

## NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Specialty Group Newsletter

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The Sea of the Hebrides on the west coast of Scotland provides a habitat rich in plankton that attracts large numbers of basking sharks (*Cetorhinus maximus*) during the summer months



### NHS Research Scotland Reproductive Health and Childbirth Event 2024

**Date:** 04/10/2024 to 05/10/2024 **Venue:** ONE BioHub, Foresterhill Rd, Aberdeen AB25 2XE

The NRS Reproductive Health and Childbirth Event will take place at the ONE BioHub, Aberdeen as part of the 2024 NHS Grampian Research Conference, 4 and 5 October

The Grampian conference will be an in-person event over two days, including dinner on Friday evening. The overarching theme of the meeting will be "Mind the Gap"; from idea to getting evidence, how can we reduce long gaps?

For further information, please contact [gram.conf24@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.conf24@nhs.scot)

### InnoScot Health. Pregnancy and Perinatal Innovation Call



**InnoScot Health wants to support your ideas for pregnancy and perinatal innovation**

A pregnancy and perinatal call from formal NHS Scotland partner InnoScot Health continues to welcome fresh ideas that it can support and help to develop.

Launched last year, [the call](#) is aiming to help NHS Scotland improve women's health by inspiring fresh ideas and new thinking from all health care staff, in turn promoting and supporting good child and maternal health.

**Read full article [here](#).**

Ideas that the organisation continues to support include:

- A skin-to-skin scrubs innovation for birthing partners developed by NHS Lothian's R&D team
- Technology for monitoring neonates when they are placed on a resuscitator
- And technology for monitoring and controlling neonatal oxygen supply during retrieval events

InnoScot Health welcomes a wide spectrum of submissions – from innovations designed to improve labour and delivery, and improve outcomes for mothers with co-morbidities, to support for women experiencing mental health problems before and after delivery, and fresh ways to help bridge the gender health gap which can particularly affect mothers from socially disadvantaged backgrounds.

InnoScot Health's package of support for NHS Scotland staff includes support up to the value of £25k for initial seed funding, regulatory support, project management, and the extensive innovation expertise of its highly experienced team.

The call is expected to remain open for the foreseeable future so NHS Scotland staff are encouraged to [submit their idea](#) or [book an online consultation](#) to discuss taking their ideas forward with InnoScot Health experts.

The organisation welcome ideas – simple or complex – from any NHS health board and staff across all roles.

Your good news stories, queries, feedback, are always welcome:  
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### NIHR Associate PI Scheme - latest UK metrics

Please see the latest UK-wide metrics for the Associate PI scheme for Reproductive Health & Childbirth (**data cut 04/07/2024**) in interactive [Infogram](#).  
If the link is blocked in your Health Board, please see data as [PDF](#).



### NIHR Associate PI Scheme - Scotland Update

Find [here](#) an update on the RH&C Studies in Scotland registered to the Associate PI Scheme, which have Trainees On-Tenure or have completed the Scheme (**data cut 23/07/2024**).

The Associate PI Scheme aims to develop health and care professionals to become the Principal Investigators (PIs) of the future. If you would like to get involved please visit the [website](#).



### Education support for new researchers and those interested in the Associate PI scheme

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde have set up education support through their CRF regarding bite sized training modules which may be of particular interest to new researchers or new to the PI role and those embarking on their Associate PI journey. The cost to accessing within the West Nodal boards is free however, there is a very small surcharge to other boards. For queries regarding the education programme please contact [ggc.glasgowcrfeducation@nhs.scot](mailto:ggc.glasgowcrfeducation@nhs.scot) or 0141 314 0206. [Course Browse](#)

### The 2025 Lister Institute Research Prizes are now open!



Are you a promising early career researcher undertaking high quality innovative research that will lead to greater understanding in – or have implications for – the field of preventive medicine?

Please [apply](#) prior to the closing date, by midnight on Monday 23 September 2024. [Read full article](#)

Please refer to our [website](#) for an overview of the Prizes and how to apply, FAQs, and a summary of eligibility and the Terms and Conditions. Please direct any queries to the Operations Manager ([secretary@lister-institute.org.uk](mailto:secretary@lister-institute.org.uk))

### NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research [Outreach Events for Devolved Administrations](#)

PGfAR hosted a webinar specific for Scotland - 24 June 11:00-1:00pm, if you would like access to the recording please email [pgfar@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:pgfar@nihr.ac.uk).

In person events will be hosted in Glasgow - 03 October 2024. [Register here](#). Edinburgh - 04 October 2024. [Register here](#). Find out more and register for the relevant events on our [event page](#).

