

Research and Development

York

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Funding Opportunities, Grants & Schemes

Please find below several funding, grant and scheme opportunities. Please follow the link for each opportunity for more information.

- [NIHR Challenge - Maternity Inequalities](#) - The first ever NIHR Challenge funding call, backed by £50 million, will focus on finding new ways to tackle maternity disparities. **Closes: 22 May 2024**
- [Research for Patient Benefit - Competition 54](#) - Applications are invited for research proposals that are concerned with the day-to-day practice of health service staff, and that have the potential to have an impact on the health or wellbeing of patients and users of the NHS. **Closes: 13:00 on 10 July 2024**
- [IAT Clinical Lectureships in Medicine 2024](#) - NIHR CLs provide opportunities for postdoctoral research and facilitate applications for further research funding for doctors. **Closes: 01 September 2025**
- [24/20 NIHR Application Development Award for Health and Care Professionals](#) - We are seeking to commission up to ten Application Development Awards (ADA) to carry out development work prior to research applications. **Closes: 13:00 on 26 September 2024**
- [NIHR Global Advanced Fellowships - Round 1](#) - The NIHR Global Advanced Fellowship aims to create a sustainable career pathway for postdoctoral global health researchers to become research leaders. **Potential advert date: 16 April 2024**
- [24/3 NIHR NICE Rolling Call \(HTA Programme\)](#) - The Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme is accepting Stage 1 applications to this funding opportunity. **Closes: 13:00 on 01 May 2024**
- [Research - Elizabeth Casson Trust](#) - The Trust's 5th annual call for research applications opened on 29 February 2024. We are asking for expressions of interest and outline applications to be **submitted no later than 17:00BST 7 May 2024**.

Training and Development and Job Opportunities

- [Chartered Society of Physiotherapy](#) - The Integrated Clinical Academic (ICA) programme, managed by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), provides a range of opportunities to undertake fully-funded clinical research, research training and professional development whilst maintaining clinical practice and salary. Application deadlines are on the 27 April and 18 May depending on which scheme you apply for: [find out more](#)
- [The British Heart Foundation](#) - Are offering Clinical Research Training fellowships. Applicants should usually be after Foundation year two, but before award of a CCT: [find out more](#)
- [The British Heart Foundation](#) - Are also offering Advanced Training awards. Candidates must be moving into a different field of science (e.g. from cell biology to bioinformatics or entering cardiovascular science from a different discipline): [find out more](#)

- **Cancer Research UK** – Are currently advertising a wide range research funding and training opportunities: [find out more](#)
- **Wellbeing of Women** – Are currently offering Research training fellowships for medical graduates, midwives, nurses and allied health professionals (AHPs) to undertake a PhD and lead their first substantial research project: [find out more](#)

Exciting News

The internal call for applications for the **Elsie May Sykes** award is now live. The funding limit for this call is **£15,000** and the deadline for completed application forms is **5.00pm 22nd April 2024**.

The funding should be used to support ideas that support medical research, for example:

- Small standalone research project
- Consultant, health care professionals, nurses and AHP's time to write a research grant/publication about their research
- Funding for systematic reviews to aid grant submission
- We are particularly interested in Applications from Early Career Researchers



EMS Poster 2024
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- The Trust is offering an exciting opportunity for a clinical doctoral fellowship. Available to all NHS staff (e.g AHP, nurses, midwives, doctors) the meet the eligibility criteria. For more information, please see the advert below.



PhD 2024 Advert
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- A huge well done to the Dr Andrew Proctor and the CSCS Research Team who this week achieved the first UK and European recruit into the AstraZeneca study CAPITELLO-292! This study is looking at a novel treatment for patients with Advanced or Metastatic Breast cancer who have progressed beyond the point of surgery, and we hope can make a big difference for patients at our Trust.

Who's Who in your Care Group – Care Group Research Leads

Medicines York [Dr Luke Bridge](#) (Deputy [Dr Chris Hayes](#)) **Scarborough** [Dr Justin Ghosh](#)
Surgery and Family Health [Dr Joe Carter \(Surgery\)](#) [Dr Dominic Smith](#) & [Dr Leila Fahel \(Family Health\)](#)
Cancer, Specialist & Clinical Support Services [Dr Michael Lim](#)
Associate Chief AHP (Surgery) & Head of AHP Research [Dr Sarah Baker](#)
Lead Research Nurse and Head of Nursing Research [Cate Laven](#)
Clinical Director of Research & Innovation [Professor James Turvill](#)

Research Spotlight on R&D Quality Assurance

The R&D Quality Assurance (QA) team consists of two members, QA Manager: Mags Szewczyk and QA Administrator: Jonathan Hawker.

The key function of QA in clinical research is to uphold ethical standards, ensure regulatory compliance, maintain data integrity and patient safety, mitigate risks, promote staff competency, and drive continuous quality improvement. By fulfilling these functions, QA plays crucial role in safeguarding credibility, reliability, and ethical conduct of clinical research studies.

As a team, we have a wide remit that covers the whole process of running a clinical research project from its feasibility & set up, all the way to archiving of the essential documents when it concludes. In our designated QA roles, we ensure that every aspect of clinical research procedures complies with Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and regulatory requirements. We are responsible for establishment and maintenance of R&D quality management systems (QMS), including standard operating procedures (SOP).

We promote a risk proportionate approach to research delivery by balancing research protocols, procedures, and data integrity against the risks of errors, biases, and discrepancies. We monitor adverse incidents, safety reporting events and any urgent safety measures that may take place in the studies we run. The overall goal in doing these tasks is to make sure that all aspects of our research activities are safe for our patients and produce reliable research outcomes. We look for patterns and drive quality improvement.

However, QA in clinical research is not solely the responsibility of a designated QA team; it is a collective responsibility that involves every individual engaged in research process & delivery of research protocols. While we have specific responsibilities for monitoring, auditing, and improving quality systems and processes, our efforts are enhanced by the entire research workforce, including research Principal Investigators (PI) and their clinical teams. We work closely with research governance, delivery, and support teams to identify areas for improvement, provide training and education on quality standards, and facilitate the implementation of corrective and preventive actions.

By working together, every individual involved in clinical research plays a critical role in ensuring the quality and credibility of research outcomes, and further contributes to reliable research outcomes, advanced medical knowledge, enhanced patient care, and therapeutic innovations.



Jonathan Hawker- QA Administrator

Mags Szewczyk-QA Manager

Final note from Head of Research and Development

[Lydia Harris](#)

Hello, well it's been another hectic month in R&D with lots of opportunities being pursued! We are currently supporting two applications for funding with colleagues from the University of York to evaluate the new Acute Care Model at Scarborough, as well as submitting a capital bid to the NIHR in the hope we can purchase some equipment and space to develop the soon to launch Scarborough Coastal Health and Care Research Collaborative (SHARC).

I was absolutely thrilled to see that the York CSCS team achieve the first UK and European recruit into the AstraZeneca study CAPITELLO-292! Fantastic achievement well done to everyone involved. This is on the back of a first global recruit recently in a renal clinical trial, which really shows how fantastic we are at delivering commercial research.

We are also in the throes of arranging our next annual celebration of research event, in November and we have secured a fantastic keynote speaker! More news to follow!

Thank you to everyone for all their support and hard work.



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