

NIPHRN Newsletter

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We welcome new and existing members to this autumn newsletter. Hope you all had a good Halloween week. We also wish our readers a Happy Diwali.

Please feel free to contact us at info@niphrn.org.uk, if you would like to discuss your public health research ideas, collaborations, funding opportunities or research support.

Network membership is free and you can [register here](#) to receive updates and bulletins. We can help you with *Knowledge brokerage*, *Identifying collaborators by circulating your idea across the network and form a Research Development Group (RDG)*, *PPIE support for research group*. For more information, questions, suggestions or for an RDG proposal form contact us info@niphrn.org.uk

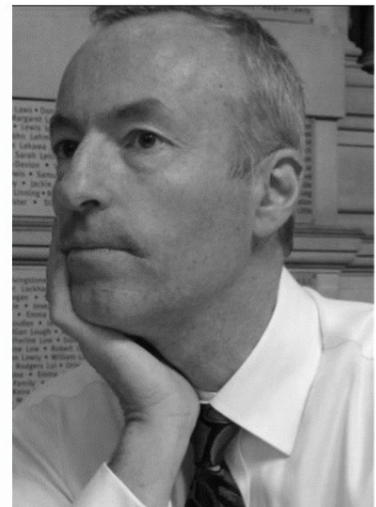
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Professor Dermot O'Reilly

1956 – 2023

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the untimely passing of Professor Dermot O'Reilly. Dermot's research shone a light on health inequalities in Northern Ireland and beyond. Many of us who work in public health were privileged to work with and learn from Dermot. He has inspired a generation of researchers to dedicate their careers to do public health research. As well as a researcher of international standing, Dermot was a generous and kind mentor, sharing his expertise in a humble and humorous manner. He will be greatly missed by the public health research community in Northern Ireland.



Diary Dates

NIPHRN Autumn Webinar series: “Pharmacy and Public Health - various approaches and viewpoints”

Three webinars are being held over the forthcoming weeks focusing on pharmacy and public health, from different perspectives, for better health. Hearing from the community sector, academic and policy voices, the breadth of ongoing work in this area will be showcased. Within this exciting mini-series, there will be something for everyone, and learning to be gained from each other.

To register for all or any: [Click here](#), For any queries email: info@niphrn.org.uk

[Webinar 1: 15th November 2023 \(Wednesday\), 1-2pm, via Zoom](#)

‘Community led approaches to health: The importance of trust, relationships and partnerships to engage communities, shape research and policy and improve health outcomes’ Helen McNamee, Research & Policy Manager & Kathy Martin, Strategic Impact Manager, Community Development and Health Network (CDHN)

[Webinar 2: 23rd November 2023 \(Thursday\), 1-2pm, via Zoom,](#)

‘What to measure: the importance of core outcome sets in trials focusing on improving the use of medicines’, Professor Carmel Hughes, Queen's University Belfast

[Webinar 3: 13th December 2023 \(Wednesday\), 1-2pm, via Zoom,](#)

‘Public health interventions through community pharmacy: the “Living Well” service’

16 November 2023, 2.00 pm, Alcohol Related Liver Disease on the Island of Ireland, Location: Spencer Hotel Excise Walk, Dublin, D01 X4C9

On behalf of the North South Alcohol Policy Advisory Group, you are invited to join us for a seminar on Alcohol Related Liver Disease on the Island of Ireland.

[Click here to register](#)

20 November, 2023 - 10.00 am – 5.00 pm, Praxis Care Complex Needs Research Conference, in the Council Chamber, Queen's University Belfast.

Please see the [flyer](#). To register: communications@praxiscare.org.uk

The conference will focus on research on services for people with mental health problems, learning disabilities, autism and behaviours of concern. Speakers will include Gavin Davidson, Praxis Professor of Social Care, Queen's University of Belfast and Julie Beadle-Brown, Professor in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, University of Kent.

25th November 2023, Patient Engagement Day, “What is new in eye disease?”, in the Assembly Rooms, Belfast. Aligning with World Sight Day, the Centre for Public Health at QUB will host their annual Patient Engagement Day

For more information email sara.shields@gub.ac.uk .

29 Nov 2023 - Annual Joint Public Health Conference, virtual event ‘The Health-Wealth Divide - Leaving No One Behind’

This year's all-island conference will focus on addressing health inequalities on the island of Ireland.

To register [click here](#).

30th November 2 pm-3.30 pm, Building Research Partnerships (NI) training
HSC R&D Division and NI Cancer Trials Network (NICTN) are pleased to announce that their newly re-structured [Building Research Partnerships \(NI\) training](#) is now available.

To register, please contact Janet Diffin (Janet.Diffin@hscni.net) or Cara McClure (cara.mcclure@hscni.net). [Click her for more information](#)

Information

Evidence Synthesis Programme (NIHR) invite topics for prioritisation

The [Evidence Synthesis Programme](#) funds research projects that identify, evaluate and combine data from existing research studies to provide best evidence, including

in all four nations of the UK.

Evidence Synthesis Groups (ESGs)

Nine Evidence Synthesis Groups (ESGs) have been funded to undertake a range of evidence syntheses reviews for the Evidence Synthesis Programme. The aim of the ESGs is to address knowledge gaps or to answer a specific need for the Programme's healthcare, public health and social care stakeholders/audiences. These will be areas of importance to policy makers and will have a direct impact on decision-making, patient and client care, reducing inequalities and identifying future research needs.

