

## RCN Research and Development Co-ordinating Centre

### 1. Next bulletin: 11 January 2010

This is the last bulletin of 2009, so on behalf of Ann, Vita and myself here at the RCN R&D Co-ordinating Centre, may we wish you a peaceful end to the year. The first bulletin of 2010 will be published on 11 January 2010. The bulletin itself will be undergoing major changes early in the new year...watch this space. Kind regards, Dave

## RCN Research Society

### 2. RCN London Region Research Society (LoRRS)

The RCN London Region Research Society welcomes all healthcare professionals to hear researchers present studies relevant to health and social care. We meet at various venues across London for 1.5 hours to discuss key research issues, and to network. If you would like to come along or get involved, please contact the Chair. Advance notification of dates for 2010.

Tuesday 26 January 2010, 16:00 - 17:30  
Wednesday 17 March 2010, 15:00 - 16:30  
Wednesday 26 May 2010, 15:00 - 16:30  
Wednesday 08 September 2010, 15:00 - 16:30  
Wednesday 01 December 2010, 15:00 - 16:30

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## Research Funding

### 3. Research Funding

We are now working alongside RDInfo, part of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), to bring you funding opportunities of relevance to the nursing and midwifery community. Whether you are looking for small or large amounts, to fund PhD's, or attendance at a local conference, the reality is there will always be more requests than funding available. Anecdotal evidence suggests that only 1 in 7 bids for funding is successful; whilst not intended to be disheartening, it is sensible to be pragmatic when applying for funding, and to follow the principle of "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again". The following funding opportunities have deadlines in the next 3 months:

- i) **Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland - Small Research Grants.** A maximum of 2,500 GBP. **[Deadline: 15 January 2010]**
- ii) **Stroke Association - Junior Research Training Fellowships.** Applications are invited for Junior Research Training Fellowships of 35,000 GBP per year for up to three years depending on suitable progress. **[Deadline: 15 January 2010]**
- iii) **Stroke Association - Senior Fellowships for Nurses and Allied Health Professionals.** Applications are invited for Senior Research Training Fellowships of 175,000 GBP for a period of three

years. **[Deadline: 15 January 2010]**

iv) **Medical Research Council - Clinical Research Training Fellowships**. Pre-doctoral level - The award provides a competitive personal salary, up to Specialist Registrar but not including NHS Consultant level, a Research Training Support Grant of up to 15,000 GBP per annum (or 45,000 GBP over the three year period). This may cover consumables, PhD fees, equipment, conference travel, other course fees; however, each item must be separately costed and justified. Post-Doctoral level - The fellowship provides a competitive personal salary, up to Specialist Registrar but not including NHS consultant level, research expenses, and travel costs at an appropriate level for the research, under Full Economic costs (fEC). For full details of what funding includes at each level please see their website. **[Deadline: 21 January 2010]**

v) **Foundation of Nursing Studies - Advancing Healthcare Practice**. Funding of up to 3,000 GBP is available for each project team. **[Deadline: 29 January 2010]**

vi) **Children's Liver Disease Foundation - CLDF Research Award**. The Foundation is making available 200,000GBP for research to start in June 2010. **[Deadline: 29 January 2010]**

vii) **Iolanthe Midwifery Trust - Iolanthe Midwives**. Awards Up to 1,000 GBP each. **[Deadline: 29 January 2010]**

viii) **Iolanthe Midwifery Trust - Tricia Anderson Award**. This is an annual award of 1,000 GBP. The money is expected to be spent usually within one year and definitely within a maximum of 24 months of commencement of the award. **[Deadline: 29 January 2010]**

ix) **Iolanthe Midwifery Trust - Iolanthe Student Awards**. Maximum of 1,000 GBP. **[Deadline: 29 January 2010]**

x) **Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke Association - Research Training for Nurses and Other AHPs**. The value of the grant will range up to a maximum of 6,000 GBP. **[Deadline: 30 January 2010]**

xi) **Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness (FSHI) - Postgraduate Awards** The award is worth 44,000 GBP over 4 years. 8,000 GBP p.a. to the student and 3,000 GBP p.a. to the department for a PhD on any medical sociological topic. **[Deadline: 31 January 2010]**

xii) **Hospital Infection Society - The Mike Emmerson Young Investigator Award**. The grants will be available for a sum up to 10,000 GBP. **[Deadline: 01 February 2010]**

