

## RCN Research and Development Co-ordinating Centre

1. **McGann, S., Crowther, A., & Dougall, R. (2009), "A history of the Royal College of Nursing 1916-1990: a voice for nurses", Manchester University Press.**

The book documents the modest beginnings of one of the largest nursing organisations in the world and traces its evolution into the organisation known today as the 'voice of nursing'. The book draws on the archives of the RCN and provides a new understanding of why and how nursing changed so radically in the twentieth century. The themes covered include the struggle to achieve professional status for nurses, gender relations, the radicalisation of nurses from the 1960s and the effect of immigration on nursing as a workforce. RCN members can purchase this book for 10.99 GBP - a nine pound discount on the recommended retail price. Postage and packing charges also apply. Telephone RCN Direct on 0345 772 6100 to purchase the book at the discounted price.

Website:

[http://www.rcn.org.uk/newsevents/news/article/uk/exclusive\\_discount\\_on\\_rcn\\_history\\_book\\_available](http://www.rcn.org.uk/newsevents/news/article/uk/exclusive_discount_on_rcn_history_book_available)

## RCN Research Society

2. **RCN 2010 annual international nursing research conference - online networking**

11 - 13 May 2010, The Sage Gateshead, Newcastle Gateshead, North East England, UK

The RCN Research Society is pleased to announce the 2010 International Nursing Research conference to be held at the Sage, Gateshead, in North East England. This is the annual showcase conference of the RCN Research Society and is organised in association with the RCN Northern Research Society Steering Group, Durham University, Newcastle University, North East Strategic Health Authority, Northumbria University, University of Sunderland and University of Teesside.

Join us on FaceBook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?v=info&gid=74646374808>

or

Follow us on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/RCNResSoc>

Website: <http://www.rcn.org.uk/research2010>

## Career Development Opportunities

3. **Research Nurses x4, Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Facility, Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust**

i) Agenda for Change Band 5 - Children's Research Nurse. Ref Number 188-S599-NURSE-DIV6. Closing date: 08 Dec 2009

ii) Agenda for Change Band 5 - Research Nurse. Ref Number 188-S589-TRUSTHQ. Closing date 04 Dec 2009

iii) Agenda for Change Band 6 - Children's Research Nurse. Ref Number 188-S591-TRUSTHQ. Closing

date 04 Dec 2009

iv) Agenda for Change Band 6 - GI Research Nurse. Ref Number 188-S590-TRUSTHQ. Nutrition Biomedical Research Unit. Closing date 04 Dec 2009

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

#### **4. Research Fellow and Project Co-ordinator, Centre of Advanced Studies in Nursing, University Of Aberdeen**

i) **Research Fellow**, Grade 6 (29,704 - 35,469 GBP per annum), 4 years fixed-term. You will work on a 4 year MRC funded study exploring the issues around pain in older adults, using a range of methodologies, in a programme that involves collaboration with two other Universities in the UK. You should hold a PhD or an MSc plus appropriate experience which demonstrates skills and capabilities to operate at this level underpinned by a good undergraduate degree. You will have previously worked on research projects and possess experience in health services research methods.

ii) **Project co-ordinator**, Grade 7 (36,532 - 39,920 GBP per annum), 4 years fixed-term. You will manage a 4 year, three centre MRC funded study exploring issues around pain in older adults and helping to develop self-care materials to be used by older adults to manage their pain whilst living in the community. You should hold a PhD underpinned by a good undergraduate degree in health or related subject and have experience of health service research methods.

Informal enquiries for both these posts may be made to Dr Pat Schofield, Tel: 01224 554 854, email: [p.a.schofield@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:p.a.schofield@abdn.ac.uk) or Dr Amanda Clarke, Tel: 01224 559 432, email: [a.e.clarke@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:a.e.clarke@abdn.ac.uk).

Website: <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/jobs> (ref. YPC004R and YPC003R)

The closing date for the receipt of applications is 11 December 2009.

#### **5. Senior Research Midwife (BUMPES trial), National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit, University of Oxford**

Grade 9, 42,351 - 49,096 GBP. Full time, 39 months. Secondments considered.