Click here to Submit a [topic for prioritisation for Evidence Synthesis](#)

Funding Opportunities



The Health and Social Care Delivery Research (HSDR) Programme

The Health and Social Care Delivery Research (HSDR) Programme is accepting Stage 1 applications to the following funding opportunities.

All close: 13:00 on 18 January 2024

[23/137 Palliative and End of Life Care](#)

[23/140 New research on skills, training, development and support for the health and social care workforce](#)

The HSDR Programme would like to fund high-quality research to generate new evidence on skills, training and development for staff to deliver health and care in an ever-changing context, from ageing populations with complex needs to increased digitisation and integration of services. Research applications are welcome from all relevant disciplines and professions, including those less represented in education research to date.

[23/74 NIHR James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships Rolling Call](#)

The NIHR are looking to receive applications for research studies addressing JLA PSPs' research priorities, rather than to conduct a PSP itself.

NIHR Public Health Research Programme (PHR) is accepting Stage 1 applications to for the following commissioned topics.

All Close: 13:00 on 12 December 2023.

[23/88 Uptake of population screening programmes in under-served groups](#)

[23/86 Reducing health inequalities related to ethnicity by influencing the wider determinants of health](#)

[23/81 Application Development Award \(ADA\): School food in special schools and alternative provision settings](#)

[23/82 Suicide prevention in high risk groups](#)

[23/83 Workforce health](#)

[23/84 Health and health inequality impacts of voucher and benefit uptake](#)

Other NIHR PHR calls- *All Close: 13:00 on 12 December 2023.*

[23/122 NIHR NICE rolling call \(PHR Programme\)](#)

[23/123 NIHR James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships rolling call \(PHR Programme\)](#)

[23/124 Continuing areas of research interest to the PHR Programme](#)

[23/125 Public Health Research Programme researcher-led](#)

23/150 PHIRST Local Government Expression of Interest October 2023

Closes: 13:00 06 February 2024

The Public Health Research (PHR) Programme is accepting Expressions of Interest from local government for evaluations of interventions by the NIHR's Public Health Intervention Responsive Studies Teams (PHIRST).

23/145 Climate change and health.

Closes 23 April 2024.

NIHR are holding a specific webinar to support this call on Thursday 23

November, 11am - 12pm. If you are interested in attending or have colleagues that might be interested then please do share. [Click here for the webinar sign up form](#)

The intention is to follow up this webinar with the opportunity for potential applicants to join a workshop in early 2024.



UK Research
and Innovation

MRC Centre of Research Excellence: round two: outline application

Closes: 7 February 2024 4:00pm UK time

Apply for Medical Research Council (MRC) Centre of Research Excellence (MRC CoRE) funding to tackle complex and interdisciplinary health challenges. This is an annual funding opportunity, initially focused on specified themes. You must be based at a UK research organisation eligible for MRC funding.

Costs for the Centres can be up to £26.5m @ 100% Full Economic Cost for the first 7 years – so MRC will provide upto £3m per year or £21.2m in total (@ 80% FEC).

For round 2, applications are welcomed to address challenges detailed on the main call page [here](#)), and may address all or part of the MRC remit, including discovery, understanding mechanism, and development of concepts or interventions for prevention or treatment

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

MSCA COFUND 2023 Call

Closing date of 8 February 2024, 16:00 UK Time.

Catch up on our [webinar slides](#) for a comprehensive guide on how to apply for this call, with a

The webinar was aimed at researchers and other staff in UK academic and non-academic organisations, including industry and funding organisations. It set out to provide participants with comprehensive overview of the call, including the eligibility criteria, budget, and other points for consideration.

MSCA Staff Exchanges 2023 Call

Close on 28 February 2024, 16:00 UK Time.

Register for free webinar series supporting organisations and individuals from both the academic and non-academic sector who are interested in applying to the [2023 MSCA Staff Exchanges call](#).

[Overview and Practical Tips](#): 21 November 2023, 10:00-12:00am UK time

[Submission and Evaluation](#): 22 November 2023, 9:30am-10:30am UK time

NIPHRN Event

What is Co-Production?

Key principles of coproduction

- Enabling people living with dementia to be involved in the decision making process
- People living with dementia are engaged at all decision points
- Providing accessible information
- Enabling time for people living with dementia to engage
- Communication strategies

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST

Ulster University

Community group engagement (including dementia);
Putting NI technology into NI homes (Joan Condell)

PPI contributor and carer perspectives
(Tara Harkin, James Gillespie)

Handover to discussion panel,
incl. Q&A from attendees



On Wed 25th Oct 2023, together with QUB-PPI, we jointly hosted a webinar on the theme of "*Co-production with people living with dementia: A new way of working*". in

researchers in the Intelligent Systems Research Centre of Ulster University (UU), The event concluded with a discussion panel, including contributions from the Public Health Agency R&D Division; Alzheimer's Society and Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. Feedback from the event has been overwhelmingly positive.

Some PPI information can be accessed from links below:

[Personal and Public Involvement \(PPI\) in Research | Public Health Agency - Research & Development in Northern Ireland \(hscni.net\)](#)

Costs associated with public involvement for the purpose of the research project that are in line with any financial limits set out in your award (Please see the award guidance notes). This may include support for meetings to disseminate findings, reimbursement of expenses, training and/or mentorship for PPI reps. Please note the [reimbursement guidelines for the HSC](#) and [NIHR's payment guidance](#).

NIPHRN can help with Rapid Evidence Summaries, funding information, or any queries, suggestions or meeting requests in connection with public health research.

Do you have a
research idea?

Research ethics
questions?

Need help with PPIE
for a public health
research grant?

Are you a practitioner
interested in public
health research?

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