

## Welcome to the HYMS Research Office April Newsflash!

Please forward on as you feel appropriate and send any items of potential interest to: **Lisa Schubert** [✉](#) for inclusion in our next **Newsflash**. We would also like to be able to inform you of each other's **recent publications** or **research outputs** and would be very grateful if you would inform us of details as and when they are published.

Thanks and kind regards,

*Liz Allen and Lisa Schubert*  
*HYMS Research Support Office*

**NB:** Webpage links and email addresses are indicated with **bold blue writing** followed by [✉](#)

## News!

**Congratulations!** to **Dr Barry Wright** on being awarded two grants recently, both from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR). The first, in conjunction with **Professor Simon Gilbody**, entitled 'Using computerised cognitive behaviour therapy (Stressbusters) in teenagers with depression: a randomised controlled trial' is being funded to the tune of £248,000 by the NIHR's Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) programme. The research is due to start this month - April 2011. For further details, please [click here](#) [✉](#)

The second grant, worth £239,023 from the NIHR Health Services Research (HSR) programme, in to 'Translation into British Sign Language the most commonly used screening instrument (Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire) for child mental health problems' will investigate mental health problems in deaf children and work will begin on the study at the beginning of next month - May 2011. More information is available by [clicking here](#) [✉](#)

**MHRA launches new notification scheme for clinical trials** [✉](#) - launched on 1 April 2011, the risk adapted approach to CTA application and approvals in the UK is based on the output from the MRC/DH/MHRA project which ran throughout last year. It is accompanied by consolidated guidance based on the current legislation and guidance, to assist sponsors in what may be risk adapted. Details can be found on the [MHRA website](#) [✉](#)

### REF Update!

The REF Team has now published the **Panel Memberships** [✉](#). Another document that has recently been published is the '**Decisions on assessing research impact**' [✉](#) which confirms the weighting between the three different elements that will be assessed, namely:


Outputs 60%  
Environment 15%  
Impact 20%


It is confirmed that Impact will be assessed by case studies and a narrative on how the unit has supported and enabled impact during the assessment period - 1 January 2008 to 31 July 2013.

**Roger Sturme**y of the recently **launched HYMS Centre for Cardiovascular and Metabolic Research**, was invited to give a keynote lecture entitled "*Identification of viable embryos by*


*measurement of amino acid turnover*" at the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology workshop in Salzburg, Austria, on April 2. He also gave an invited seminar on Embryo selection at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists on April 5.



At the annual meeting of the UK National Stem Cell Network in York, **Patty Sachamitr**, working jointly with **Roger Sturme**y of the HYMS Centre for Cardiovascular and Metabolic Research and Mark Coles, HYMS CII (Centre for Immunology and Infection), presented a poster on her work "*Metabolic Profiles of human embryonic stem cells*".

**£775 Million Research Funding for NHS** - the Government is to make available a total of £775 million for traditional research that will bring a direct benefit to NHS patients. This forms part of the Government's £4 billion investment into research and development up to March 2015. More information can be found on the [Department of Health's website](#) 

**Research Council Delivery Plans** - following the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review last October, all the Research Councils have now released their Delivery Plans for 2011 - 2015. RCUK (Research Councils UK) has also updated its Delivery Plan for 2010/11 and provides links to each of the individual council's Delivery Plans, including the MRC, BBSRC, NERC, EPSRC and ESRC on [their website](#) 

### **North and East Yorkshire Research and Development Alliance Newsletter**

Please follow the link to the [latest newsletter](#) 


**SPRU (Social Policy Research Unit)** at the University of York is pleased to announce that its **2010 Annual Report**  is now available and can be [viewed online](#) . The annual report contains details of the work of all four research teams in SPRU, 39 projects in total covering:

- social care services
- disability - children and adults
- welfare
- the care system
- safeguarding
- poverty
- well-being
- employment

Also featured is work on including disabled young people in the research process, the successful conclusion of a major piece of research on home care re-ablement, the workshop around methods of interviewing research participants and the video about SPRU that we made during the year.