The BUMPES trial is a multi-centre randomised controlled trial that will evaluate whether adopting a policy of an 'upright position' throughout the second stage of labour is associated with an increase in the incidence of spontaneous vaginal delivery compared with a policy of adopting a 'lying down' position. The trial will also compare the length of time labour takes and the level of satisfaction with the experience for women. For an informal discussion about the post, please contact Ursula Bowler or Ed Juszcak, Tel: 01865 289 700.

Website: <http://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/jobs> (Ref: B2/09/023)

Closing date for applications is 17 December 2009.

## **Research Funding**

### **6. 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) **British Federation of Women Graduates - BFWG North West Travel Bursary.** Up to 300 GBP. **[Deadline: 12 Dec 09]**
- ii) **Chief Scientist Office (CSO - Scotland) - Clinical Academic Training Fellowships.** Funding will normally cover: reimbursement of the basic personal salary of the award holder; research costs up to 30k GBP over three years; fees for registration for a PhD (up to 3,500 GBP per annum); additional research training costs up to 1,500 GBP where appropriate. **[Deadline: 18 December 2009]**
- iii) **Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland - Small Research Grants.** A maximum of 2,500 GBP. **[Deadline: 15 January 2010]**
- iv) **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]**
- v) **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]**
- vi) **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]**
- 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]**

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

## 7. NHS London Regional Innovation Fund 2009/10

The Department of Health has given each Strategic Health Authority a 1.94 million GBP Regional Innovation Fund (RIF) for 2009/10. NHS London has identified an initial set of four major challenges to the rapid, affordable delivery of the Healthcare for London vision to be the focus on this year's RIF:

- i) Developing sustainable diagnostics in polysystems
- ii) Developing integrated care models that deliver the polysystem vision
- iii) Transforming the patient experience
- iv) Designing and testing models for the rapid and sustainable spread of successful innovations

Website: <http://www.london.nhs.uk/what-we-do/promoting-innovation/londons-regional-innovation-fund--faqs>

Deadline for receipt of applications: 11 December 2009

## 8. NHS North West Regional Innovation Fund 2009/10

Encouraging quality, innovation, productivity and prevention is a key focus for the NHS in the North West. The InnovateNoW programme has been set up to help organisations and partnerships work towards these goals. The InnovateNoW programme offers three different types of award:

- i) **Innovation Bursary Award.** The Innovation Bursary Award provides up to 25,000 GBP, primarily as a contribution to staff costs, for the adoption of an innovative service within one team or division.
- ii) **Enabling Change Award.** The Enabling Change Award offers up to 250,000 GBP - or up to 50,000 GBP where the applicant is a single organisation - and is designed for situations where the innovation will be implemented across or will affect a range of teams or delivery providers.
- iii) **Innovation Sharing Award.** The Innovation Sharing Award provides up to 5,000 GBP to encourage greater understanding of an innovation, for example to run a workshop, produce written material or allow for staff time to explain its benefit to others.

Website: <http://www.innovatenow.org.uk/index.php>

Deadline for receipt of applications: 18 December 2009

## Fellowships/Studentships

### 9. Alice Cory Early Research Training Fellowship Scheme, Medical Research Foundation

Support for research training for GPs, Nurses and Allied Health Professionals. The scheme is aimed at GPs, Nurses and Allied Health Professionals who wish to enrol on a full-time or part-time Masters Degree course containing a significant research component. A prior interest in research, for instance involvement in clinical trials or community based studies, would be desirable, but is not essential. The Alice Cory Early Research Training Fellowship will provide funding of up to 25,000GBP to cover the costs of attending full-time or part-time UK based MSc or MRes courses. The award may include course fees, a student stipend or provide funds to buy-out part of the fellow's salary.

Contact: MRC

Email: [alicecory@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk](mailto:alicecory@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk)

Website: <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/MRF>

Closing date for receipt of applications is 11 January 2010.

