

INTERREG VA CHITIN HEALTHCARE INTERVENTION TRIALS FUNDING CALL

Useful Information

INTERREG VA Programme Information

The project Partners, HSC R&D Division of the Public Health Agency and HRB, will need to demonstrate that the trials funded under this call contribute to what the INTERREG programme wants to achieve (cross-border, equality, creating opportunities for better healthcare, enablement etc).

The following links may be of use in the completion of Section **8b** of the Application Form (please search the pages/documents for “health” or “priority axis 4”).

- General **INTERREG** homepage: <https://www.interregeurope.eu/about-us/what-is-interreg-europe/>
- **Output Indicators:** <http://www.seupb.eu/iva-%26-piv-how-do-i-manage-my-funding> (4.1 Health)
- **SEUPB** homepage (SEUPB are the Managing Authority for the INTERREG funding for this region (Scotland, Northern Ireland and Ireland): <http://www.seupb.eu/>
- **SEUPB** overview of INTERREG VA: <http://www.seupb.eu/iva-overview>
- **SEUPB's** Implementation Update overview of INTERREG VA (see page 12): https://www.seupb.eu/sites/default/files/INTERREG%20PMC/IMC_05_Paper_1_UpdateOnImplementation.pdf

Research Infrastructure

Name	Area	Website	Contact
Research Networks			
Northern Ireland Clinical Research Network	Clinical Interest Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular • Children's • Critical Care • Dementia • Diabetes • Mental Health • Primary Care • Renal • Respiratory Health • Stroke • Vision 	http://www.nicrn.hscni.net/	NICRNGeneralQuery@nicrn.hscni.net
Northern Ireland Cancer Trials Network	Trials by cancer type <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast Cancer • Haematological Cancers • Lung Cancer • Urological Cancer • Skin Cancer • Neuro-Oncological • Head and Neck • Upper Gastrointestinal • Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic • Colorectal • Gynaecological • Paediatric • Studies not specific to one type of cancer 	http://www.nictn.hscni.net/	nictn@belfasttrust.hscni.net

<p>Northern Ireland Public Health Research Network</p>	<p>Research Development Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical activity in older adults RDG • Social complexity and pregnancy RDG • AAA Screening RDG • Arts in Health Group • Breastfeeding Strategy Implementation Research Group • Mental Health Stroke RDG • Workplace Wellbeing RDG • Other Groups • Data and Research Group (NI Public Health Strategic Framework) 	<p>http://www.thehealthwell.info/niphnr/intro</p>	<p>info@niphnr.org.uk</p>
<p>Name</p>	<p>Area</p>	<p>Website</p>	<p>Contact</p>
<p>HRB Clinical Research Networks</p>	<p>Network Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular and Stroke • Critical Care • Diabetes • Gastrointestinal Disease • Hepatitis • Neurodegeneration • Neurology • Ophthalmology • Perinatal • Primary Care • Rare Kidney Disease • Respiratory • Rheumatology • Tuberculosis 	<p>https://www.hrb-crci.ie/clinical-research-networks/</p>	<p>info@hrb-crci.ie</p>
<p>HRB Trials Methodology Research Network</p>	<p>Services</p> <p>Support: advice on trial methodology and reporting of trials.</p> <p>Training and education: seminars, consensus conferences, courses, PhD Studentships and individualised support.</p> <p>Research and innovation: research into issues of the design, conduct, analysis and dissemination of trials, establishment of a database of trial and trial methodology expertise, development of a People’s Trial and dissemination of evidence from trials through systematic reviews.</p>	<p>https://www.hrb-tmrn.ie/</p>	<p>hrb-tmrn@nuigalway.ie</p>

