



The voice of nursing in the UK

Staffing for safe and effective care in the UK

The RCN's latest report provides an overview of progress made against the safe staffing campaign principles during 2019. It includes country-specific updates as well as a look ahead to priorities during 2020.

[Read the report](#)



Recruitment to cohort study

Are you an advanced level nurse practitioner? The RCN strategic research alliance team at the University of Sheffield are conducting a research project, which aims to map the experience and impact of advanced level nursing practice.

[Find out more](#)

Research capacity

Health Education England East of England is hosting a clinical academic careers day on 13 March in Billericay. There are sessions spanning all stages of clinical academic careers from masters through to post-doctoral and beyond.

[Register](#)

Improve NHS decision making

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Dissemination Centre (DC) produces Signals, which are timely summaries of important research. Raters help to decide which research findings are worth sharing as an NIHR Signal, and the NIHR DC are particularly keen to encourage more nurses to get involved.

[Become a rater](#)

Scholarship

The Foundation of Nursing Studies (FoNS) 2020 Richard Tompkins nurse development scholarship is open for applications. This scholarship is open to practitioners who are working clinically in any health or social care setting UK-wide, and is targeting in particular, those at ward sister level or equivalent.

[Apply by 6 April](#)

Research findings

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is the world's first health research funder to publish comprehensive accounts of its funded research within its own publicly and permanently available journals. Recent publications include.

- [Organisational strategies and practices to improve care using patient experience data in acute NHS hospital trusts.](#)
- [Intentional rounding in hospital wards to improve regular interaction and engagement between nurses and patients.](#)
- [Group cognitive behavioural programme to reduce the impact of rheumatoid arthritis fatigue.](#)
- [Training to enhance user and carer involvement in mental health care planning.](#)
- [Sexual health promotion in people with severe mental illness.](#)

You can read all the latest publications and find out about research being published in the future on the NIHR journals library website.

[Discover more](#)

Research conference

The 11th annual Aneurin Bevan University Health Board research and development conference takes place on 16 June in Newport, Wales. The theme of the conference is the impact of research on outcomes, practice and culture. Abstracts are invited.






Submit by 17 April

Research impact

Health and Care Research Wales is inviting applications from individuals across the UK with expertise in child-related social care research wishing to become members of the scientific funding board for the research funding scheme: social care grants.

Apply by 16 March

A natural history of raising concerns

Date: 4 March 2020		
Time: 5pm - 7pm		
Location: London		
Information: See the website		

Nurses in the early twentieth century were told to practice "unquestioning loyalty and obedience" to their "superior officers" and the hospitals they worked in. But what happened to those nurses who raised concerns about such things as safety, conditions or staffing?

An expert panel explores landmark events in the history of whistleblowing, from early trade unions to the Francis Report. The event will bring us up to date with a look at recent research being undertaken at Cardiff University and RCN work on safe staffing policy.

[Register now](#)

Research training

The NIHR Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) Northwest London is inviting applications for its improvement leader fellowship programme. Nurses are eligible to apply.

[Apply by 11 March](#)

Mental health research

The NIHR Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) Yorkshire and Humber is hosting the primary care mental health research conference on 21 May in York. Abstracts are invited.

[Submit by 10 March](#)

Identifying research priorities

The James Lind Alliance (JLA) brings patients, carers and clinicians together in Priority Setting Partnerships (PSPs) to identify and prioritise the top ten uncertainties, or unanswered questions, about the effects of treatments. The aim of this is to make sure that health research funders are aware of the issues that matter most to patients and clinicians. Recent areas in which research priorities have been identified include.

- [Detecting cancer early.](#)
- [Electronic cigarettes.](#)
- [Foot health.](#)
- [Heart surgery.](#)
- [Hyperemesis gravidarum.](#)

Alternatively, visit the James Lind Alliance website for a complete list of priority setting partnerships.

[Research priorities](#)

Innovation finder

The Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) Wessex has developed a database of innovations, bringing together all the innovations which have been identified at a national level as being ready to be picked up, and adopted. The database can be searched by type or specialism.

[Search the database](#)

Research training

Applications are now open for the West Midlands internship programme, pre-doctoral bridging programme and post-doctoral bridging fellowship. These programmes will support individuals who aspire to combine research and clinical practice, and develop a clinical academic career.

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