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## **Recent Local Publications:**

Currow DC, Abernethy AP, **Johnson MJ**, Bausewein C, Hardy R, Higginson IJ **Measuring the net benefits of hospice and palliative care: A composite measure for multiple audiences – palliative net benefit**  Journal of Palliative Medicine, 2011;14(3):264-265

**Johnson MJ, Gadoud A Palliative care for people with chronic heart failure – when is it time?** Journal of Palliative Care 27:1 / 2011; 37–42

Heidi Lempp, Fowzia Ibrahim, Tamara Shaw, Darija Hofmann, Helen Graves, Graham Thornicroft, Ian Scott, **Tony Kendrick**, David L. Scott **Comparative quality of life in patients with depression and rheumatoid arthritis**  International Review of Psychiatry, February 2011; 23 (1): 118 - 124

Julie Glanville, **Tony Kendrick**, Rosalind McNally, John Campbell, Richard Hobbs **Research output on primary care in Australia, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States: bibliometric analysis** [■](#) *BMJ* 2011; 342:d1028

**Y Shahin**, F Mazari, **I Chetter** **Do angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors improve walking distance in patients with symptomatic lower limb arterial disease? A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials** [■](#) *International Journal of Surgery*, January 2011; 1-4

K A Mockford, N Vanicek, A Jordan, **I C Chetter**, P A Coughlin **Computerized dynamic posturography in the objective assessment of balance in patients with intermittent claudication** [■](#) *Annals of Vascular Surgery*, February 2011 25, (2) 182-190  
Doi:10.1016/j.avsg.2010.07.021

**Semple D**, Smith K, **Bhandari S**, Seymour AM **Uremic cardiomyopathy and insulin resistance: A critical role for Akt** [■](#) *J Am Soc Nephrol* 8 (1) 2011, 22: 207-215

Vivek V, **Bhandari S** **Prevalence of modifiable and not modifiable cardiovascular risk factors in renal transplant patients** [■](#) *International Journal of Nephrology and Renovascular Disease* 2010 3: 175-182

Sinha S, Chiu D, Peebles G, Swoboda P, Kolakkat S, Jamerton E, Fenwick S, **Bhandari S**, Kalra P **Accelerated total dose infusion of low molecular weight iron dextran is safe & efficacious in chronic kidney disease patients** [■](#) *Quarterly Journal of Medicine* 2011 104(3): 221-230

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## Events:

**FP7: An Academic's Perspective of Applying and Participating - Wed 20 April, 12:30-1:30pm**, Boardroom, Enterprise Centre, University of Hull

A forthcoming Research Funding Office workshop with guest speaker Dr Paul Watts, of the Department of Chemistry, University of Hull, who will speak about his experiences of FP7, from the initial getting involved with a network to the processes involved with submitting and participating with a multinational consortium on a funded project. Please note that this session is intended for all academic disciplines and is meant to be a general overview.

Additionally there will be a short introduction to FP7 and the current open calls.

Please contact **Becky Baynes** [■](#) to register.

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**New Opportunities for European Health Research Funding – Wed 11 May, 11.00 – 13.00**, Room 017, the Ron Cooke Hub, Heslington East Campus, University of York. Please see [Map](#) [■](#)

The European Research Office at the University of York is hosting a meeting to discuss new opportunities in the EU Health Work Programme 2012.

**Speaker:** Victoria Brewer, MRC, National Contact Point for EU (FP7) Health Programme

### Programme

**11:00-12:00:** An Introduction to Health Programme: *Rules of the Game*

**12:00-12:20:** Funding Topics, Part 1

**12:20-12:50:** Lunch

**12:50-13:30:** Funding Topics, Part 2

*Lunch will be provided*

The event will allow you to learn about planned funding topics in the EU Framework 7 (FP7) Health programme well in advance of the calls. The topics relate to the 6<sup>th</sup> Call, scheduled for with deadline October or November 2011.

If you would like to attend, please [email](#) no later than **30 April**.

There will also be an opportunity to arrange a one-to-one session to discuss individual proposals. This will take place 13:30-15:30, following the meeting. Places are limited so please book early.