xiii) **Royal College of Nursing - Margaret Parkinson Scholarship Awards for Pre-registration Graduates**. Up to 1,000 GBP per annum. **[Deadline: 01 February 2010]**

xiv) **Leverhulme Trust - Emeritus Fellowships**. The maximum value of a Fellowship is 22,000 GBP. Eligible costs include: travel and subsistence costs for periods away from home; the employment of a research, clerical or secretarial assistant to support (rather than conduct) the work of the applicant; photocopies; photographic expenses; office or laboratory consumables. **[Deadline: 02 February 2010]**

xv) **Royal College of Nursing - The Barbers Company Clinical Nursing Scholarship**. The Scholarship is up to 5,000 GBP. **[Deadline: 28 February 2010]**

xvi) **British Fertility Society - Travel Bursary Scheme**. Value of each award is 250 GBP. **[Deadline: 28 February 2010]**

xvii) **Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland - Larger Grants**. Up to 40,000 GBP. **[Deadline: 01 March 2010]**

xviii) **Royal College of Nursing - Margaret Parkinson Bursaries**. Funds will assist with the costs of gaining experience. **[Deadline: 01 March 2010]**

xix) **Leverhulme Trust - Early Career Fellowships**. The Trust will contribute 50% of each Fellow's total salary costs up to a maximum of 23,000GBP per annum; the balance is to be paid by the host institution. Given the prestige of the awards, each fellow may seek research expenses up to £6,000 to further his or her research activities. **[Deadline: 11 March 2010]**

xx) **Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland - Carnegie Scholarship**. The annual value of a Scholarship will be 14,400GBP for the academic year 2008-2009 and will normally rise in line with awards funded by the Research Councils. The Trust will also meet the cost of approved fees payable by Scholars to their Universities and/or Colleges. **[Deadline: 15 March 2010]**

xxi) **Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland - Caledonian Research Foundation Scholarships**. The annual value of a Scholarship will be 14,400GBP for the academic year 2008-2009 and will normally rise in line with awards funded by the Research Councils. The Trust will also meet the cost of approved fees payable by Scholars to their Universities and/or Colleges. **[Deadline: 15 March 2010]**

xxii) **Caledonian Research Foundation - Research Scholarships**. The annual value of a Scholarship was 13,500GBP for the academic year 2006-07 and will normally rise in line with studentships funded by the Research Councils. **[Deadline: 15 March 2010]**

Website: <http://www.rcn.org.uk/research/funding>

#### 4. NHS South West Regional Innovation Fund 2009/10

There is no information regarding the RIF on the NHS South West website

Website: <http://www.southwest.nhs.uk/>

#### 5. NHS South Central Regional Innovation Fund 2009/10

There is no information regarding the RIF on the NHS South Central website

Website: <http://www.southcentral.nhs.uk/>

### Fellowships/Studentships

#### 6. PhD Studentship, Division of Health and Social Care, King's College, London

Title: Interruptions and Distractions to Health Care Professionals' Work: Implications for Patient Safety and Outcomes

A tax free stipend (currently 21,000 GBP per annum), UK/EU fees and some appropriate training costs is currently being offered for a PhD Studentship examining Interruptions and Distractions to Health Care Professionals' Work: Implications for Patient Safety and Outcomes. We welcome applications from qualified healthcare professionals who would be able to remain in clinical practice for up to 1 day per week if they wished (subject to making their own arrangements). Please see the website for more details.

Website: <http://www.kcl.ac.uk/schools/health/study/studentships/hscr/maben.html>

Closing date for receipt of applications is 28 January 2010.

### Research Policy/Strategy

#### 7. RCN Policy Unit briefings

The Policy Unit has established a number of processes that help RCN members and other interested parties to understand and engage in the process of policy development. The unit works proactively with a range of governmental and non-governmental organisations to analyse, understand, and influence the development of health and social care policy. As part of sharing that learning with members, and encouraging involvement, the team has produced briefings on a number of issues that affect nurses and nursing. Below are a list of the briefings produced since August 2009:

**i) Infertility Provision in England.** The purpose of this briefing is to provide members with a background to key issues relating to the access of NHS IVF treatment in the UK. It also sets out the implications for nursing and the RCN's recommendations.

