

## NEWS

**Opportunity for non-commercial researchers: [Become an Our Future Health Early Adopter](#) and help shape and promote the resource.**

The Chief Scientist Office is working closely with Our Future Health on Scottish participation in this UKRI funded initiative to create a UK-wide cohort of 5 million adults for research to develop new ways to prevent, detect and treat diseases ([Researcher resources - Our Future Health](#)). Our Future Health plans to open recruitment centres in Scotland later this year with over 1.25 million people recruited so far in England. Data are available for research. Our Future Health is currently offering opportunities to help shape and promote the research resource along with access to the data through an Early Adopter Scheme. Below is communication from Kate Feeney, the Scotland Stakeholder Manager of Our Future Health.

*"I am writing to let you know about a new opportunity to become an Our Future Health Early Adopter, inviting non-commercial researchers to help shape and promote the programme.*

*Our Future Health is the UK's largest ever health research programme, and we have so far recruited over 1.25 million of a total of up to 5 million participants. We are collecting lifestyle information, physical measurements and linking multiple sources of health information, including genetic data, to create a uniquely powerful resource representative of the UK population. We are already open for applications to access our data and want to raise awareness among researchers about how they might use Our Future Health to help further their work.*

**AMBASSADOR** *This is where the Early Adopters come in, and we would like to invite you to consider taking part as a Research Ambassador. There is also an additional Research Scholar scheme aimed at more junior researchers that you may wish to share with your research group and network.*

**SCHOLAR** *This is where the Early Adopters come in. This contains two streams, Research Ambassadors and Scholars.*

**Research Scholars** *are early career researchers keen to get into the detail of access to data and in turn will help us make sure the way data can be analysed is fit for you and your community. This will involve opportunities to interact closely with the Our Future Health product and development teams through workshops to design elements of the digital product, as well as interacting with new features and functionality. Research Scholars will receive waived access fees, as well as a letter of recognition. Your contributions will also be recognised on the Our Future Health website. [Find out more.](#)*

**Research Ambassadors** *are senior research leaders who will help us spread the message within the research community, and by doing so play a key role in ensuring Our Future Health fulfils its potential of helping many thousands of people to live longer, healthier lives. To recognise the efforts of our Research Ambassadors, we will waive the access fees for them over the next few*

months and contributions will also be recognised on the Our Future Health website. [Find out more.](#)

*I hope you will consider applying to become an Early Adopter or, if it does not feel quite right for you, can share the details with suitable colleagues.*

*To find out more information about it, please take a look at our [dedicated page](#) to submit an expression of interest, or contact my colleague Jessica Brand at [access@ourfuturehealth.org.uk](mailto:access@ourfuturehealth.org.uk) if you have any questions.”*

*Kind regards*

*Kate Feeney*

*Scotland Stakeholder Manager*

*Our Future Health*

### **NIHR Fellowship Programme**

The Stroke Association have announced that they are partnering with the NIHR for a pre-doctoral fellowship funding call in early 2024. Details about the NIHR Fellowship programmes can be found here [NIHR Fellowship Programme](#)

More specific details and communications about the call will be released on the NIHR webpages.

### **National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Associate Principal Investigator Scheme**

Following discussions, applications to the scheme has been extended for Scottish only studies which will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Applications which would be favourable for acceptance onto the API scheme would be the likelihood that the study may open sites in England during the duration of the study or where the study is of high clinical value to the NHS and benefits the patients it serves.

The API scheme would urge anyone who has previously been put off registering their study to be on the API scheme as it is Scottish only to apply so long as it meets the other definition of eligibility as noted [here](#).

The NIHR API team has confirmed that the process for registering a study remains unchanged. Please proceed with your application for the Scheme through the regular channels [NIHR API Scheme](#).

### **Department for Health & Social Care has announced that the University of Leeds will be the host organisation for the new NIHR Research Delivery Network Coordinating Centre (RDNCC) [announcement here](#)**

From 1 April 2024, the NIHR Clinical Research Network will be known as the NIHR Research Delivery Network and the CRN Coordinating Centre will be known as the RDN Coordinating Centre.

Please note that you will need to update any reference to CRN on your website or other communication material from April next year.

There will be a new organisational structure for the RDNCC and the staff transition will start in the next few weeks. This transition process will likely continue into next summer (2024). Work has begun on the new designs for the services that the RDN will be offering, which may in-



## Stroke Association '*Thriving after stroke*'

The purpose of this briefing is to highlight and call on health boards to swiftly implement three things already agreed and enshrined in the [Stroke Improvement Plan](#).