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### **Palliative Care conference - Wed 11 May** at The Royal **York** Hotel

Following the success of last year's event, the **NEYNL CLRN** (North & East Yorkshire & Northern Lincolnshire Comprehensive Local Research Network) **Palliative Care Specialty Group** are holding their second one day conference. Once again, there will be high calibre speakers, both international and from our region.

The keynote speeches will be by Professor Jane Phillips, Professor of Palliative Nursing, Notre Dame University, New South Wales, Australia who will talk about 'Improving capacity for palliative care in the community: the interface between primary and specialist services' and Professor Graeme Roker, Professor of Respiratory Medicine, Dalhousie University, Canada whose talk is entitled 'Advanced COPD : more than a lung disease'.

Places are limited, so for more information or to book a place please [email Jane Ash](#) or telephone 01482 476680.

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### **University of Hull Staff:**

**'Looking forward to the REF'** by Dame Professor Helen Wallace - **Monday 16 May, 2.15pm**, Dennison Centre, University of **Hull**

University of Hull staff are invited to this event where Dame Professor Helen Wallace, Emeritus Professor at the European Institute at the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a member of the RAE 2008 Politics panel, will share her thoughts on looking forward to the Research Excellence Framework (REF). Attendees will be given the opportunity to bring their questions and to draw on the speaker's extensive experience of HEFCE's RAE and REF.

Target Audience: All staff with an interest in the REF

To confirm your attendance , please [e-mail](#)

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### **7th Mixed Methods International Conference** - University of **Leeds**, **Wednesday 29 June – Saturday 2 July**

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**UK Clinical Research Facilities (UKCRF) 7th Annual Conference - Delivering Success Through Collaboration** **Thu 7 - Fri 8 July** at the IET (Institute of Engineering and Technology), Savoy Place, **London**

Experimental Medicine lays at the heart of research for patient benefit. Over the last 5 years unprecedented investment has created a world-class infrastructure to support clinical research in the UK. The UKCRF Conference provides a unique and excellent opportunity for all those involved in clinical research to share knowledge and awareness of developments in the field.

To register, please visit the online [registration page](#)

For further information, please contact Jean Harris, Operations Manager, UCLH/UCL Clinical Research Facility on telephone number 020 344 76045 or [by email](#)

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## **HYMS - [Forthcoming Events](#)**

- **Check regularly for upcoming events, including dates for:**  
Cell & Molecular Biology Lunch Clubs; Infection & Immunity Seminars; York Medical Society Meetings and more

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## **HYMS - [Short courses and CPD](#)**

- **Check regularly for a range of courses aimed at practising healthcare professionals.**

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## **Research Design Service for Yorkshire and the Humber - [Learning Events](#)**

- **List of forthcoming events**

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## **University of York ARRC - [Forthcoming Seminars](#)**

- **List of forthcoming Seminars from the Alcuin Research Resource Centre.**

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## **University of York CHE - [Forthcoming Seminars](#)**

- **List of forthcoming Seminars from the Centre for Health Economics**

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## **Wellcome Trust - [Scientific Conferences 2010](#)**

- **Hinxton, Cambridge: Follow the link for all 2010 conference registration dates**  
Scientific conferences (up to 300 delegates) are held at the Wellcome Trust Conference Centre. These are mainly open, registration-fee paying conferences run on a not-for-profit basis.

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# **Training:**

## **[Monitoring Non-Commercial Clinical Research Studies](#) - Mon 18 April, 10am – 5pm, London**

A new one day course for monitoring clinical research in the NHS/Universities. Hosted by the Joint UCL, UCLH and Royal Free Biomedical Unit, London and delivered by Siobhan Lim Consulting, at UCL Teaching Facilities (Room SB4), 188 Tottenham Court Road, London W1T 7PH.

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## **[Fundamentals of next generation sequencing](#) - Tue 14 June, The Nowgen Centre, Manchester**

Nowgen – part of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Manchester Biomedical Research Centre, specialises in the delivery of professional training in the areas of genetic medicine, molecular biology and bioinformatics and is running this exciting new professional training course, aimed at researchers, clinicians and scientists from industry, academia and the NHS who are new to next generation sequencing (NGS) and require an overview of the basics.