## Research Training

### 10. Residential research school, National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Research Design Service for the South West

April 2010, Brittany, France

For the last six years, health service researchers from the South West have benefited from the

opportunity to attend a Residential Research School. Over that time the School has developed a sophisticated, tailored approach to working with research teams to develop research projects that are competitive in seeking high quality research funding. The precise curriculum for the School is tailored to the needs of the participants, but consistent components include:

- \* Daily seminars covering methodological issues and the craft of writing research proposals
- \* Working with the support of the School's expert team of experienced and qualified researchers
- \* Working within your own team to complete assignments
- \* Preparation and delivery of presentations about your project
- \* Facing and learning from critical review

Contact: RDS South West  
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Email: [rds-sw@tst.nhs.uk](mailto:rds-sw@tst.nhs.uk)

Website: [http://www.rds-sw.nihr.ac.uk/rrs\\_home.htm](http://www.rds-sw.nihr.ac.uk/rrs_home.htm)

Closing date for applications: 31 December 2009

## Research Governance/Ethics

### 11. Clinical Research Training for Scotland (CRTS) survey - Clinical Trials of Investigational Medicinal Products (CTIMPs).

Have you been, or are you currently, involved in or supporting academic clinical trials of investigational medicinal products? The European Forum for Good Clinical Practice (EFGCP) have highlighted a decrease in the number of clinical trial applications being submitted by UK clinical academic researchers. The CRTS would like research personnel who work in Scotland to complete a short survey, which will take a few minutes, and let us know what local and national issues you think might be contributing to this problem. Your responses will help identify whether the supporting services currently provided need to be reviewed and, if so, what changes are needed.

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Website: <http://www.crt.s.org.uk>

## Consultations

### 12. NHS European Office consultation (2009), "Making clinical research less of a trial. EU consultation on the functioning of the Clinical Trials Directive", NHS Confederation.

The European Commission has launched a public consultation seeking views on how to improve the functioning of the Clinical Trials Directive. This Consultation outlines the key issues raised and seeks views from NHS organisations. Many of the issues covered in the consultation will be of interest to NHS organisations involved in medical research and innovation in healthcare. The deadline for consultation responses is 8 January 2010. The NHS European Office will be coordinating a response on behalf of the NHS and would welcome contributions to this by 18 December 2009. Further contributions would be welcome beyond this date, as the review is likely to be a lengthy process. However, the focus of discussion may change. Please email your views to Jenny-Lee Spencer, email: [jenny-lee.spencer@nhsconfed.org](mailto:jenny-lee.spencer@nhsconfed.org)

Website: <http://www.nhsconfed.org/Publications/Pages/MakingClinicalResearchLessOfATrial.aspx>

## Research in Progress

### 13. **The AGREE A3 Project: Innovations to Enhance the Capacity of Practice Guidelines to Improve Health and Healthcare Systems: Application, Appropriateness, Action**

The AGREE A3 project investigators would like to invite you to participate in our new research program testing various strategies to promote the new international standard for guideline development, reporting and evaluation, the AGREE II. We are looking for guideline developers and researchers, clinicians and healthcare decision/policy makers, and trainees who have not had exposure to the new AGREE II Instrument or the original AGREE Instrument and who were not involved in the development or beta-version testing of AGREE II. If you agree to participate, you will be asked to read and assess a practice guideline using the AGREE II and will be asked a series of questions regarding the usefulness of the instrument and its companion User's Manual. Participation should take no longer than 2 hours and you do not need to be a clinical expert on the topic of the practice guideline you receive. We will provide you with a unique identifier code to ensure the confidentiality of your responses. If you are interested in participating, please contact the AGREE A3 project office at [agreea3@mcmaster.ca](mailto:agreea3@mcmaster.ca). You will then be sent a formal letter of invitation.

Deadline for responses is 04 December 2009

## Knowledge Transfer - Finding the Evidence

### 14. **Banks, G. (2009), "Challenges of Evidence-Based Policy-Making", Australian government productivity commission**

This publication is one in a series designed to stimulate debate about contemporary government challenges. It deals with the challenge of putting 'evidence-based policy-making' into practice.

