

BSW Research Hub Bulletin

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About us

The BSW Research Hub supports all aspects of applied health research and innovation involving local primary and community NHS and HSC organisations.



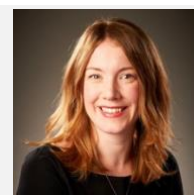
This bulletin provides an overview of our quarterly news, access the full newsletter and stories by scanning the QR code.

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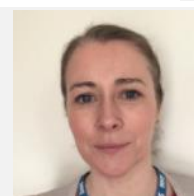
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Dr Caroline Ward
Director



News

Introducing Dr Caroline Ward, our new Director

We are very pleased to welcome Dr Caroline Ward as our new Director. Dr Ward works for BSW CCG as Clinical Lead for Research, with her main clinical interests being in antimicrobial stewardship, evidence-based medicine, and overdiagnosis / over testing.

A breakthrough in adolescent asthma treatment as genetically tailored therapy developed

The results show that tailoring asthma therapy in adolescent patients according to their genetic make-up can lead to significant improvement in asthma control and quality of life.

International review finds lack of evidence to endorse clinical use of medical cannabis for pain

Researchers from the University of Bath's Centre for Pain Research have contributed to a major international review into the safety and efficacy of cannabinoids when used to treat pain, including chronic pain in children and adults.

IMP²ART trial is currently recruiting general practices to participate

The IMP²ART trial – Implementing Improved asthma self-management as routine - will evaluate the clinical and cost effectiveness of the IMP²ART implementation strategy in routine clinical care. They will recruit 144 general practices and assign them by chance to receive either the new approach to asthma care or continue with their usual care.

NIHR Annual Report published

The NIHR have published their 2019-2020 annual report. This Report mainly covers output started prior to the start of COVID-19, and highlights some of the progress that has been made into multiple health conditions and diseases to improve the future of health in the UK and globally.

Research saves lives – the future of clinical research in the UK

A UK vision to unleash the full potential of clinical research delivery to tackle health inequalities, bolster economic recovery and to improve the lives of people across the UK, has been published.

Spotlight on

Dr Richard Gaunt, GP Champion for the CRN West of England

Dr Richard Gaunt is a GP at Rowden Medical Partnership in Chippenham and has recently taken on the role of GP Champion for the CRN West of England, in this edition of our newsletter he tells us about why he applied for the role and what it involves.

Regulatory updates

Fast-track review of clinical trials for non-COVID-19 research to continue

The HRA's new service offering a 50% faster research ethics review for non-COVID-19 clinical trials in the UK will continue following positive feedback.

Research support

Would you like the Research Design Service (RDS) to review your draft application prior to submission?

The RDS Project Review Committee (PRC) provides an excellent opportunity for you to obtain detailed feedback on your draft grant application prior to submission to the funding body.

Training and events

NIHR CRN social media toolkit

The NIHR CRN Social Media Toolkit is now available on NIHR Learn. The Toolkit contains a selection of commonly used social media tools and resources, alongside simple guidance and examples of how to apply in everyday practice.

Funding opportunities

Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) – Competition 45

Closes: 13:00 on 14 July 2021

Applications are invited for research proposals that are concerned with the day-to-day practice of health service staff, and which have the potential to have an impact on the health or wellbeing of patients and users of the NHS.

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