



Research Round-Up

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NHS Grampian Research & Development's Information Bulletin

Recent staff changes:

- Professor Maggie Cruickshank retired at the end of September. We wish Maggie a long and happy retirement.
- We said goodbye to Christina from the training team, who has left to join the Rowett. We welcomed, Amanda (Mandi) Coutts who joined the training team in October.
- Kirsteen MacDonald has started as the Clinical Trials Administrator in the CRFs team.
- Zain Ali Khan has joined as a Clinical Research Fellow.
- Lisa Shearer has joined the Non-Commercial team as a Data Coordinator
- Stacey Dawson is soon leaving the Research Governance team for a new University role. All the best for the future!
- Emma Berry is leaving R&D at the end of the year to start a post-doc fellowship with the University. Thank you for your great support as our Research Engagement and Involvement Officer, Emma!

Dates for your Diary

21st November – The Ethics Process (Teams)

29th November – Quality Assurance (R&D Seminar with Rory Lynch)

6th December – 'Why, when and how do I need to apply to HSC-PBPP? (TEAMS)

23rd January – Full GCP (face to face)

31st January – GRP Update (face to face)

For more information and booking, please visit:

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/grampian-research-office/training-171.php>

Contact training team: gram.randdtraining@nhs.scot

NRS also have several events coming up, including conferences and events. These can be found

<https://www.nhsresearchscotland.org.uk/calendar>

What's been going on?

- The annual R&D conference was held on the 20th September. Overall, it was well attended and received positive feedback. Thank you to those who attended and provided feedback. We will use this to improve for 2024.
- There was an update on several SOPs in July by the QA team. All SOPs can be viewed [online](#).
- There has been an update approvals process for NHS Staff research. A pilot has been launched for researchers seeking approval for NHS staff research. More information is available on [IRAS](#).
- Biorepository data has been transferred from NHS Grampian to NHS Tayside, as part of a data nationalisation process.
- Congratulations to Dr Emma Coutts, Speech & Language Therapist, who is nearing completion of her CSO funded NRS Career Research Fellowship
- Congratulations to Dr Nicola Mutch for being a finalist in the 5th Scottish Women Awards
- There are several funding calls currently active:

[NRS Career Researcher Fellowships](#) (deadline 29th November)

[NIHR have several open in different areas](#)

[UKRI has calls open in various topics](#)

ResearchSpotlight

Professor S.S. Vasan has joined us as our R&D Director, with academic private and public sector experience across Australia, India, Malaysia, UK and USA.



He recently led the preclinical response to COVID-19 for Australia's national science agency, and was previously the innovation lead for Public Health England and an NHS director for Hampshire and Isle of Wight. He is also professor of medical and health sciences at the Edith Cowan University and the University of York.

If you would like make a suggestion or contribute to the next bulletin please email: gram.ppa@nhs.scot. Next update will be in March/April.