

NIPHRN Newsletter

November 2024



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Welcome to the November Newsletter. This month we have collated information about upcoming NIPHRN and other events, funding and other opportunities in this bulletin. [Contact us](#) for information about the network and our services.

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 and seedfunding for research group.* For more information, questions, suggestions or for an RDG proposal form contact us info@niphrn.org.uk

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Diary Dates

NIPHRN Events

Friday 29th November, 2024, 11.00 to 12.00 pm, Online seminar on “Alcohol Related Brain Injury/Damage: Prevalence, Effects, and Treatment”, Diane Watson, BSc OT, Outreach Clinical Lead, Leonard Cheshire ARBD service, Northern Ireland.

[Register here](#)

Wednesday 11th December, 2024, 1.00 to 2.00 pm, Online seminar on “Acceptable and scalable support for weight management after pregnancy - lessons for intervention and evaluation design”, Professor Michelle McKinley, Centre for Public Health, School of Medicine, Dentistry & Biomedical Sciences, Queen's University Belfast

[Register here](#)

Save the date

Wednesday 22nd January 2025, 11.00 am to 12.00 pm, online seminar - “After CAMHS: adult psychiatric outcomes for young people who attended child and adolescent mental health services”, Dr Colm Healy, University College Dublin & University of Edinburgh.

Details to follow

For any queries regarding any of the above please email: info@niphrn.org.uk

Other events

Saturday 16 Nov 2024 - IBD Patient Involvement in Research Day 2024, via Zoom, from 9:30 – 12:30.

Our keynote speaker this year is Dr James Lee whose recent research into the causes of IBD has been widely reported. To register for this event visit: [IBD patient involvement in research day 2024 \(crohnsandcolitis.org.uk\)](https://crohnsandcolitis.org.uk).

Monday 18 November, 2-3.30PM NIHR PHIRST Seminar-online, “Using routine data to inform Public Health Interventions”

Routine data about local areas comes in many different forms, from local and national datasets, e.g. hospital admissions, service and budgetary data, prescribing data, or other sources such as population surveys and census information.

Examples will be shared from PHIRST evaluations using routine data and discuss why routine data can be used, learning points from different PHIRST evaluations, as well as how the use of routine data could be supported going forward. You will hear practical examples from researchers, public advisors and Local Governments, and explore how all this knowledge can assist in the process of evaluating Public Health

interventions.

For more information go to the [PHIRST website](#) or register now [using this link](#)

Monday, 18th November 10am - 4pm GMT, NIHR PGfAR (Programme Grants for Applied Research) Devolved Administration Outreach Event, Belfast

The [Programme Grants for Applied Research](#) (PGfAR) and [Programme Development Grants](#) (PDG) funding schemes are excited to welcome applications from the Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (the Devolved Administrations, DAs) and England. This event will give researchers a chance to hear more about the remit of PGfAR and PDG funding, what makes a competitive application and ask questions. [Click here to Register.](#)

Tuesday 19th, November 9.00 am-12:30 pm, 'NIHR Associate PI Scheme: Launching your Research Career'

Whether you're eager to find out what the [Associate PI Scheme](#) is, or you're already familiar with the programme and want to learn more, this event is an excellent opportunity to gain insights and get involved.

Who is the event aimed at?

Whilst the event is some what focused towards Nurses, Midwives, and Allied Health Professionals, NIHR do still want to encourage health and care professionals from outside these professions to feel welcomed - the event is relevant to all who wish to learn more about the scheme. [Register here](#)

The event will be recorded and made available for you to watch at your convenience. If you'd like to receive information on how to access the recording after the event, please complete the following form: [Request the recording](#).

Tuesday 19 November 2024, 10.30 am-12 pm, Building Research Partnerships (NI) training

The next 'live follow-up PPI session' will be delivered virtually and enables researchers and patients, carers and members of the public to come together and ask questions, get practical support on PPI, and network. **To register or more information please email cara.mcclure@hscni.net.**
[For further information on the training please click here.](#)

Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 10 am. NIHR Webinar Series - PPI with policymakers and practitioners: the Active-6 study

'The NIHR PPI team has been busy organising a series of webinars called "PPI in Action". This webinar series will draw on the experiences of public contributors and researchers, and will showcase examples of patient and public involvement in NIHR funded research.