For more information/programme/costs, please see [their website](#) or contact [Kate Mulryan](#) Professional Training Officer by email or on telephone number 0161 276 3205 or [Dr Angela Davies](#) Professional Training Manager, telephone 0161 276 3200.

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## **[Next generation sequencing bioinformatics](#) - Wed 15 June, The Nowgen Centre, Manchester**

Nowgen – part of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Manchester Biomedical Research Centre, specialises in the delivery of professional training in the areas of genetic medicine, molecular biology and bioinformatics and is also running this exciting new professional training course, aimed at researchers, clinicians and scientists from the NHS, academia and industry who are using next generation sequencing (NGS) and require an introduction to the downstream bioinformatics analysis.

For more information/programme/costs, please see [their website](#) or contact [Kate Mulryan](#) Professional Training Officer by email or on telephone number 0161 276 3205 or [Dr Angela Davies](#) Professional Training Manager, telephone 0161 276 3200.

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## For Information:

### North and East Yorkshire R&D Alliance Unit

- **A revised Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been published:**

**R&D/CTIMP/S26:** Preparation, Review and Approval of Study-Specific SOPs (version 2.0)

**This was formally implemented on 11 March 2011.**

Self-directed training must be carried out by all staff to whom the SOP is relevant and this training documented in their training record. Staff should take time to read and fully understand the SOP and relevant documents, ensuring that they are able to implement the SOP on the date given above. If clarification is needed then please contact the **SOP Controller** who will arrange additional training. All staff should complete their training before the date that the SOP is formally implemented. All staff are responsible for maintaining their own SOP Training Logs. Training Logs can be downloaded from the North and East Yorkshire Alliance website (link above).

SOP Training will also be provided by the R&D Unit as required and is a mandatory requirement for research teams prior to any Alliance Trust Sponsored CTIMP being given Final NHS Permission.

For full details please see the [Unit's website](#)

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### Hull Trust R&D Office

- **Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Trust sponsored studies are now available on the [Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust website](#)**

This list of available SOPs can be found by [clicking here](#)

For further information or if you are having difficulty accessing these documents, please contact **Jane Pacynko** on 01482 761882 (from HRI or CHH) or 01482 461885 (from outside the Trust) or [by email](#)

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## Funding Opportunities:

### Internal Funding Opportunity!

- HYMS Research Strategy Committee will accept funding bids up to £15,000. Applications will be considered from any member of HYMS core academic staff. Applications from honorary or nominative appointments, or PGMI staff should be supported by a member of HYMS core academic staff as a co-applicant.

**Next deadlines for applications: Tuesday 12 April and Tuesday 31 May**

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### Joseph Rowntree Foundation - [Dementia and Society](#)

**Deadline: 2pm on Tuesday 3 May**

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### National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) - [Health Services Research \(HSR\) Programme](#)

**Deadline for outline proposals: 1pm on Thursday 5 May**

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### National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Evaluation, Trials and Studies Coordinating Centre (NETSCC) - [Pandemic Influenza Themed Call](#)

**Deadline: 1pm on Thursday 5 May**

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**Department of Health (DH) including NIHR School for Social Care Research - [Call for Proposals](#)**

**Deadline: Thursday 12 May**

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**Medical Research Council (MRC) - [Partnership Grants - Molecular and Cellular Medicine](#)**

**Deadline: 4pm on Wednesday 18 May**

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**Medical Research Council (MRC) - [Programme Grants - Molecular and Cellular Medicine](#)**

**Deadline: 4pm on Wednesday 18 May**

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**AXA Research Fund - [Call for Projects](#)**

**Deadline: Monday 23 May**

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**BBSRC - [New Investigators Scheme](#)**

**Deadline: Wednesday 25 May**

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**Children with Leukaemia - [Aetiology of Childhood Cancers \(including Leukaemia\) 2011 grant round](#)**

**Deadline: Friday 27 May**

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**Medical Research Council (MRC) - [Partnership Grants – Infections and Immunity](#)**

