

## Research and Development Twitter Account



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## New IRAS guidance on Ionising radiation exposures in research

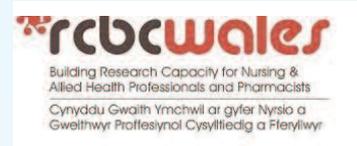
New guidance has recently been published on the IRAS website about when ionising radiation exposures in research need to be declared in the IRAS form. The guidance was developed by the HRA with expert advice and input received from the Four Nations Radiation Assurance Working Party.

Please follow the link to the IRAS Website [here](#).

## Research Forum Dates

Lunchtime research drop-in sessions and networking opportunities are being planned as part of the new research training programme, to be launched in April 2019. If you would like more information contact [zoe.boult@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:zoe.boult@wales.nhs.uk)

## New research funding opportunities - RCBC First into Research Fellowship



RCBC (Research Building Capacity Collaboration) Wales is pleased to announce funding for First into Research (FiR) Fellowships in Nursing, Midwifery, Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions to commence 1 April 2019. Applications are invited from eligible registered health professionals for up to six RCBCWales fellowships funded via Health and Care Research Wales. Fellowships will be awarded to the collaborating Universities.

RCBC Wales will fund the First into Research Fellowships for one day a week for 12 months. The Fellowships are targeted at newcomers to research or those wishing to develop confidence in research, to work on projects seeking answers to questions relevant to Nursing, Midwifery, the Allied Health Professions and Pharmacists in the specified fields. Projects must be achievable in the timescale and may cover a wide spectrum of activity ranging from institutional strategies to more discrete individual research.

The FiR Fellowship funds are intended to contribute to the day release of the Fellow from their place of work. Fellows will be supervised by experienced researchers and may have access to research methods training with their host university. It is a requirement of the award that all Fellows will become members of the Community of Scholars (CoS) and attend CoS study days. Fellows will be required to present their research at the conclusion of the scheme at a Community of Scholars event.

[For more information please follow the link on this page.](#)

## 100th recruit for the local Bronch UK team- Respiratory Research



*Sarah Scourfield-  
Research and  
Development  
Delivery Team,  
Research Officer*

The MRC funded study is a registry and biobank focused on non CF bronchiectasis. Bronchiectasis is a long-term condition where the airways of the lungs become abnormally widened, leading to a build-up of excess mucus that can make the lungs more vulnerable to infection. The information collected will facilitate ongoing clinical trials and academic research studies with the aim of improving our understanding of what causes bronchiectasis and to find better, more effective treatment for people with this condition.

Working with Dr Duckers, Dr Lau and Dr Ketchell, Research Officer Sarah Scourfield has risen to the challenge and will meet their final target of 115 patients in good time.



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# New eLearning modules for student researchers

The key to successful research is planning, and student research should approach this in the same way as any other study taking place in the NHS. New bite-sized eLearning modules from the Health Research Authority (HRA) aim to help students do just that.

Each module focuses on a different element of the research process, including HRA and Health and Care Research Wales Approval and setting up research sites in England and Wales.

Student studies are those undertaken primarily for the purpose of obtaining an educational qualification. Studies where the main purpose is to undertake specific research – and the educational qualification is secondary – do not fall into this category.

For more information on applying for HRA and Health Care Research approval and setting up research sites in participating NHS organisations in England and Wales and to obtain access to the Bite-sized eLearning modules please click [here](#).

The HRA also offer a module to help supervisors supporting students in research, access this eLearning module [here](#).

## SoECAT - What it is and what it means to you

### What is SoECAT?

The Schedule of Events Cost Attribution Template (SoECAT) captures and calculates the different activities and costs associated with clinical research in a standardised and consistent way.

From 1 October 2018, all researchers applying for clinical research grants need to complete a SoECAT as part of the grant application process, in order to be eligible for the Health and Care Research Wales and NIHR portfolios and the support this provides.