Speakers will be: Dr Danielle House, University of Bristol and Alan Inman-Ward, Age UK Gloucestershire About this event: The Active-6 study assessed the impact of the COVID-19 lockdowns on children's physical activity.

[You can register at this link](#)

Funding Opportunities



Public Health Research (PHR) programs

All Close: 13:00 on 13 December 2024

NIHR are holding a webinar to support applications to this funding opportunity, on *Wednesday 9 October 2024, 11:15 - 12:30 pm*. For more details on the themes and register for the webinar, please click on the links below.

[24/78 Ultra-processed foods](#)

[24/59 Behavioural overweight and obesity management interventions that include long term support in achieving and maintaining weight loss in children and young people](#)

[24/60 Unmanageable debt](#)

[24/61 Healthy Homes: Overcrowding](#)

[24/62 Active Travel facilitators and barriers within different populations](#)

[24/63 Workforce health](#)

[24/91 Continuing areas of research interest to the PHR Programme](#)

[Public Health Research program future topics- Opening soon](#)

Opening date: 28 November 2024, Closing date: 25 April 2025

However, please note these are indicative dates, which may change.

The Public Health Research (PHR) Programme is considering the following topics for future commissioned research:

- Unstructured physical activity for children
- Interventions to reduce violence
- Citizens Advice
- Children and young people's mental health
- Health impacts of messages in the media
- Community wealth (assets) building
- Coastal communities

For help with your application contact phr@nihr.ac.uk

Health Technology Assessment programs

[24/87 CBT adapted for autistic adults with a mental health problem](#)

Closes: 1pm on 27 November 2024

The Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme is accepting Stage 1 applications to their commissioned workstream for this primary research topic. This funding opportunity is eligible for a SWAT/SWAR (study within a trial or study within are view), which can help significantly improve methodology of future research as well as the host study. Find out about the [benefits of SWATs/SWARs and how to include one in your application](#).

[24/89 Research in Mental Health Nursing \(HTA Programme\)](#)

Closes: 1 pm on 08 January 2025

NIHR are interested in funding high quality applied health and social care research to increase and improve the evidence base about mental health nursing and the mental health nursing workforce.



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[Mindset XR Opportunity](#)

The third and final round of £3.7M funding from the Mindset Programme - Extended Reality (XR) for Mental Health will open on 28 October 2024. The scope will include: Innovation of a digital mental health therapeutic through the application of Extended Reality (XR) and solutions for those living with moderate and severe mental health illness.

More information will be shared over the coming weeks but should you be interested in applying and have questions please contact jane.guest@iuk.ukri.org

[Population and systems medicine: programme: responsive mode](#)

Closing date: 9 January 2025 4:00pm UK time

MRC hosted a webinar for applicants and research offices applying to MRC responsive mode board and fellowship opportunities. This webinar consists of a presentation with information and tips on using the new Funding Service followed by a

[question and answer session \(PDF, 122KB\)](#) with MRC staff.

[Watch the webinar.](#)

Neuroscience and mental health Research

All close: 9 January 2025 4:00pm UK time

[Neurosciences and mental health research: research grant: responsive mode](#)

[Neurosciences and mental health: new investigator: responsive mode](#)

[Neurosciences and mental health: programme: responsive mode](#)

Health Research Board (HRB), IE

Applied partnership awards

Closing date: 18 Dec 2024

These support collaborative applied research projects between knowledge users and academic researchers in any area of health research where the findings from the research will have a direct impact on the decision making of the knowledge user's organisation/s.

Maximum award: €200,000

Other Opportunities

Invitation to ALL EUROPEAN MIDWIVES with a DOCTORAL degree (PhD etc) to participate in a survey about their study and work experiences

Are you:

- Educated and trained as a midwife in an European country?, and...
- Studied and obtained a doctoral degree (PhD, Dr. rer nat. etc) in this country or abroad?

Then we need your voice to tell us about your experiences with your study, and with your work after obtaining your doctoral degree. The survey is open until 10th December.