**ii) Nursing and the Economic Downturn.** A roundtable discussion on Nursing and the economic downturn was held on 25 August 2009 at RCN headquarters in London. An invitation only meeting, it brought together prominent figures in nursing together with leading external thinkers and influencers who ordinarily have relatively little direct involvement in developing nursing policy. The roundtable was held in order to explore issues further regarding the creation of a Commission on the Future of Nursing and Midwifery in England, which was announced on 17 March by the Prime Minister. This paper, summarising the discussions, will be submitted to the Commission and will inform the work of the RCN Policy Unit in influencing health and social care policy. The RCN has also submitted five papers on each of the Commission's work streams which you can download from our consultation responses page.

If you have any comments or wish to contribute further, please go to the policy section on the Discussion Zone or email: [policycontacts@rcn.org.uk](mailto:policycontacts@rcn.org.uk).

Website: <http://www.rcn.org.uk/aboutus/policy/commentary>

8. **Ismail, S., Nason, E., Marjanovic, S., & Grant, J. (2009), "Bibliometrics as a tool for supporting prospective R&D decision-making in the health sciences. Strengths, weaknesses and options for future development", RAND Europe**

Prepared with funding support from the Health R&D Policy Research Unit of the Department of Health (England). Bibliometric analysis is an increasingly important part of a broader 'toolbox' of evaluation methods available to R&D policymakers to support decision-making. The aim of this document is to be an accessible, 'beginner's guide' to bibliometric theory and application in the area of health research and development (R&D) decision-making.

Website: [http://www.rand.org/pubs/technical\\_reports/TR685/](http://www.rand.org/pubs/technical_reports/TR685/)

## Knowledge Transfer - Finding the Evidence

### 9. Royal College of Nursing Library & Information Services e-library

The eRevolution has transformed RCN Library and Information Services. Whether you are at home, at work, or studying, you now have direct access to an exciting range of new and existing services. Use these state-of-the-art services online or in person, by telephone, email, post or fax. Dedicated professional staff are available to help you. Available free to RCN members including:

\*Over 400 full text nursing and related journals

\* Reference access to a growing collection of electronic books on topics of interest to nursing staff

\* Information databases including British Nursing Index, Maternity & Infant Care, ChildData and AgeInfo

\* RCN Library Catalogue: details of books and videos held in RCN libraries, online renewals.

#### e-books

Online books available from netlibrary ([www.netlibrary.com/](http://www.netlibrary.com/)) or MyiLibrary

([www.myilibrary.com/browse/open.asp](http://www.myilibrary.com/browse/open.asp)) of particular interest to nurses working in research include:

Allen, D. (2006), *The Reality of Nursing Research: Politics, Practices and Processes*

Cook, A. et al (2004), *Basic Skills in Statistics: A Guide for Healthcare Professionals*

Cox, C.L. & Reyes-Hughes, A. (2001), *Clinical Effectiveness in Practice*

Crosby, R.A. et al (2006), *Research Methods in Health Promotion*

Dawson, J. et al (2001), *Clinical Effectiveness in Nursing Practice*;

Denzin, N.K. & Lincoln, Y.S. (1998), *The Landscape of Qualitative Research: Theories and Issues*

Etherington, K. (2004), *Becoming a Reflexive Researcher: Using Our Selves in Research*;

Finlay, L. & Ballinger, C. (2006), *Qualitative Research for Allied Health Professionals: Challenging Choices*

Fitzpatrick, J.J. & Wallace, M. (2006), *Encyclopaedia of Nursing Research*

Gillis, A. & Jackson, W. (2002), *Research for Nurses: Methods and Interpretation*;

Gray, J.A. Muir (2001), *Evidence-based Healthcare*

Greenhalgh, T. (2006), *How to Read a Paper: The Basics of Evidence Based Medicine*;

Hall, G.M. (2003), *How to Write a Paper*;

Hignett, S. (2003), *Evidence-based Patient Handling: Tasks, Equipment, and Interventions*

Ireland, L. & Glasper, E.A. (2000), *Evidence-based Child Health Care : Challenges for Practice*

Johns, C. & Freshwater, D. (2005), *Transforming Nursing through Reflective Practice 2nd Ed.*

Jordan, S. et al (2002), *Pharmacology for Midwives: The Evidence Base for Safe Practice*

Kodish, E. (2005), *Ethics and Research with Children: A case-based Approach*

McGill, I. & Brockbank, A. (2004), *The Action Learning Handbook : Powerful Techniques for Education, Professional Development and Training*

McNeill, P. & Chapman, S. (2005), *Research Methods 3rd Ed.*

Moller, A. & Pederson, T. (2006), *Evidence-based Anaesthesia and Intensive Care*