HRB Clinical Research Co-ordination Ireland	Services Centralised support in the conduct of multicentre clinical trials (both commercial and academic) across Ireland.	https://www.hrb-crci.ie/	info@hrb-crci.ie
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Clinical Research Facilities			
Name	Area	Website	Contact
Northern Ireland Clinical Research Facility	Services to support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition • Ophthalmology • Respiratory • Cardiology • Vascular • Other 	http://www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/TheWellcomeTrust-WolfsonNorthernIrelandClinicalResearchFacility/	nicrf@belfasttrust.hscni.net
Clinical Translational Research and Innovation Centre	Interest Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diabetes • Nutrition • Cancer • Degenerative Diseases • Cardiovascular Disease • Personalised Medicine 	http://www.c-tric.com/	info@c-tric.com

HRB Clinical Research Facility, Galway	Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to clinical specialists and networks • Biostatistical and methodological support on study design and analysis • Study management • Study budget preparation and contract review • Study protocol development • Ethical and regulatory submissions • Data management and IT support • Medical writing • Research nursing support • Research pharmacy support • Biospecimen collection and processing • Controlled storage for investigational medicinal products and medical devices • Monitoring • Pharmacovigilance • Education programmes 	http://www.nuigalway.ie/hrb_crfg/	crfg@nuigalway.ie
HRB Clinical Research Facility, Cork	Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Trial Design and Methodology • Statistics • Clinical Trial Project Management • Quality and Regulatory Affairs • Audit and Monitoring • Pharmacovigilance • Data Management • Clinical Research Nurse Support 	http://www.ucc.ie/en/crfg/	crfc@ucc.ie
Name	Area	Website	Contact
Wellcome Trust-HRB Clinical Research Facility, St James's Hospital	General Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Pharmacy • Sample Processing • Exercise Physiology • Neurophysiology • Research Imaging • Research Nursing • Quality and Regulatory Affairs • Education & Training 	http://www.sjhcrf.ie/	Contact

Clinical Research Facility, University College Dublin	Services to Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection of phenotypically well-defined repositories of biomaterials for molecular investigations • Development of translational research programmes • Clinical trials and investigations • Population based studies • Investigations into the impact of disease on the individual and society 	http://www.ucd.ie/medicine/ourresearch/researchenvironment/ucdclinicalresearchcentre/	crc@ucd.ie
Clinical Research Centre, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	General Services include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacy • Therapeutics • Gene Therapy 	http://www.rcsi.ie/index.jsp?p=331&n=696	Contact
National Children's Research Centre, Crumlin	Services to Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Research Project Management Services • Data Management • Clinical Trials Pharmacy • Statistical support 	http://www.nationalchildrensresearchcentre.ie/research/areas-of-research/paediatric-clinical-research-unit/	info@nationalchildrensresearchcentre.ie
Other Facilities			
HSC Innovations	IP and innovation management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IP and innovation awareness training • Identification and assessment of new ideas and technologies • Evaluation of the novelty, potential market and clinical benefits of an idea or technology • Protection and management of IP assets • Development and progression of strategies for the development of healthcare products and services • Unmet clinical needs workshops 	http://www.innovations.hscni.net/	enquiries@innovations.hscni.net
Name	Area	Website	Contact
Northern Ireland Biobank	Approved access to archived samples Prospective Collections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gastrointestinal tract • thoracic cavity • breast • lymphoreticular system • head and neck • genitourinary tract • gynaecological tract 	http://www.nibiobank.org/	nibiobank@qub.ac.uk

<p>Centre for Advanced Medical Imaging</p>	<p>Facilities to Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morphometry • Diffusion Tensor Imaging (DTI) • Spectroscopy • Relaxometry • Pharmacokinetic modelling analysis of Dynamic Contrast Enhanced (DCE) data and advanced cardiac analysis techniques. 	<p>http://www.3tcentre.com/</p>	<p>cam@stjames.ie</p>
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Useful Journal Publications

Eldridge *et al.* **Defining Feasibility and Pilot Studies in Preparation for Randomised Controlled Trials: Development of a Conceptual Framework.** *Public Library of Science* 2016.