That every stroke survivor should:

Leave hospital with a personalised rehabilitation plan

Have contact information for ongoing support from stroke services

Receive a review of their progress and needs six months after their stroke



Read the full briefing here: <https://www.stroke.org.uk/scotland/campaigns/thriving>



**Coming Soon June 2024**  
**Launch of a New Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland**  
**HEARTE15: *Women's Heart Health Module***

CHSS are pleased to announce the forthcoming launch of a new HEARTE Women's Health eLearning resource: **HEARTE15: Women's Heart Health**.

Heart disease remains the leading cause of death for women in Scotland and is responsible for significant morbidity and reduced quality of life. As part of [CHSS NLHL2 strategy \(2023-2028\)](#) CHSS are prioritising the need to raise awareness and tackle health inequalities by developing the **HEARTE Module 15: Women's Heart Health** in response to the [Scottish Government Women's Health Plan: Women's heart health \(2021\)](#).

The purpose of this free online module is to provide an educational resource with a specific focus on women's heart health. This is a unique module as it is the first CHSS eLearning resource targeting both health care professionals and those with lived experience. Considerations in developing this new resource include ensuring that this educational module:

- Has been written in a style that aims to be as accessible and inclusive as possible
- Is an enjoyable way of learning, utilising a range of both text and interactives to improve users understanding of women's heart health
- Is evidence based and up to date
- Provides information and signposting to further support in Scotland

**HEARTE Module 15: Women's Heart Health** has been created by a range of health care professionals with experience, expertise, and an overall interest in women's heart health.

For more information, including launch date, please contact: [katrinamccormick@chss.org.uk](mailto:katrinamccormick@chss.org.uk)



## **Patient, Carer & Public Involvement event at Glasgow Central Hotel on Friday 26 April 2024**

The TRUSTED (Measuring Treatment Burden in Stroke) study team and the NHS Research Scotland Stroke Research Network were delighted to welcome approximately 40 people affected by stroke, funders, and researchers to Glasgow in April. Scottish stroke researchers presented the results from their studies, and the event participants discussed the implication of the studies for their lives and others affected by stroke.

The TRUSTED study was funded by the Chief Scientist Office to develop a way of measuring the burden of treatment experienced by people affected by stroke. This measure looks at the different ways that a person may find their treatments difficult. Dr Katie Gallacher, University of Glasgow, has developed ways of measuring treatment burden which will be useful for researchers in the future, and potentially for those running health services.

Researchers from Glasgow Caledonian University, University of Edinburgh and the University of Glasgow presented their work that had been funded by the Chief Scientist's Office, the National Institute of Health Research, and Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland.

Feedback from the event was excellent. The NRS Stroke Research Network was pleased to support the involvement of people affected by stroke in research evaluation and prioritisation for future. The TRUSTED study team and other researchers at the event will use the discussions that took place to plan their future research.

This was a Chief Scientist Office funded event in collaboration with the Stroke Research Network.

***Below; Some of our lovely guests!***



***Above; Taking part in discussions***



**Left to right, Professor Will Whitely, Dr Lisa Kidd, Dr Yvonne Chun, Dr Katie Gallacher & Professor Jesse Dawson**



**Stroke Research Nurses, Hazel, Ruth and Louise**

## **Conferences & Events – save the date**

### **National Stroke Sessions**

The Wednesday lunchtime National Stroke Sessions are a forum for discussing research that cover various topics around stroke. The meetings are held via MS Teams and are recorded. To receive weekly meeting details, get added to our distribution list.

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### **Joint Scottish Stroke AHP Forum and Scottish Stroke Nurses Forum conference 2024**

This joint conference will take place at Stirling Management Centre on Thursday 19 September 2024.

More information and details about registration will be disseminated when it becomes available.

### **The 7th International Clinical Trials Methodology Conference 2024**

The MRC-NIHR Trials Methodology Research Partnership is delighted to welcome you to the forthcoming International Clinical Trials Methodology Conference which will take place in Edinburgh on Monday 30 September 2024.

[ICTMC 2024 – International Clinical Trials Methodology Conference](#)

### **The 11th ESO Edinburgh Stroke Research Workshop will take place on 2-4 September 2024.**

The ESO Edinburgh Stroke Research Workshop is the place for aspiring stroke researchers to work with leaders in the field.

This educational event brings together like-minded health professionals and scientists for three days focused on stroke research.

For information and details about registration visit:

[Edinburgh Stroke Research Workshop - European Stroke Organisation \(eso-stroke.org\)](https://eso-stroke.org)

### **UK Stroke Forum Conference 2024**

The 19th UK Stroke Forum will take place at the ACC Liverpool

Tuesday 03 to Thursday 05 December 2024.