To read more [click here](#) and please click [the link](#) to start the survey. The survey will take about 15- 20 minutes to complete.

Resources

Reducing Alcohol Harms in Northern Ireland: The potential of Minimum Unit Pricing

On 26th September, the Institute of Public Health (IPH) hosted an event at Parliament Buildings, Stormont, Belfast to explore the potential for Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP) in Northern Ireland. The event, moderated by BBC NI Broadcaster Jo Scott, heard presentations from a panel including Bill Stewart, Principal Statistician at NISRA, who supports public health policy development, and Colin Angus, a Senior Research Fellow at the Sheffield Addictions Research Group, whose research focuses on alcohol policy and pricing. This event highlighted the levels of alcohol harm in Northern Ireland and demonstrated how Minimum Unit Pricing could be a critical tool in saving lives and reducing harms. The discussions offered valuable perspectives on the intersection of public health policy, research, and real-world application. [Watch Full recording](#)

Two free online arts and creativity e-learning courses

The Institute of Public Health (IPH) is delighted to share details of two free online courses that may be relevant to your work.

Building on our work in the field of arts and creativity in later life, earlier this year IPH launched the following new learning pathways on our [Public Health Matters online learning platform](#):

[Arts and Creativity: Lessons for Active Ageing](#)

[A How to Guide: Evaluation Methods for Arts and Creativity Programmes](#)

NIPHRN Update

NIPHRN collaborated with [QUB-PPI Network](#) to organise an event on “Creative Communications: Hearing the Voice of Everyone” As part of the PPI Ignite Network’s National PPI Festival 2024. The event took place on 16th October 2024 at Queen’s University Belfast and welcomed guest speakers from University College Dublin (UCD) and University of Southampton, as well as local speakers from Ulster University, Queen’s University Belfast and the Public Health Agency.



Invited speakers: Back row, L-R: Dr. Alan McMichael, Dr Linda Ni Chianáin, Dr. Katy Pedlow, Miss Olatundun Gafari, Professor Gerry Gormley. Front row, L-R: Professor Thilo Kroll, Dr. Jean Daly-Lynn, Susan Croy

Event Report by Dr. Claire Tonry and Dr. Maelíosa McCrudden, coordinators of the QUB PPI Network

The event was attended by 35 people, with representation from PPI contributors, patients and carers, Health and Social Care Northern Ireland (HSCNI), academic researchers, PPI professionals and advocates from various sectors.

After a warm welcome from Professors Alan Stitt and Mark Tully, the event kicked off with a talk from **Professor Thilo Kroll (UCD)**, who spoke about the importance of a “systems-based approach” and “design-thinking” in PPI research and practice. **Miss Olatundun Gafari from the University of Southampton spoke about her research into how to best engage UK ethnic minority communities in research and how to build meaningful and sustainable relationships with these groups.** The second session of the day focused on local PPI activity. **Professor Gerry Gormley and Dr. Linda Ni Chianáin from the Centre for Medical Education at Queen’s University Belfast** gave a stimulating talk on the *use of simulation in medical education*. **Dr. Jean Daly-Lynn, Dr. Katy Pedlow and Susan Croy** followed with an overview of a *co-design project that was undertaken between Ulster University and Cedar to enhance PPI involvement in learning and teaching*. The final speaker of the day was **Dr. Alan McMichael, from the Public Health Agency (PHA)**. Dr. McMichael spoke of *measures being taken at the Research and Development division of the PHA to help streamline the PPI process for all people involved*. The event concluded with an open discussion with all invited speakers and event attendees. Interesting discussion points that arose out of his session included how to facilitate sustained PPI, how to evaluate PPI, the importance of wellness practices in PPI and how PPI allows for people with lives experiences to be “advocates for change”.

All speaker presentations were very well received by attendees with positive post-event evaluations. The organising committee, encouraged by this positive feedback, look forward to hosting similar events in the near future.

“well-balanced”, covered “a range of expertise”.

“the event promoted a sense of empowerment and patient value which builds confidence and gives hope and optimism for the future”.

“The key highlight was the presentation on inclusivity in PPI - a real masterclass by the speaker with lots of really helpful tips. It would be great to do another webinar on this that could be recorded and shared as a resource”

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

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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