

William Harvey Clinical Research Centre

Newsletter March 2016



BHC Research Clinic Seminar hosted by the Joint Research Management Office (JRMO)

The second BHC Research Clinic was held on Tuesday 15 March and was hosted by the Joint Research Management Office (JRMO). A number of speakers from the JRMO and the CRN gave presentations which were mostly concerned with the changes that are being made to the system for gaining R&D site approval.

The Health Research Authority (HRA) will be providing a single review of legality and compliance for all projects from 1 April 2016. The HRA will be the body that will issue site approval in the future replacing the traditional NHS permission letter. The current national system for issuing approvals – the co-ordinating system for gaining NHS permissions (CSP), will be decommissioned on 1 April 2016. This new system will apply to all studies using NHS patients and will include both NIHR CRN portfolio and non-portfolio studies. The HRA will be working closely with the REC (Research Ethics Committee) and will collate approvals. The

JRMO will be continuing to act as the sponsor and assist with the process as they always have.

Hopefully this new process with one submission and approval centre will streamline the approvals process still further. If you would like further information please contact colleagues at the JRMO who will be able to answer your questions.

Research Ambassadors wanted

Opportunity: [Call for research ambassadors](#)

In response to the LiA theme conversation, we are seeking two individuals from each clinical area or ward to provide a vital link between the clinical areas/wards and research teams. This role is to act as a visible advocate for research in the clinical area and to promote and disseminate information pertaining to relevant research activity.

The Role:

- Is open to nurses and allied health professionals
- No previous research knowledge is needed, but an interest and enthusiasm for promoting research in clinical practice is essential
- Training and on-going support will be provided

Interested?

- For further information contact: Julie Sanders (email below)
- To submit your interest for the role, please contact and discuss with your clinical area/ward manager

Ward/clinical area managers to submit nominations to Julie Sanders (Julie.sanders@bartshealth.nhs.uk) by **10th March**

Research Matters: changing lives in east London and beyond **Tuesday 24 May 2016 4.30 – 7pm**

Save the date

We know that May 2016 probably seems some time away, but we're also aware that the diaries of busy people fill up months in advance. So we thought it might be helpful to send you a 'save the date' note in advance of a formal invitation to attend our research and development conference to be held at the Perrin Lecture Theatre, Blizard Building, Queen Mary, University of London on Tuesday 24th May 2016. The programme will run from 4.30 until 6pm and will be followed by a reception.

The event will feature talks from leading academics, clinicians, patients and others, presenting the very best examples of healthcare research and development, much of which would never have come to fruition were it not for the long-standing collaboration between Barts Health NHS Trust and Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry. Invitees include people from government, business and industry, trust and foundations, research councils and charities. It promises to be a stimulating and entertaining occasion.

The evening will also provide an opportunity to find out about the latest developments within Barts Health and Barts and the London Medical School research.

A formal invitation will follow in due course. If you wish to send a response in advance of receiving the formal invitation, please contact Olivia Coleman at patientsinresearch@bartshealth.nhs.uk



Let's talk hearts: 25 May meeting

Is Your Heart Broken?

Is your heart broken? What does a broken heart look like? What does a healthy heart look like?

These topics are to be discussed at the upcoming Let's Talk Hearts event organized by the NIHR Barts Cardiovascular Biomedical Research Unit on Wednesday 25 May 2016, where you will have the chance to see all sorts of interesting heart images. The *Let's Talk Hearts* series provides a forum to learn about heart conditions, how and why you should keep your heart healthy, and the latest research on cardiovascular health. All seminars include refreshments and plenty of discussion in-between talks. For more information, email letstalkhearts@qmul.ac.uk, call 07572 768985 or visit www.letstalkhearts.info.

***Let's Talk Hearts: Is Your Heart Broken?* 3pm – 5pm**
Idea Store Whitechapel, 321 Whitechapel Road London, E1 1BU Free entry

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