<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0150205>

Lancaster. **Pilot and feasibility studies come of age.** *Pilot and Feasibility Studies* 2015, 1:1

<https://pilotfeasibilitystudies.biomedcentral.com/track/pdf/10.1186/2055-5784-1-1?site=pilotfeasibilitystudies.biomedcentral.com>

Louden *et al.* **The PRECIS-2 tool: designing trials that are fit for purpose.** *British Medical Journal* 2015;350:h2147.

<http://www.bmj.com/content/bmj/350/bmj.h2147.full.pdf>

Bugge C *et al.* **A process for Decision-making after Pilot and feasibility Trials (ADePT): development following a feasibility study of a complex intervention for pelvic organ prolapse.** *Trials*, 2013, 14:353.

<https://trialsjournal.biomedcentral.com/track/pdf/10.1186/1745-6215-14-353?site=trialsjournal.biomedcentral.com>

Development and Reporting Guidelines

Medical Research Council, UK. **Process evaluation of complex interventions: Medical Research Council guidance.**

<https://www.mrc.ac.uk/documents/pdf/mrc-phsrn-process-evaluation-guidance-final/>

Medical Research Council, UK. **Using natural experiments to evaluate population health interventions: Guidance for producers and users of research evidence.** 2010.

www.mrc.ac.uk/naturalexperimentsguidance

Medical Research Council, UK. **Developing and Evaluating Complex Interventions – new guidance.** 2006.

www.mrc.ac.uk/complexinterventionsguidance

SQUIRE 2.0 Revised Standards for Quality Improvement Reporting Excellence. 2015

<http://www.squire-statement.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.ViewPage&pageId=471>

HIQA Guidelines for the Economic Evaluation of Health Technologies in Ireland (2010)

<http://www.hiqa.ie/publication/guidelines-economic-evaluation-health-technologies-ireland>

HIQA Guidelines for the budget Impact Analysis of Health Technologies in Ireland

(2010) <http://www.hiqa.ie/publications/guidelines-budget-impact-analysis-health-technologies-ireland>

HIQA Guidelines for Evaluating the Clinical Effectiveness of Health technologies in Ireland

(2011) <http://www.hiqa.ie/system/files/HTA-Clinical-Effectiveness-Guidelines.pdf>

CONSORT 2010 Statement: **Updated guidelines for reporting parallel group randomised trials.** Consort 2010

www.consort-statement.org

Online Resources

Core Outcome Measures in Effectiveness Trials (COMET) Initiative: a resource for the development and application of core outcome sets.
<http://www.comet-initiative.org/>

EQUATOR Network Library for health research reporting: an international initiative that seeks to improve reliability and value of health research literature with links to key guidelines and publications relevant to reporting.
<https://www.equator-network.org/library/>

Public and Patient Involvement

HSC R&D Division, Public Health Agency, 2014. **Strategy for Personal and Public Involvement (PPI) in Health and Social Care research.**
http://www.research.hscni.net/sites/default/files/strategy_for_PPI_Report_RD_2014.pdf

Department of Health Northern Ireland, 2012. **Guidance for HSC Organisations on Arrangements for Implementing effective Personal and Public Involvement Policy in the HSC.**

https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/dhssps/HSC%20%28SQSD%29%2003-12_0.pdf

Clinical Research PPI Working Group: facilitating cooperation and sharing within organisations with respect to PPI knowledge, resources, training and innovation.
<https://www.hrb-crci.ie/ppi/>

INVOLVE UK: supporting active public involvement in NHS, public health and social care research.
<http://www.invo.org.uk>

Gender Issues in Research

Examples of **case studies in Health & Medicine where gender/sex in research matters**
<http://genderedinnovations.stanford.edu/case-studies-medicine.html>

European Commission, 2009. **Gender Toolkit in EU-funded research for examples and guidance**
http://www.yellowwindow.be/genderinresearch/downloads/YW2009_GenderToolKit_Module1.pdf