

# Research and Development

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The Research and Development office Twitter account is now up to 673 followers.

Join in and follow us on Twitter [www.twitter.com/@CAV\\_Research](http://www.twitter.com/@CAV_Research) and get the latest R&D news and learn about new research opportunities that you can be a part of.

## Research Governance Group documents (RGG)

The below documents have recently been updated / revised:

GR-RP-008 Research And Development Human Resources Arrangements For Researchers Working in the NHS (Guidelines)

## Cardiff Research Education Forum

**August 14th 14:00 – 16:00**  
**University Hospital Llandough**

This is a drop in session where research training information and resources will be shared. The agenda is open, so if you have a particular question or topic you would like to discuss, get in touch with Zoe Boulton at: [Zoe.Boulton@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Zoe.Boulton@wales.nhs.uk) and come along.

## UHB Research & Development Conference

**Save the date: Tuesday 15 October 2019, Cardiff City Stadium**

Cardiff and Vale UHB is holding a Research and Development Day to celebrate its record of research achievements, and its contribution to bringing state of the art therapies and developing health care in Wales. The popular event is open to Cardiff and Vale University Health Board employees, other NHS organisations and universities. It will benefit anyone involved in planning, managing or delivering clinical research and development. The event will be opened by the UHB's Chief Executive, Len Richards and will include presentations from Cardiff and Vale researchers on their research and innovation, as well as a poster competition.

If you would like to book a place at the conference or enter the poster competition, please contact [pat.tamplin@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:pat.tamplin@wales.nhs.uk)

## Congratulations Cardiff!

### ATM Achilles Tendinopathy Study

Congratulations to Paul Hodgson and the Cardiff Team for being top recruiters in quarter 4 with 5 patients which gives them an overall total of 9 patients, beating their recruitment target.

Achilles Tendon Pain affects 150,000 patients a year in the UK, and this portfolio study is investigating the benefit of a new type of treatment on patient reported outcomes regarding pain, function and activity.

## Test yourself on HTA legislation

The HTA have developed a series of quizzes on the fundamental requirements of the [Human Tissue Act 2004](#) (HT Act) in relation to Research.

The purpose of the test is to provide you with a useful resource to test your knowledge on HTA governing legislation. The tests are non-compulsory, taken anonymously, and will not count as an indicator of your compliance against HTA standards.

**Test your knowledge at:**

<https://hta.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8a7f5f861d1a022a25974b965&id=81d08dc338&e=df99cc68e2>



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# UK Local Information Pack

Setting up NHS / HSC research in the UK– preparing for change on 5 June 2019

A **UK Local Information Pack** has been introduced on the 5 June 2019 to support the set-up of NHS / HSC research in the UK. Researchers working with NHS / HSC organisations across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales will benefit from a consistent package to support study set-up and delivery across the UK.

The UK Local Information Pack is the set of documents that NHS / HSC organisations use to formally start preparing to deliver the study. More information is given in the [Local Information Pack section of IRAS Help](#) but there are some key features:

1. One new feature of the UK Local Information Pack is the Organisation Information Document (OID), which will replace the current Statement of Activities (SoA) used in England and Wales for non-commercial studies. After this date the SoA will no longer be in use.

In outline format the OID will be a component of the IRAS Form submission and in a localised format will be required as part of the UK Local Information Pack for both commercial and non-commercial research. [Organisation Information Document](#) templates and associated guidance are available in IRAS Help.

For non-commercial studies that are not clinical trials or clinical investigations, the OID should also be used as the agreement between sponsor and participating NHS / HSC organisation.

2. Another feature of the UK Local Information Pack is the inclusion of a delegation log template, which is intended to be used at participating NHS / HSC organisations. This will allow NHS/HSC organisations to locally record who will be working on the study.

3. For non-commercial studies an [IRAS Schedule of Events or a SoECAT](#) will be a part of the IRAS Form submission and is used in the UK Local Information Pack as a way of providing clarity to participating NHS / HSC organisations on the cost attributions associated with a study.

Guidance on the use of the UK Local Information Pack has now been published in the Site Specific page of [IRAS Help](#) to help applicants get ready for the change. If you are making an IRAS Form submission or planning to set up research in an NHS / HSC organisation from 5 June 2019 please read the [transition guidance](#) so that you prepare the correct materials.

To support researchers and NHS / HSC organisations make the transition to using UK Local Information Packs, change management activities will be scheduled throughout April and May, with continuing support following implementation in June. [Webinars](#) have been scheduled to support the change (if you have not previously used the new HRA Learning Management System please register for an account via the link).

Guidance and information is provided in [IRAS Help](#) and some explanatory questions and answers are available on the [Four Nations Compatibility](#) project web page.

