Welcome…

...to the fifth edition of the Clinical Research Facility (CRF) newsletter.

Since the last issue we have welcomed several new members to the team as the CRF continues to grow.

In this issue we celebrate recognition for our collaborators and look forward to the annual UK Clinical Research Network Conference which this year is being held in Sheffield, hosted by the CRF. We are also preparing for our annual facility Open Day at both the Royal Hallamshire and Northern General Hospitals as part of International Clinical Trials Day, which this year will be part of the University of Sheffield Festival of Life.

Professor Pamela Shaw, Consultant Neurologist and Professor of Neurology at the University of Sheffield, was one of only 16 figures across the country to be given Damehood earlier this year in recognition of her extraordinary contribution to her field. This includes the establishment of the Sheffield Institute for Translational Neurosciences (SITraN), an £18million research facility bringing together 150 international clinicians and scientists to fight crippling diseases such as motor neurone disease.

Professor Kate Gerrish, Professor of Nursing Research at the Trust, has been given a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in recognition of her unique contribution to nursing.

Professor Wendy Tindale, Scientific Director at the Trust and Clinical Director of the National Institute for Health Research Devices for Dignity Healthcare Technology Co-operative and Professor Moira Whyte, Professor and Honorary Consultant in Respiratory Medicine, were also given Officers of the Order of the British Empire (OBEs) for the fantastic work they have done in their fields.

We are proud to work with such extraordinary individuals within our Trust.

If you would like to use the Clinical Research Facility for your research project, then please contact Clinical Research Facility Manager, Karen French Karen.French@sth.nhs.uk (0114 2713339).
The CRF provides a full range of support for all types of research projects, from first in-man studies requiring intensive overnight investigation through to outreach research nurse support for studies taking place in clinical areas across the Trust, as well as data management and coordinator support.

Recent Positive Feedback on CRF Service

We have received some very positive feedback since the last issue of the newsletter thanking staff for their contribution towards the success of one of our studies. We would like to share some quotes received from the Sponsor...

“I would just like to thank you both for the immense effort you have both put in to the study. Due to circumstances beyond anyone’s control, the study had lapsed into a state of concern. Through your hard work and dedication, we are now the cleanest site in the UK, with the least queries, most SDV done and eITF most up to date. We are in a very strong position for the upcoming pre-DBL and I must thank you again for getting us to this stage.”

“...you have done an amazing job keeping Inform up to date and dealing with the queries, and also following up with documents and requests made by me.”

“....you have been key in the updating of patient notes to comply with the protocol and outstanding issues, liaising with the Investigator and chasing up signatures and electronic system requirements.

“...you have turned this study around and are now the best in the UK. That is a fantastic achievement. Well Done and Thank you.”

At the beginning of 2014 our contribution to the success of a large UK wide multi centre genetic association study of sub arachnoid haemorrhage funded by The Stroke Association was recognised for recruiting over 100 patients and providing extremely high quality data.

If you have any feedback on the newsletter or have a contribution for an upcoming newsletter we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Liz Ralph, Research Coordinator
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Both units of the CRF at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital and Northern General Hospital are available to all STHFT and academic investigators

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This year Sheffield is hosting the UK CRF Network 10th Annual Conference on 3rd/4th July. The theme this year is “Excellence, innovation and integration; Clinical Research Facilities (CRFs) 2014 and beyond”.

The programme is now available and registration is open. Speakers include Prof Dame Sally Davies (Chief Medical Officer DoH), Prof Hilary Chapman CBE (Chief Nurse STHFT), Professor Jonathan Montgomery (Chair, Health Research Authority).

Delegates can look forward to Parallel Sessions and Workshops in:

- Patient & Public Involvement
- Spreading the Word in the Digital Age
- Patient Cohorts and Developing National Databases
- Streamlining Research Approvals
- The Importance of University/NHS Partnerships
- The practical Challenges of Quality Assurance

For updates, follow us on Twitter, using the hashtag below.

@CRFSheffield #crfconf14

On 28th November 2013 the NIHR Clinical Research Network launched a national “Research changed my life” campaign to help patients understand the range of positive effects clinical research can have on their lives.

The campaign centres on the inspirational stories of people who have taken part in clinical studies.

The website has stories from people all across England, covering all sorts of conditions, containing short-films and video-diaries, alongside audio and written accounts.

Get involved and share your experiences!

http://researchchangedmylife.com/

What kind of Studies is the CRF Involved with?

We work across a breadth of therapeutic areas. The top ten for 2013-2014 are highlighted in the chart below.

Professor Jaydip Ray, one of the CRF Principal Investigators has recently been appointed Professor in the Faculty of Health & Wellbeing & Sheffield Hallam University. We look forward to a continued collaboration with Professor Ray.
Clinical Research Facility Annual Open Day

Tuesday 20th May 2014
Drop in anytime between 2:00 – 6:00 pm

As part of International Clinical Trials Day and in conjunction with the University of Sheffield Festival of medicine, Dentistry and Health the CRF will open its doors to members of the public to come and see our facilities and see what happens in the CRF.

Clinical Trials are essential if we are to learn more about medicines and help people feel better. That is why the Clinical Research Facilities are hosting an Open Day for staff, students and the public to:

- Take a tour of the facilities
- Find out more about the work we do
- Meet the staff and talk to them about their role
- Meet researchers and learn about the benefits of medical research

Anyone interested in attending this event should register with Philippa Ledger on (0114) 271 5779 or by Emailing Philippa.Ledger@sth.nhs.uk

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