Website: <http://www.apsc.gov.au/publications09/evidencebasedpolicy.htm>

### 15. **Straus S.E., Tetroe J., Graham I. (2009), "Defining knowledge translation", Canadian Medical Association Journal 2009**

This article is the first part of a series on the science and practice of knowledge translation. Key points include:

- \* Gaps between evidence and decision-making occur at all levels of health care, including those of patients, health care professionals and policy-makers
- \* Knowledge translation involves using high-quality knowledge in processes of decision-making
- \* The knowledge-to-action framework provides a model for the promotion of the application of research and the process of knowledge translation

Website: <http://www.cmaj.ca/cgi/reprint/181/3-4/165.pdf>

### 16. **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 - November 2009.

**November 2009**

i) Back pain - low (without radiculopathy)

- ii) Breast cancer - managing FH
- iii) Chilblains (new)
- iv) Measles (new)
- v) Sciatica (lumbar radiculopathy)
- vi) Teething (new)
- vii) Uveitis (new)

### CKS podcasts

To enhance the service the first in a series of CKS audio podcasts on 'hot' clinical issues have been developed and are available from the KnowledgePlus section of the CKS website or through iTunes at the following location: podcasts / Science and Medicine / NHS Healthcast. There are nine new podcasts available in the KnowledgePlus section of the CKS website:

- i) Diagnosis, management and follow-up of acute anaphylaxis
- ii) Reducing antibiotic prescribing for otitis media with the use of deferred prescriptions
- iii) Referral for breast cancer and promoting breast awareness
- iv) Missed contraceptive pills
- v) Managing red eye
- vi) Evidence for the use of varenicline in people who want to stop smoking
- vii) Overview of CKS

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

## Knowledge Transfer - Practice Development

### 17. 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 (18/11 to 24/11/2009) 54 new records have been added to the DARE, NHS EED and HTA databases.

Abstract of the week

**Aspirin for primary prevention of cardiovascular events in people with diabetes: meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials.** This review concluded that a clear benefit of aspirin in the primary prevention of major cardiovascular events in people with diabetes was not proven. The pooled results should be viewed with caution; they were from studies with varied populations and aspirin regimens and might not represent the entire evidence base. Given the evidence presented, the conclusion seems to be appropriate.

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

## Knowledge Transfer - Disseminating Your Research

### 18. Change Champions Toolkit Seminar: "Future proofing the aged and community care workforce"

25 - 26 May 2010, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

An increasing number of speakers are being attracted from the UK. The conference organisers encourage potential UK speakers to contact them, as, depending on the quality of the paper, airfares and accommodation may be negotiated.

Contact: Char Weeks Tel: +61 (2) 4963 5150

Email: [change.champions@bigpond.com](mailto:change.champions@bigpond.com)

Website: <http://www.changechampions.com.au/call-for-papers>

Abstract deadline: 15 December 2009

### **19. International Society on Priorities in Health Care conference, "Priority setting in difficult economic times"**

23 - 25 April 2010, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

The conference provides a forum for researchers, practitioners, decision-makers and policy-makers to exchange ideas and experience. The Society focuses on getting research into practice by encouraging practitioners to learn about approaches to priority setting and encouraging researchers to learn from real experience across the spectrum of developing and developed nations.

Website: <http://www.healthcarepriorities.org/index.htm>

Deadline for abstracts: 18 December 2009

## **Events**

### **20. 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) **RCN workshops on improving nutritional care in your organisation**, London (12 Jan 2010), Birmingham (25 Feb 2010), Manchester (24 Mar 2010), England, UK. These nutritional care workshops have been developed in partnership with the Royal College of Nursing, the National Patient Safety Agency and the British Association of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition. The workshops are part of the Nutrition Now campaign which is supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Abbott Nutrition. The train the trainer workshops provide health care workers with the skills and knowledge to facilitate their own improving nutritional care workshops in their organisation. Contact: Victoria Langley, Tel: 0207 647 3586, Email: [Victoria.langley@rcn.org.uk](mailto:Victoria.langley@rcn.org.uk).

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