For information and details about registration visit: [UK Stroke Forum | Stroke Association](#)



## ***Training & Education***

### **Stroke Training and Awareness Resources (STARs)**

The Stroke Training and Awareness Resources (STARs) project was commissioned by the Scottish Government to produce an e-learning resource which would enhance the educational opportunities for health and social care staff working with people affected by stroke.

This e-learning resource provides a learning tool for health and social care staff to enable them to become more knowledgeable and skilful in the challenging area of stroke care.

STARs modules; Stroke Core Competencies, Advancing Modules', Heart Education Awareness Resource and Training (HEARTe) and Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA).

[STARs e-learning modules](#)

### **Glasgow Clinical Research Facility Education Programme**

The Glasgow CRF Education Programme provides an extensive programme of education tailored to meet the needs of the clinical research community.

If you have any questions regarding the education programme or a course you have booked, please contact [ggc.glasgowcrfeducation@nhs.scot](mailto:ggc.glasgowcrfeducation@nhs.scot) or 0141 314 0206.

[Glasgow Clinical Research Facility Courses](#)

### **Edinburgh Clinical Research Facility Education Programme**

Edinburgh CRF run a variety of in-person and online courses and events covering a diverse range of topics relating to clinical research.

Please contact [education@edinburghcrf.ed.ac.uk](mailto:education@edinburghcrf.ed.ac.uk) if you have any queries, are unable to find a course you are looking for or you would like to contribute to their programme.

[Edinburgh Clinical Research Facility Courses](#)

### **BlueCloud Care Training**

BlueCloud Health Care Training Point software is a service that allows organisations to easily create and deliver course modules such as NIHSS and mRS, provide certifications of completion and track internal staff training to ensure competency and compliance.

Find out more here [BlueCloud Courses](#)

## Research Studies

### NRS Stroke Research Network current active study list

To view details about any of the studies listed study visit the Open Data Platform

<https://public-odp.nihr.ac.uk/qlikview/>

Please get in touch if you would like to know more about our studies.

STUDY NAME	PORTFOLIO ID	STUDY NAME	PORTFOLIO ID
COMMERCIAL LIBREXIA-STROKE A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Parallel Group, Placebo-Controlled Study to Demonstrate the Efficacy and Safety of an Oral Factor Xla Inhibitor, after an Ischemic Stroke or High Risk Transient Ischemic Attack	NA	PhEAST Pharyngeal Electrical stimulation for Acute Stroke dysphagia Trial	50913
COMMERCIAL OCEANIC STROKE A multicenter, international, randomized, placebo controlled, double-blind, parallel group and event driven Phase 3 study of the oral FXIa inhibitor asundexian (BAY 2433334) for the prevention of ischemic stroke in male and female participants aged 18 years and older after an acute non-cardioembolic ischemic stroke or high-risk TIA	NA	PLINTH: PLatform randomised controlled trial for INTracerebral Haemorrhage (PLINTH): community-based feasibility study.	58862
COMMERCIAL RHESUS FAST>ER Point of Care Glutathione S-Transferase-? (GSTP) test as a Time Indicator of Stroke Onset – a prospectivestudy for Rapid assessment in Hyperacute Stroke Unit Settings	NA	PRECISE Preventing Recurrent Cardioembolic Stroke – Right Approach, Right Patient	50238
COMMERCIAL REvive A phase 2b, multinational, randomized, double-blind study to investigate the efficacy and safety of redasemtide (S-005151) compared with placebo in adult participants with acute ischemic stroke who are not eligible for tissue plasminogen activator or thrombectomy	55472	PUFFINS 2 Potential Utility of Fast Field Cycling MRI in Stroke2	NK
CT CLOCK TOOL Feasibility Study of the CT Clock Tool for Estimating Onset Time of Ischaemic Stroke	58707	Technology enriched stroke rehabilitation in acute/sub-acute stroke	NA
EMBRS - Development of high-density surface-electromyographic biomarkers to improve stroke rehabilitation, management, and prognosis	57006	TEMPO-2 A randomized controlled trial of TNK-tPA versus standard of care for minor ischemic stroke	38360
ENRICH AF EdoxabaN foR IntraCranial Haemorrhage survivors with atrial fibrillation	48029	TICH 3 Tranexamic acid improves survival after ICH by reducing haematoma expansion	50395
MAPS2 Metoclopramide for Avoiding Pneumonia after Stroke	50725	TORPIS; The Origin and Role of Thromboembolism in the Pathogenesis of Ischaemic Stroke	NK



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