### Who needs to complete a SoECAT?

- If you are the lead applicant for the research
- you will carry out your research in the UK
- your research will use NHS resources
- you're completing a full application for a funding scheme round that opened after 1 October 2018

You must complete a SoECAT even if you don't think your clinical research will involve excess treatment costs (ETCs).

As part of the HRA/Health and Care Research Wales approvals process a SoECAT can be submitted instead of a Schedule of Events.

### Completing a SoECAT form

These are the steps you need to take when you apply for a grant from portfolio eligible funders:

- Complete a [SoECAT](#) as early as possible in the grant application process
- Get your SoECAT signed off by an AcoRD specialist. You need to submit your completed SoECAT to an AcoRD specialist at least 10 days before the grant deadline. The AcoRD specialists cannot be held accountable for any delays for late submissions.

## What support is available to help me complete the SoECAT?

Please see the frequently asked questions which covers AcoRD and SoECAT on the Health and Care Research Website [here](#).

Contact the AcoRD specialists for support if required:

- Mike Holloway [michael.holloway@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:michael.holloway@wales.nhs.uk)
- Dr Helen Hodgson [helen.hodgson@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:helen.hodgson@wales.nhs.uk)

Or contact [funding-research@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:funding-research@wales.nhs.uk) for more information.

For studies being led from Cardiff & Vale UHB the R&D office contact is Pat Tamplin at [pat.tamplin@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:pat.tamplin@wales.nhs.uk)

## What are the benefits?

The SoECAT has a positive impact for researchers in Wales by ensuring a consistent approach in applying AcoRD across Wales and the UK and allowing Welsh-led researchers easier access to ETCs in England and Wales.

In Wales, the completion of a SoECAT replaces the need for submitting separate applications for site level Excess Treatment Costs and Support Costs for primary care, public health and emergency care.

# Cardiff & Vale UHB Research & Development Equipment Bid

Cardiff & Vale UHB R&D office ran a scheme for equipment to enhance the support provided to deliver high quality research within the Health Board.

The bids outlined below were successful:

Directorate	Item
Pharmacy	Metler Toledo Balance XSR1 1202S
Pharmacy	Vantage 5000 cased driven pum with assorted tubing
Dental Services	FastPrep®-24 Classic With Quick Prep Adapter 24x2ml (MP Biomedicals)
Radiology	3D printer package (based on "Form 2" printer but alternatives would be satisfactory depending on procurement requirements)
Therapies	Laptop (Dell G5 15: 8th Generation Intel® Core™ i7-8750H Processor; 16GB, 2x8GB, DDR4, 2666MHz; 1TB 5400RPM Hard Drive (Storage); NVIDIA GeForce GTX 1060 with NVIDIA Max Q Design technology, 6GB GDDR5 video memory) (Physiotherapy)
Therapies	Laptop - toshiba sat pro A50-C-2E9 15.6" with office package + mouse + case. UHB set up of laptop with intranet access, WiFi and internet port (Speech and Language therapy)
Therapies	Myostrusta lying leg press (Physiotherapy)
Lab Genetics	200ul multichannel pipette (Pipet-Lit Multi Pipette L8-200XLS+, product number 17013805)
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T&O	Office storage for research files - 3 x large Tambour Units, 1 x medium Tambour unit and 3 x small Tambour unit
Acute Child Health	AccuVein
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Obs & Gynae	Desk top Computer X3
Integrated Medicine	Neurocognitive assessments- WMS-IV, Delis Kaplan, Rey Complex, TOPF permissions to use tools and additional record sheets. Once purchased permission can be used as many times as needed - just need to purchase more record sheets.
Integrated Medicine	ActiGraph GT9X activity monitor x 10
Emergency Dept	Lockable Filing Cabinet
Emergency Dept	Laptop
Emergency Dept	Pager
Critical Care	4 x PC monitors
Critical Care	1 x printer
Critical Care	PC
Haematology	Lockable cupboards x6
Haematology	NIBP Machine + Digital Weighing Scale
Haematology	IPAD x 2 for use by research team (including nurses, admin and doctors)
Neurology	Entris Analytical Balance 120g/0.1mg int. calibration, Sartorius
Neurology	Thermo REVCO upright freezer Model 263C-AEV-TS
Cardiology	4 x Iiyama ProLite B2283HS-B3 22inch Full HD, 1080p, 1920 x 1080 @75Hz (2.1 megapixel), Black, 1ms, VGA HDMI, Display Port, headphone connector, Height Adjustable
Cardiology	Fingertip pulse oximeter blood oxygen sat monitor



