous automated data extraction at set timepoints.

Practice reimbursement:
Practices will be paid generously for their time, both for review of the training materials, and on a per patient basis, for the data capture. Practices will be paid £1933 up front and £50 per patient for each new case documented. Each practice will also be given an Olympus T6 Camera and Ring Flash to enable practices to take clinical photographs.

Further information will be sent out in due course, but the team would be happy to hear from you if your practice would be interested in taking part. Please contact Samantha.holden@nhs.scot for further information. Let us know if you are interested and we can keep you informed.

The PRINCIPLE TRIAL - Platform Randomised trial of treatments in the Community for Epidemic and Pandemic Illnesses

The trial has recruited about over 6,000 patients from across the UK. There have been various changes to the name and trial medication so **please check their website for the latest information**; [Join the PRINCIPLE Trial — PRINCIPLE Trial](#). You can also download a range of resources in the Primary Care Section on their website, including patient information, videos, and posters, or we can email you electronic resources for your social media platforms. Click here for the latest poster: [10086PrincipleNewRecruitmentPoster_v03 \(1\).pdf](#)

Aim of the Study: The trial will enable researchers to rapidly evaluate different treatments that could stem the progression of **COVID-19 symptoms** in the population and help ease the burden on hospitals. Over time they have evaluated several drugs (including Azithromycin, Doxycycline, Colchicine, Budesonide inhaler and Ivermectin) in the treatment of COVID-19. See the publication on some of the initial treatments: <https://www.thelancet.com/action/showPdf?pii=S0140-6736%2821%2900461-X>

Practice involvement: GP Practices may be contacted by research teams for further medical information if a patient has volunteered to take part.

Practice reimbursement: *providing medical information to the research team should expect to receive a payment of £50 and an additional £50 per patient randomised.*

Please note, patients are recruited via test centres for COVID -19 and sign up to the study themselves via the web or telephone to the Oxford Trial Team. **You do not need to contact us; we will be in touch if a patient signs up for this study.**

PANORAMIC is a platform randomised trial of **antiviral therapeutic agents** for use by people in the community with confirmed acute symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection.

Trial participation for the public

There are two routes into the trial for potential participants:

- Self-referral via the trial website: <https://www.panoramictrial.org/>
- An approach by trial teams in Health Boards to people with a positive COVID test (list provided daily by Test & Protect) to inform them of the study and undertake the eligibility check and to take consent. Not all Boards will support this route.

Additionally, there will be **limited deployment of the anti-viral treatments to patients that are in the high-risk group** (same patients as the vaccine high-risk

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group). Patients will be informed via letter or email if they are eligible to receive these treatments directly should they test positive.

The first Investigative Medicinal product to be tested is Molnupiravir (Brand name: Lagevrio). Paxlovid is due to start early February.

For the high-risk Group patients should be directed to the Health Board single point of contact telephone number. *The single point of contact telephone numbers is available on NHS Inform <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-treatments/>*

Other patients requesting to participate in the trial should be referred to the trial website at <https://www.panoramictrial.org/>

Please let us know if you would be interested in participating in any of the studies or if you would like more information.

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Research Bulletin - January 2022 (Issue 71)

We begin the new year with new opportunities. The Chief Scientist Office (CSO) welcomes [applications for the role of Chief Scientist \(Health\)](#). This part-time role is a unique opportunity for an exceptional candidate to lead research, development and innovation (R,D&I) in the Scottish NHS and ensure that Scotland retains and develops its health research, development and innovation infrastructure, and its vibrant life sciences sector. Additionally, National Research Network Clinical Lead posts in [Paediatrics](#) and [Mental Health](#) are currently open. These are important roles ensuring the effective delivery of research projects in the NHS and work to improve the quantity and quality of research within specific clinical areas.

Also this month, changes have been made by the Health Research Authority (HRA) to the [rules on deferring registration and publication for commercial sensitivity](#); the [outcome of the Precision Medicine Alliance funding call](#) from 2021 has been announced; a consultation has opened on [proposals to improve the UK clinical trials legislation](#); categories for [grant funding from the BMA Foundation](#) have been announced. On events, the [call for poster abstracts for the NHS Scotland Event](#) in June has opened and for abstracts for the [RCN International Nursing Research Conference](#) are welcomed. On trials, the University of Glasgow [ReDIRECT study on Long Covid is looking for participants](#); and new reports on CSO funded research projects published this month include a look at the [use of unscheduled care by people who die from cancer](#), and the longer-term [health impacts of social distancing](#) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We hope you find this issue useful and as always, your ideas, feedback and contributions are welcome



Applications invited for role of Chief Scientist (Health)

Applications are invited from candidates with the relevant skills and experience, who are interested in an opportunity to fill the role. The closing date for applications is midnight on Sunday 6 February 2022. [Read in full](#)