Pope, C. & Mays, N. (2006), *Qualitative Research in Health Care*  
Rafferty, A-M. & Traynor, M. (2002), *Exemplary Research for Nursing and Midwifery*  
Rudestam, K.E. & Newton, R.R. (2001), *Surviving Your Dissertation: A Comprehensive Guide to Content and Process*  
Silagy, C. & Haines, A. (2001), *Evidence-Based Practice in Primary Care*  
Sheppard, M. (2004), *Appraising and Using Social Research in the Human Services : An Introduction for Social Work and Health Professionals*  
Tramer, M.R. (2003), *Evidence Based Resource in Anaesthesia and Analgesia*  
Walsh, D. (2007), *Evidence-based Care for Normal Labour and Birth: A Guide for Midwives*  
Winter, R., & Munn-Giddings, C. (2002), *A Handbook for Action Research in Health and Social Care*

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## 10. Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)

SCIE's aim is to improve the experience of people who use social care by developing and promoting knowledge (gathered from diverse sources and a broad range of people and organizations) about good practice in the sector. Recent updates include:

- i) **Report 27: Leadership for personalisation and social inclusion in mental health.** This report is aimed at those involved in developing, providing and leading personalisation and social inclusion for mental health. It is also aimed at those developing the leaders of the future. Access Report 27: Leadership for personalisation and social inclusion in mental health.
- ii) **At a glance 17: Personalisation briefing: Implications for residential care homes.** Good quality care homes are important for the successful implementation of Putting people first. Care homes are a valued part of the overall spectrum of care and support services within local communities, providing a range of services to meet individual needs. This At a glance summary examines the implications of the personalisation agenda for managers of residential care homes. Access At a glance 17: Personalisation briefing: Implications for residential care homes.
- iii) **At a glance 18: Personalisation briefing: Implications for community mental health services.** There is emerging evidence that people with mental health problems may have some of the most to gain from increased choice and control over their support arrangements. This At a glance summary examines the implications of the personalisation agenda for practitioners and managers of community mental health services. Access At a glance 18: Personalisation briefing: Implications for community mental health services.

Website: <http://www.scie.org.uk/>

## 11. Rowe, N. & Ilic, D. (2009), "What impact do posters have on academic knowledge transfer? A pilot survey on author attitudes and experiences", *BMC Medical Education* 2009, 9:71. Published: 8 December 2009

Research knowledge is commonly facilitated at conferences via oral presentations, poster presentations and workshops. Current literature exploring the efficacy of academic posters is however limited. The purpose of this initial study was to explore the perceptions of academic poster presentation, together with its benefits and limitations as an effective mechanism for academic knowledge transfer and contribute to the available academic data.

Website: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6920/9/71>

## 12. NHS Clinical Knowledge Summaries (CKS) Work programme clinical topics

CKS provide a source of clinical knowledge for the NHS about the common conditions managed in primary and first contact care. The knowledge is practical and reliable and helps healthcare professionals confidently make evidence-based decisions about the healthcare of their patients and provides the know-how to safely put these decisions into action. New and updated CKS topics

include:

**December 2009**

- i) Fibroids
- ii) GORD in children
- iii) Mumps
- iv) Premenstrual syndrome
- v) Restless legs syndrome
- vi) Retinal detachment
- vii) Rubella

Website: <http://www.cks.nhs.uk/home>

## Knowledge Transfer - Practice Development

### 13. NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement (2009), "High impact actions for nursing and midwifery"

Nurses and midwives care passionately about improving the care they provide to their patients. Proof of that ambition was demonstrated when nurses and midwives posted 600 submissions on the High Impact Actions web site in just three weeks. These actions, and the engagement of nurses and midwives throughout the country, have the potential to not only transform the care patients receive, but importantly, to also reduce costs. Nurses and midwives have seized the opportunity to lead the way in meeting the quality and productivity challenge. A large group of experienced nurses and midwives have identified the eight high impact actions that are outlined in this document from the website submissions. In addition, a number of academic experts have provided references to best practice and some initial economic analysis has been undertaken. More detailed work will take place over the coming months to explore the good practice linked to these eight areas and to further quantify the potential impact if these actions were replicated throughout the NHS.