## 2019 Annual NHS Research and Development Forum

The NHS R&D Forum is delighted to announce that the 2019 Annual NHS R&D Forum Conference will be held on the 12 to the 14 May 2019 at the Hilton Metropole in Brighton.

Brighton is a seaside town on the south coast of England and is approximately 50 miles South of London. There is an excellent rail service between London and Brighton and so connections from the whole of England and Wales are very straightforward. For those who prefer to fly, Gatwick airport is 30 miles away and there is a direct rail service to Brighton.

RDF19 will start at 18:00 on Sunday 12 May 2019 with a similar format to RDF18. The NHS R&D Forum have secured a large number of bedrooms at the venue for both the Sunday and Monday nights.

For further information please visit <https://www.annualrdforum.org.uk/>

## Trial registration requirements

Clinical trials are defined by the HRA as all clinical trials of medicines, devices or other clinical interventions. The requirement to register on a publicly accessible register as a condition of the favourable ethical opinion extends to all studies which fall into the first four categories of question 2 on the Integrated Research Approval System (IRAS) filter page, these are:

- Clinical trial of an investigational medicinal product
- Clinical investigation or other study of a medical device
- Combined trial of an investigational medicinal product and an investigational medical device
- Other clinical trial to study a novel intervention or randomised clinical trial to compare interventions in clinical practice

It is only a condition of the favourable ethical opinion when the study falls into the categories set out. However, it is considered good practice for all research to be registered on a publicly accessible register. See below for options for databases to register clinical trials on:

<https://clinicaltrials.gov/>

<https://www.clinicaltrialsregister.eu/>

<http://www.isrctn.com/>

## UK wide changes in reporting recruitment activity to research studies

From April 2019 UK wide changes are being introduced which affects the way NHS organisations report recruitment activity for both commercial and non-commercial research studies.

Currently it is the responsibility of a Chief Investigator or study team to enter recruitment activity onto the Open Data Platform (ODP). There are a number of issues with this way of working including the data shown on ODP is not always correct and because of the delay in data upload to ODP it is difficult to extract timely accurate reports.

From the 1st April 2019 it will be the responsibility of the Principle Investigator or nominated other to enter monthly recruitment activity onto a data upload screen. The numerical figure for the month is all that is needed; this number will be fed into ODP in real time.

At present we are in the process of establishing data contacts for all CVUHB studies.

It is envisaged that training will take place in March, once the data upload screen has been developed, the R&D delivery team will be in contact regarding training dates.

The new way of working will take a while to bed in and be reassured that the R&D delivery team full support will be given. The Health Board activity based funding and performance monitoring against Welsh Government metrics will be calculated based on the activity provided directly from the Health Board and therefore timely and accurate data upload will be vital to ensure future funding into R&D.

# Research and Development



Registration for the Health and Care Research Wales **Support & Delivery Day** on 14 March at Jurys Inn, Cardiff is now open!

Please encourage your staff to register for the event here:

[www.healthandcareresearch.gov.wales/events/2019/03/14/health-and-care-research-wales-support-and-delivery-annual-event-1/](http://www.healthandcareresearch.gov.wales/events/2019/03/14/health-and-care-research-wales-support-and-delivery-annual-event-1/)

The deadline for registration is Monday 4 March 2019.

Also:

The **Support & Delivery Research Impact Awards 2019** are open for nominations. The award sets out to recognise and celebrate the impact of an individuals and teams working within Support and Delivery.

Three awards will be presented at the event under the following categories, based on our strategic aims, which will acknowledge the valuable research delivery achievements made by individuals and teams:

- Public
- Research community
- Staff