National Research Network Clinical Lead for Paediatrics

The Chief Scientist Office is looking to appoint a 0.2FTE Clinical Lead for Paediatrics. The remit of this role includes increasing the number of patients enrolled into trials. Deadline for applications is Monday 21st March. [Read more](#)



National Research Network Clinical Lead – Mental Health

The Chief Scientist Office is also looking to appoint a Clinical Lead for Mental Health. A key aspect of the role will be to ensure the recovery and growth of the NRS Mental Health research portfolio from the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#)

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Changes to the rules on deferring research registration
From the end of this month, the way that you request to defer registration and publication for commercial sensitivity reasons will change. The new way of working will make sure that trusted information is publicly available. [Read more](#)



Precision Medicine Alliance Scotland Funding - Outcome
The outcome of the Precision Medicine Alliance funding call from summer 2021 has been announced, with 4 of the 10 applications being successful - 3 from NHS Lothian, and one from NHS Tayside. [Read more](#)



Consultation on legislative changes for clinical trials
The UK Government is consulting on a set of proposals to improve and strengthen the UK clinical trials legislation, and are looking for viewpoints to help shape this. The consultation is open until 14 March. [Read more](#)



NHS Scotland Event poster abstract call now open
This year's Event will be held 21 – 22 June at the P&J Live in Aberdeen. Poster abstract submissions are welcomed on any aspect of work being undertaken in, with or on behalf of NHS Scotland. [Read more](#)



BMA Foundation grant funding categories for 2022
The categories for grant funding from the BMA foundation for 2022 have now been announced, and can be read on the BMA website. Online applications are now open and will close on 4 March 2022. [Read more](#)



ReDIRECT study opens for recruitment
The ReDIRECT study aims to test whether weight loss can help alleviate symptoms of Long COVID in people who are overweight. The study is looking for people experiencing symptoms of Long COVID to take part. [Read more](#)

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RCN Research Conference - Call for abstracts open

Call for abstracts are now open for the RCN International Nursing Research Conference 2022, taking place in Cardiff in September. The over-arching theme of this year's conference is: Nursing research: Looking forward [Read more](#)



Research Published - Understanding longer-term health impacts of social distancing

Research from the University of Glasgow indicates that physical distancing restrictions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic have reinforced health inequalities. [Read more](#)



Research Published - Use of Unscheduled Care by People who Die from Cancer

Dr. Sarah Mills at the University of Dundee has published research showing that unscheduled care attendance was substantially higher than previously reported. [Read More](#)



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Welcome to our monthly newsletter

Funded through the Chief Scientist's Office, Health Innovation South East Scotland (HISES) forms part of national network created to deliver the Scottish Government's vision to utilise the innovation process to deliver a healthier and wealthier nation for the future.

Formed through a collaboration of three NHS Boards — Borders, Fife and Lothian, with the latter taking on the role of lead host Board, HISES has a pivotal role in delivering innovative solutions to the health and social challenges, both regionally and nationally. Need to contact us? Get in touch.

Innovations@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

In your news



[Design Innovation Network launch event](#)

Join Innovate UK KTN in the launch of the Design Innovation Network as they set out their vision and explore the powerful possibilities for Design to instigate positive change in innovation across sector and technology areas. This online launch event will take place on **24th February from 10am – 2pm**. A full agenda is available on the registration page.

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[Self-Care and Wellbeing: A Guide for Health and Social Care](#)

A new open-access short online course has been developed by the University of Edinburgh and is now available for enrolment to go live on **31st January 2022**.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought major challenges and pressures for health and social care workers, as well as for students in the sector. Through necessity, frontline workers and students have been required to accept greater levels of responsibility – leading to an increase in stress and physical, mental, and emotional fatigue and exhaustion.

On this three-week course, you will be introduced to a range of self-care and mindfulness practices designed to improve your stress management and overall wellbeing.

[Read More](#)

[BMA Foundation - 2022 Grants now open for applications](#)

The BMA Foundation provides approximately £910,000 of research funding annually, this year across 14 different grants. Funding areas range from heart disease to schizophrenia to the impact of working pressures on the medical profession. Applications are invited from medical practitioners and/or research scientists for research in progress or prospective research. The 2022 BMA Foundation grants are now open, and applications will close on **4th March 2022**. Details of funding available, deadlines and contact details can all be found via the below link.

[Read more](#)



[How IoMT opens a new interconnected frontier](#)

Head of Innovation at Scottish Health Innovations Ltd (SHIL), Robert Rea discusses how the Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) opens exciting opportunities for healthcare innovators in MED-TECH News.

