

Dear HIT Leadership teams,

We hope you and your families are all keeping well

Welcome to our HITs round-up providing you with **COVID-19 information relevant to HITs**. All the information below will be posted on the BHP website – if you don't have time to read this email now then you can **bookmark the link below so you can easily find it when you do have time**. <https://www.bristolhealthpartners.org.uk/covid-19-response/covid-19-hits-round-ups/>

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[Join one of our HITs COVID-19 online meetings via Zoom](#)

We have set up 1-hour online Zoom meetings for HIT leadership teams every two weeks so that you can share new initiatives and tips for good practice, have an informal Q&A and discuss support from the core team that would help with your HIT work at this time. Please let us know if you have a suggestion for a meeting theme.

PPI members can claim back the cost of any phone calls using the UHBW expenses claim form and by providing a 'snap shot/scan' of the relevant section of their phone bill.

The details of the July meetings are below:

- Tues 28 July 1130-1230 join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83686344671> Meeting ID: 836 8634 4671
Dial in using any number tel: 0131 460 1196 tel: 0203 051 2874 tel: 0203 481 5237 tel: 0203 481 5240
- Thurs 13 August 3-4pm join Zoom meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84844140266>
Meeting ID: 848 4414 0266
Dial in using any number tel: 0203 901 7895 tel: 0131 460 1196 tel: 0203 051 2874 tel: 0203 481 5237 tel: 0203 481 5240

[BHP Annual Review 2019-20 now available](#)

Read all about the [key achievements](#) of BHP and the HITs from last year. Thanks to all who contributed.

[External funding & calls for papers](#)

[The MRC have circulated a pre-call announcement of CARP scheme round 3](#) it will launch 7th August, but we are not anticipating any particular changes to the scheme.

Purpose and Scope: A new mechanism for NHS consultants with a PhD or MD (or equivalent postgraduate qualification) who are not currently research active to participate in collaborative high-quality research partnerships with established leading biomedical researchers. Applications may range from basic discovery science to translational and applied health research, and may address research questions from disease-specific mechanistic hypotheses through to research in priority areas such as primary care, population health, public health, mental health, molecular pathology and other areas outlined in MRC's [strategic plan](#). Applications addressing global health issues resulting in primary benefit to those living in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC), or those proposing interdisciplinary approaches are also welcomed. The proposed project should be tailored to the interests of and expertise of the applicant and research partner and designed to provide a mutually beneficial collaboration for both parties. **Funding available:** A minimum of one year and maximum of three years in duration. Each award will support between 20-50% of the applicant's basic salary to support protected research time, and costs for consumables to undertake the project. No additional support for salaries may be requested.

Internal process for applications

Potential applicants must submit a short Expression of Interest (EoI) for this scheme for internal review. EoIs should be sent to Sandra Spencer rda-healthlife@bristol.ac.uk by midday Wednesday 2nd September 2020. No direct applications will be approved that have not been considered by the internal process.

COVID-19 Global Summit: A new paradigm – Call for Papers: Submit by 28 July

You are invited to contribute to the **COVID-19 Global Healthcare Design Summit: A New Paradigm** by [submitting](#) abstracts of 400 words in English as any of the following: a) themed paper; b) poster; c) workshop. Presentations in all three formats can be focused on any of research, practice or theory. The **deadline for submissions is 28 July**. [Submit](#) your abstracts today. Click [here](#) to view the abstract guidelines.

The committee welcomes abstracts on the following topic areas:

- Strengthening health systems resilience and preparedness;
- Joining up public health services with health and social care systems;
- Designing in surge acute and critical care capacity;
- The fourth wave: the population health impact of 'lockdown';
- Supporting healthcare workforce resilience and mental health;
- Sustainable hospital design: the architecture of adaptable infrastructure; and
- How the pandemic is accelerating innovation digital health and technology.

The Summit will be fully integrated into the 6th European Healthcare Design Congress, which will now take place as a virtual-only event on 14-18 September 2020.

Evaluation & Surveys

COVID-19 service changes evaluation plan - our Evaluation Officer, Trish Harding, has produced the attached plan along with an Evaluation Online posting on thinking about evaluation where resources are limited – we hope you find it helpful.

The following surveys may be of interest:

1. **Improve Bristol's Streets** - Research by Jonathan Flower at UWE will help to improve Bristol's streets for everyone but in particular these groups of people.