Website: [http://www.institute.nhs.uk/building\\_capability/general/aims.html](http://www.institute.nhs.uk/building_capability/general/aims.html)

### 14. The Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD)

CRD is part of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and is a department of the University of York. CRD, which was established in 1994, is one of the largest groups in the world engaged exclusively in evidence synthesis in the health field. CRD undertakes systematic reviews evaluating the research evidence on health and public health questions of national and international importance. We produce the DARE, NHS EED and HTA databases which are used extensively by health professionals, policy makers and researchers around the world. We also undertake methods research and produce internationally accepted guidelines for undertaking systematic reviews.

#### **CRD databases updated**

This week (09/12 to 15/12/2009) 42 new records have been added to the DARE, NHS EED and HTA databases.

Abstract of the week

**Screening for depression in adults and older adults in primary care: an updated systematic review.** The review assessed the benefits and harms of screening for depression in adults in primary care and concluded that depression screening programmes without staff-assisted depression care support were unlikely to improve depression outcomes. No evidence was found to address harms of screening. This review was generally well conducted and the authors' conclusions are likely to be reliable.

Website: <http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd/index.htm>

## Knowledge Transfer - Disseminating Your Research

### 15. 4th European Nursing Congress, "Older persons: the future of care"

4 - 7 October 2010, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Including the 14th research congress of the Workgroup of European Nurse Researchers (WENR).

Contact: Secretariat

Email: [info@rotterdam2010.eu](mailto:info@rotterdam2010.eu)

Website: <http://www.rotterdam2010.eu>

Deadline for abstracts: 15 January 2010

### 16. NET2010 international networking for education in healthcare conference

07 - 09 September 2010, Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge, England

NET2010 is for everyone concerned with healthcare education: educators, practitioners, researchers and students. Join colleagues from the UK and overseas to debate the future direction of healthcare education and share educational ideas and best practice.

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Deadline for abstracts: 25 January 2010

## Events

### 17. RCN Events

Now, more than ever, it is important to keep up to date with the ever-changing world of nursing and health care. RCN conferences and events can help you understand current issues relevant to your everyday practice, such as nurse prescribing, the expanding role of the nurse and policy issues. The new look RCN Bulletin has a comprehensive listing of events taking place in each of the 4 countries of the UK, and is delivered free to members fortnightly. Alternatively, look at the RCN website.

Spotlight on

i) **Five moments for hand hygiene workshop**, RCN HQ, London, 20 Jan 2010. Are you confident using and interpreting the World Health Organization's five moments for hand hygiene? Sessions include: \*Five moments - history and development; \*Five moments in practice; \*Five moments - practical group work. Nurses and health care assistants from all practice backgrounds are welcome to attend this event. Contact: Bhav Siner, Email: [bhav.siner@rcn.org.uk](mailto:bhav.siner@rcn.org.uk).

Website: <http://www.rcn.org.uk/newsevents/events>

### 18. National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Invention for Innovation (i4i) Programme Future Product Development Funding - A Taster Session

18 January 2010, The Village Hotel, Warrington, England. 10:00 - 13:00. Cost: 20GBP (including lunch)

TrusTECH, in collaboration with The NIHR Research Design Service for the North West, are holding a taster session for researchers in the North West for those who are interested in the NIHR Invention for Innovation (i4i) Future Product Development Programme. i4i Future Product Development Funding

provides funds and support to enable ideas for new healthcare products to progress from post basic research to large scale clinical trials or health technology assessments. The workshop will include an overview of the i4i Future Product Development programme by Dr Joanne Thomas, Senior Technology Manager of TruSTECH. There will also be a presentation on how the NIHR Research Design Service for the North West can help those who would like to submit an application to the i4i Future Product Development funding programme, by Catherine Gedling, Deputy Director of the NIHR Research Design Service for the North West. There will also be a question and answer session.

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Website: <http://www.rds-nw.nihr.ac.uk/newstrainingevents/RDS-NW/index.php>

## 19. Stroke Research Portfolio Development Workshop

23 February 2010, Salford University. Cost: 20GBP (including lunch)

The Stroke Research Network, in collaboration with the NIHR Research Design Service for the North West, are holding a workshop for researchers in the North West to assist with Stroke Research Portfolio Development. This workshop is for those who are interested in applying for research funding for stroke research. The presentations include Dr John Bamford on the Stroke Association Funding for Research; the role of the Research Design Service North West by Professor Jennie Popay (Director of the NIHR Research Design Service for the North West); key points in quantitative study design by Mr Andy Vail (University of Manchester); and various presentations on the Research for Patient Benefit programme including the Chair of the North West Panel . There will also be time for networking and group discussions.

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