## Health and Care Research Wales conference 2019

**Save the date: Thursday 3rd October 2019 8:30 – 16:30, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff**

**Conference theme:** partnership and collaboration

If you would like to express an interest in exhibiting at this conference, please [click here](#).

If you would like to be notified when registration opens, please [click here](#).

## 4th International Conference on Administrative Data Research

**Date: 9 - 11 December 2019**

**Time: 09:00 - 17:00**

**Venue: Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Cardiff**

The use of administrative data and the ability to link records at an individual level to produce empirically based insights, serves to effect positive change for public good through evidence based policy making. The increasing availability of government data for research is an important trend enabling population data science to penetrate deeper than ever before into social and economic issues. However, the use of these vast data resources is still in its infancy with considerable challenges to overcome. This year, the 4th International ADR Conference, aims to address such challenges towards lessening the gap between theory and practice.

ADR 2019 is particularly relevant to anyone involved in administrative data research, from the social science community, or both. Delegates will comprise a UK and international audience of government and institutional policy-makers and academic researchers within the administrative data community. Anyone with an interest is welcome to attend.

The schedule for this busy three day event is being created by the ADR 2019 Scientific Committee, and will combine some fantastic keynote speakers, plenary sessions, panel discussions, oral presentations, rapid fire presentations and poster presentations. [Read more and register.](#)

## Research Education & Training Annual Report

In total during 2018-2019, 110 training sessions were provided by research staff and teams in the organisation. Internal training was skills based or research specific while externally, Cardiff and Vale staff contributed toward training by co-facilitating sessions with the Health and Care Research Wales Support & Delivery Team, and presenting at conferences and network events. A highlight for 2018 was the introduction of a Clinical Research & Development Student Placement. Research teams throughout the organisation welcomed undergraduate students for a week where they experienced many areas of the drug development pathway. We had excellent feedback and look forward to welcoming the next cohort in 2019.

The priorities for research training in 2018 – 2019 were shaped from staff feedback as part of the training needs analysis. One of our biggest achievements was the development of a structured induction for new research staff. In addition to focused teaching sessions delivered by our experienced staff, a standardised training file and induction workbook supporting staff development in practice was introduced. The induction workshops were well attended are included in the 2019 training programme. Another priority was the development of a new research competency framework. The pilot of this is underway, and the final document should be available for wider use later in the year.

From April 2019, research training will be shared in the form of a training programme. The programme identifies training available within the organisation and other training resources available, including workshops available with Health and Care Research Wales. Training metrics will be collected from research teams every quarter, and shared in the annual training report. Work is underway to make resources readily accessible online.

Finally, the Research Forum this year will be held as a drop-in session with an open agenda accompanied by a research training bulletin. Where possible, these sessions will be held on both UHW and UHL sites. Forum Dates:

14/08/2019	18/12/2019
2-4pm	2-4pm
UHL Room TBC	Clinical Research Facility Seminar Room

For more information on research training please get in touch: [zoe.boult@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:zoe.boult@wales.nhs.uk)

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## New tool to support making Visible the ImpaCT Of Research – VICTOR

In an attempt to navigate the busy landscape of research impact ideas in way that is a practical and pragmatic in an NHS setting, a group of Trusts in Yorkshire and the Humber, supported by NIHR CLAHRC YH and NIHR YH CRN, have come together to create VICTOR (making Visible the ImpaCT Of Research).

Victor is a tool which has been co-produced with NHS organisations to help identify and capture the impact of taking part in research within their organisation. VICTOR takes into account existing literature and the areas in which impact is important in the NHS. It sets out six domains of potential impact, and this information is collected by a questionnaire method, or by using the questionnaires to guide conversations. VICTOR enables engagement with research participants, professionals, managers and researchers to identify impact that has happened where it matters to them.

VICTOR findings can be used to raise awareness of research impact in the NHS or across healthcare systems, and help plan for improved impact in future.

Those who have used the VICTOR tool have found it very helpful in uncovering impact of research in NHS organisations, with some beginning to use it as part of their governance and reporting processes and to celebrate success.

VICTOR is an actionable tool. It helps:

- NHS research teams identify and use stories of impact to feedback into their organisations;
- to plan further impact;
- to share impact case studies with partners, for example on CLAHRC projects and CRN impact case studies. It can be used as evidence in CQC 'well led' submissions;
- to engender a research culture and capacity building. Seeing that research makes a difference is a mechanism for increasing capacity in organisations and individuals (Cooke et al 2018).

The tool has been piloted in 12 trusts and had very positive feedback. For more information please visit <http://clahrc-yh.nihr.ac.uk/victorimpact>

## New Feature for Aug Edition - Ask R&D

Your opportunity to ask any burning questions (Research-related please).

Forward your questions to: [research.development@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:research.development@wales.nhs.uk) and we will publish the best selection (plus answers) in our next newsletter.