- Mobility Scooter/Wheelchair Users
- The Visually Impaired
- Elderly People
- Parent/Carers that use a Buggy/Pram
- Young people that walk

Attached is an information sheet and consent form that needs to be completed if you want to take part in Jonathan's survey

2. Surveying access needs in Bristol

Community Access Support Service along with Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group are working to map access needs for information across Bristol in order to reach digitally excluded people and communities proactively. The online questionnaire is here: <https://forms.gle/yd1MLbcRX5SibFRd9>

3. CCG survey of individual mental health

A new [survey](#) aims to find out about individual's experiences of accessing and using mental health support services in the past few months. This survey is intended to form part of an ongoing service evaluation and improvement cycle in response to Covid-19. Every two weeks the CCG will pull down the data and share it with specific services to help them understand the service user experience and identify areas for improvement. There is no fixed timeline. People can complete it several times to reflect their latest service experiences.

4. The Care Forum Launches VCSE Covid-19 Mental Health Impact & Response Survey for the West of England

The Care Forum has launched a survey to better understand the impact and response of the West of England voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector in supporting service user mental health during the coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic.

The purpose of the research is:

- To better understand if West of England VCSE organisations are experiencing changing mental health risks and needs among service users in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic.
- To understand whether regional VCSE organisations are experiencing any demand or capacity issues when supporting the mental health needs of service users.
- To better understand what support regional VCSE organisations need to meet the mental health needs of their service users during this time.

You can find the link for the survey [here](#)

5. Bristol's post COVID-19 recovery strategy - you are invited to share your experiences and vision for the future of the VCSE sector in this 15-minute survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P3NQ3XC> This survey aims to document VCSE activity across the city and to assess how to foster greater community resilience in the new operating environment. The results will be used to provide evidence for a city-wide VCSE Sector recovery strategy which will be spearheaded by the VCSE Strategic Partnership that is chaired by Deputy Mayor Asher Craig.

Training & learning

Short online introduction to public involvement:

Mike Bell and Andy Gibson will be running a trial online training session entitled “A brief introduction to public involvement” on Friday 31st July, 12:30pm until 2pm. It will cover the whys and how’s of public involvement as well as providing some practical resources (updated to include post Covid PPI). If you want to know more or to book a place please contact Mike mike.bell@bristol.ac.uk as places will be limited.

Peloton: system leadership development

A leadership development programme designed to equip senior leaders with the skills, relationships, networks and mindsets to go ‘Further Together’ is open for new applications. Called Peloton, the programme is helping lead the shift towards a more integrated approach to health and care across BNSSG. This is just the second time the programme has been run.

It is appropriate for clinicians, professionals and managers leading change across multiple partner organisations, along with Director and Associate Director-level colleagues in partner organisations, including PCN Clinical Directors.

To find out more about joining Peloton click [here](#) – **deadline is 24 July.**

Events

NIHR Grant Applications Seminar ONLINE

28 July 2020, 2.00pm – 4.30pm

Do you have a great idea for research in health, social care or public health?
Are you planning to submit a grant application to NIHR?

The SW Research Design Service’s popular seminar has now moved **online** and will take place on Tuesday 28th July 2020 from 2.00pm – 4.30pm. The seminar provides an overview of NIHR funding opportunities and research programme remits, requirements and application processes. They will give you top tips for your application and answer specific questions with experienced RDS South West advisers.

We will also be joined by Simon Goodwin - RfPB Programme Manager for the South West and East of England. [Find further information and book a place.](#)

Next Bristol Research Forum on Ageing - Tuesday 15th September 2020 2pm - 3:30pm

This free online event will address the latest research on older people's use of technology during Covid-19, followed by a Q&A and discussion. You do not need access to a camera or microphone. Joining details will be circulated the day before the event to those who have registered for a free ticket via Eventbrite. This event will be open to the public as well as commissioners, service providers and practitioners. We encourage you to spread the word to anyone you think may be interested. [Book your free ticket here](#)

If you have any questions please email clairechivers@ageukbristol.org.uk or phone 0117 928 1539.

Support and information

Restarting research activities - Ali Lewellyn from the Chronic Pain HIT brought this recent guidance from the NIHR to our attention. This "restart framework" could be helpful in informing restart decisions for any research projects that have been paused due to Covid-19, whether NIHR funded or otherwise. In particular, it has a helpful Annex that contains a local restart assessment checklist. For those who haven't already seen it, the link to the NIHR webpage is: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/restart-framework/24886> You will need to scroll through to the bottom to get to the checklist.

Co-production when we can't meet face-to-face: updated ARC West resources

In response to COVID-19 we have all been finding out more about how to stay in touch and work together, without meeting face-to-face. We want to continue involving the public in research, and we all need to learn new ways of doing this that don't involve face-to-face meetings. ([Please use link for more information](#))

If you're aware of other resources and links that we've not included in these new pages, please let us know and we can add these in. You can contact Michelle Farr m.farr@bristol.ac.uk or Rosie Davies on rosemary3.davies@uwe.ac.uk