**Deadline: 4pm on Wednesday 1 June**

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**Medical Research Council (MRC) - [Programme Grants - Infections and Immunity](#)**

**Deadline: 4pm on Wednesday 1 June**

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**Wellcome Trust – [Senior Research Fellowships in Basic Biomedical Science](#)**

**Deadline: Monday 6 June**

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**Wellcome Trust – [Research Training Fellowships](#)**

**Deadline: Monday 6 June**

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**Medical Research Council (MRC) - [Understanding the Mechanisms of CFS/ME](#)**

**Deadline: 4pm on Tuesday 7 June**

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**Medical Research Council (MRC) - [Partnership Grants – Populations and Systems Medicine Board](#)**

**Deadline: 4pm on Wednesday 8 June**

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**Medical Research Council (MRC) - [Programme Grants – Populations and Systems Medicine Board](#)**

**Deadline: 4pm on Wednesday 8 June**

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**Medical Research Council (MRC) - [Centres of Excellence in Neurodegeneration \(COEN\)](#)**

**Deadline: 4pm on Thursday 9 June**

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**Medical Research Council (MRC) - [Programme Grants – Neurosciences and Mental Health](#)**

**Deadline: 4pm on Wednesday 15 June**

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**Medical Research Council (MRC) - [Partnership Grants – Neurosciences and Mental Health](#)**

**Deadline: 4pm on Wednesday 15 June**

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**Wellcome Trust – [Massachusetts Institute of Technology \(MIT\) Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)**

**Deadline: Friday 1 July**

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**Breast Cancer Campaign - [PhD Studentships](#)**

**Deadline: Friday 1 July**

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**Medical Research Council (MRC) - [Developmental Pathway Funding Scheme](#)**

**Deadline: Wednesday 6 July**

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**Cancer Research UK – [Senior Cancer Research Fellowships](#)**

**Deadline: Thursday 28 July**

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**Cancer Research UK – [Non-clinical Career Development Fellowships](#)**

**Deadline: Thursday 28 July**

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**Arthritis Research UK – [Clinical PhD Studentships](#)**

**Deadline: Wednesday 10 August**

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**National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) - [Public Health Research programme](#)**

**Deadline for outline proposals: Monday 15 August**

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**Medical Research Council (MRC) – [Clinical Research Training Fellowships](#)**

**Deadline: Thursday 15 September**

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**Motor Neurone Disease Association - [Clinical Research Training Fellowships](#)**

**Deadline: Thursday 15 September**

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**Royal National Institute for the Deaf – [PhD Studentships](#)**

**Deadline: Monday 19 September**

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**Alzheimers Research UK - [PhD Scholarships](#)**

**Deadline: Monday 31 October**

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**Wellcome Trust – [Strategic Translation Awards](#)**

**No deadline**

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## **RD Funding**

- The following may be of interest:
  - Latest [funding opportunities](#) from RDFunding
  - [Training courses, workshops and conferences](#) from RDLearning
  - [Advice, Information and Support](#) from RDDirect
  - [Research Process Flowchart](#) which maps the different stages of the research process and provides hints, tips and checklists for researchers at all levels.

***We are sorry to advise that the current NIHR funding for RDInfo ceased on 31 March 2011. Although the team has been working hard to find alternative funding to develop RDInfo in to a financially sustainable service, it is like that there will at best be some gap or change in functionality and therefore the above links may not work or be up to date after April 2011.***

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**[Royal College of Nursing R&D website](#)**

For nurse and AHP related opportunities.

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### **[NIHR TCC Opportunities for Nurses, Midwives and AHPs](#)**

A major new initiative to boost clinical academic careers for nurses, midwives and allied health professionals.

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### **[NIHR Research Design Service for Yorkshire and the Humber](#)**

A wealth of funding opportunities from the NIHR and other funders.

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### **[US Department of Health](#)**

Opportunities are frequently available – check their website on a regular basis or sign up to their quarterly newsletter by clicking the link on there.

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### **[National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#)**

Also linked to the US Department of Health and providing a vast array of potential **funding opportunities**

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***Thank you***

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