[Read more](#)

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[Join Holyrood for the Digital Health and Care Scotland Conference in 2022](#)

Holyrood Connect is delighted to announce the in-person return of its hugely popular Digital Health and Care Scotland conference on **22nd – 23rd February 2022**. The conference will provide delegates with an opportunity to explore how digital technology can help re-build and remobilise our health and care system and, eventually, support the shift from crisis mode to a system focused on prevention, early intervention and self-management.

The event follows the publication of the Scottish Government's refreshed Digital Health and Care Strategy in October 2021 and will include discussions on many of the issues incorporated in it, from digital exclusion and citizen choice to data use and artificial intelligence.

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Check out the latest health and care funding opportunities from across the sector on the funding section of our website.

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As we step into 2022, the pandemic remains an ongoing challenge; yet we should not let it deflect from the ability of our health and social care services to adapt in response. It demonstrates resilience, commitment and determination; and as we look to the future, we can use lessons from the pandemic, to inspire and support new approaches to healthcare.

Innovation is at the heart of this and writing for [The Herald this month](#), SHIL Executive Chairman Graham Watson discusses the evolving infrastructure across Scotland, ambitions of the sector, vast technological advances; and fundamentally the importance of collaboration in improving the quality, efficiency and sustainability of healthcare.

Such collaborative efforts are evident in our partnership with the Digital Health and Care Innovation Centre (DHI) where we have worked together on a first-for-Scotland initiative to deliver a unique and growing suite of UKCA marked decision support tools. These are designed to drive consistent, evidence-based practice across health and social care in Scotland and positively impact on patient and service outcomes.

In efforts to scale up and encourage more innovation across healthcare in Scotland, we are also currently recruiting an Innovation Manager to support NHS Scotland boards in the North and the islands. With a passion for innovation, and an ability to engage with healthcare professionals at all levels the successful candidate will be responsible for identifying innovative ideas from NHS Scotland staff and developing through to successful commercialisation.

The start of the year also signals the start of an exciting events agenda, with a hopeful return to in-person meetings. The NHS Scotland event will take place in June 2022 at the P&J Live Arena in Aberdeen, with poster submissions now open; and BioDundee will be taking place virtually in May. We look forward to meeting with colleagues across the innovation sector throughout the year and continuing our work to support an entrepreneurial Scotland where healthcare innovation thrives.

We hope you enjoy this issue of INSIGHT. As always, we develop our publications based on your feedback, so please get in touch via info@shil.co.uk and don't forget to follow [@ScotHealthinno](#) for daily health innovation news and insight.

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<https://mailchi.mp/2436cf442d05/insight-by-shil-6802366>



SHIL Executive Chairman, Graham Watson, writes for The Herald, discussing **health and social care collaboration as key to moving past the pandemic in 2022**. Scotland's expanding innovation infrastructure, combined with an ambitious vision and access to innovative technology are highlighted as vital components of work remobilise, recover and redesign NHS. [Read more](#)



SHIL have partnered with the Digital Health & Care Innovation Centre in a first-for-Scotland initiative delivering a unique and growing **suite of UKCA marked decision support tools**. The collaboration extends the reach of the Right Decision Service into frontline practice and further strengthens its impact on patient and service outcomes. [Read more](#)



An exciting opportunity to **join the SHIL team as Innovation Manager** is open. The successful candidate will support NHS Scotland boards in the North of Scotland and islands, identifying intellectual property, evaluating the feasibility, and working with stakeholders to develop to successful commercialisation. [Read more](#)



World Cancer Day held on 4 February aims to reimagine a world where access to life-saving cancer treatment and care is equitable for all. Innovation is central to this and a range of projects using AI and digital consultations to support improved cancer care are part of improving care pathways in Scotland. [Read more](#)

ARMA and NHS R&D Forum – Working Across the Academic/NHS Interface in Research

Introduction

In 2021, ARMA and the NHS R&D Forum joined forces and provided 2 sessions aimed at Research Professionals who support clinical, social care and translational research across the Academic/NHS interface.

In February 2021, we jointly hosted a session entitled ***The Importance of Team Science and Systems Leadership in Biomedical and Health Research***. COVID-19 presented us with the opportunity of the perfect case study.

In June 2021, we jointly hosted a session with the Health Research Authority (HRA) entitled ***Getting Ready for the new HRA Student Research Policy***, and from this we are actively exploring a self-sustaining community of interest to link with the HRA in this very important area.

ARMA and the NHS R&D Forum are very keen to support Research Professionals who work in such complex environments. As we move forward in our planning, we would like to hear from those who work across the Academic/NHS interface in research as to what would meet your training and development needs, as well as creating a space to meet colleagues to share best practice and build networks.

We would therefore be grateful if you would complete this short questionnaire to help us shape an offer which will meet your needs.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NLQDXSM>

The survey will be open until the **11th February**