Cochrane Fellowships 2016

Guidance Notes for Cochrane Fellowships

HSC R&D Division

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1 Introduction

Cochrane is a global not-for-profit organisation with contributors from more than 130 countries working together to produce credible, accessible health information that is free from commercial sponsorship and other conflicts of interest. It produces reviews that summarise the best available evidence generated through research, to inform decisions about health. Cochrane Reviews are systematic reviews of primary research in human health care and health policy and are internationally recognised as the highest standard in evidence-based health care. They investigate the effects of interventions for prevention, treatment and rehabilitation. They also assess the accuracy of a diagnostic test for a given condition in a specific patient group and setting. The reviews are updated as needed, ensuring that treatment decisions can be based on the most up-to-date and reliable evidence. Cochrane Systematic Reviews are published online, in full text, in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews in the Cochrane Library – www.cochranelibrary.com

Since 2002, all this information has been available free of charge throughout the island of Ireland via the Internet at www.cochranelibrary.com, through a subscription funded by the Health Research Board (HRB) in Dublin and the Health & Social Care Research & Development Division of the Public Health Agency (HSC R&D Division) in Northern Ireland. In addition to providing and promoting free national access to the Cochrane Library, the HRB and the HSC R&D Division continue to fund a series of annual training programmes in systematic reviews and to administer an annual Cochrane Fellowship programme to build capacity on the island of Ireland in conducting systematic reviews for inclusion in the Cochrane Library. The scheme forms part of a commitment to increase the ability of researchers to conduct high quality R&D for health and social care, and for managers and professionals to be aware of, and act upon, the results.

To date, 123 Fellows have been funded by the HRB and HSC R&D Division at a cost of £5 million to conduct systematic reviews.

The HRB and HSC R&D Division are now inviting applications for Cochrane Fellowships in 2016

2 Objectives

The primary objective of this Fellowship scheme is to increase capacity for the production of Cochrane reviews on the island of Ireland among those working in health related roles in academia, practice and policy settings. A secondary objective is to produce systematic reviews of relevance to the island of Ireland, and to create a cadre of policy makers and practitioners whose awareness of systematic reviews and their ability to act upon their findings, has been increased through their engagement with the Fellows.

3 Scope

3.1 The Cochrane Fellowship is intended to provide the Fellow with protected time on an indicative part-time basis of up to two days per week for up to two years. The award will be sufficiently flexible to accommodate a variety of patterns to reflect the specific working circumstances of the individual applicant.
3.2 The planned systematic review topic should address question(s) of clear strategic relevance and importance to health and social care on the island of Ireland. (Cochrane reviews of the effects of healthcare interventions) or cover studies assessing the methodology of research in health and social care (i.e., Cochrane Methodology Reviews).

3.3 The successful applicant will be expected to:

- Complete a series of relevant training courses in Cochrane systematic reviews aligned with the various stages and requirements of conducting a Cochrane review;
- Submit a draft protocol to the Cochrane Review Group Editor by 9 months;
- Have the protocol published in the Cochrane Library while working on the Full review;
- Submit a draft full Cochrane review to the Cochrane Review Group Editor (for peer review and publication) before the end of the term of the Fellowship;
- Have the full review published in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (editing and publication can take up to 24 months after publication of the protocol);
- Commit to the maintenance of the review thereafter (updating should normally be conducted every 18 –24 months).

3.4 Cochrane Reviews: are full-text systematic reviews, which provide an overview of the effects of interventions in health and social care (Cochrane reviews of the effects of healthcare interventions) or cover studies assessing the methodology of research in health and social care (i.e., Cochrane Methodology Reviews). The reviews are highly structured and systematic. Evidence from clinical trials is included or excluded on the basis of explicit quality criteria. Each review covers a specific and well-defined area of health care. Data in reviews are often combined statistically to increase the power of the findings of numerous studies, which on their own may be too small to produce reliable results. In such cases, the review may also include graphs presenting the data from each individual study. Systematic reviews differ from other types of review in that they adhere to a strict design in order to make them more comprehensive, thus minimising the chance of bias, and ensuring their reliability. Rather than reflecting the views of the authors or being based on a partial selection of the literature (as is the case with many articles and reviews that are not explicitly systematic), they contain all known references to trials on a particular intervention or evidence from methodological research and a comprehensive summary of the available evidence. The reviews can therefore be valuable sources of information for those receiving care, as well as for decision makers and researchers.

There are currently over 37,000 people contributing to the work of The Cochrane Collaboration in more than 130 countries. There are 52 Cochrane Review Groups (Appendix 1), responsible for reviews within particular areas of health or methods and collectively providing a home for reviews in all aspects of health care.

You can learn more about the Cochrane Review Groups by accessing www.cochranelibrary.com and then clicking “About” and “About Cochrane Reviews”. You will also be able to access examples of systematic reviews at this site.

3.5 Cochrane Protocols: provide information about reviews, which are currently being prepared. The protocol summarises the background, the rationale and proposed
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methods of the review, and are published in the hope that people will comment on the plans and identify omissions or mistakes before the review is completed. The first phase of conducting a systematic review is to prepare and publish the protocol for the review. Applications for this Fellowship scheme will not be accepted for a title where you have already prepared and published, or submitted for publication, the protocol in the Cochrane Library.

3.6 Choosing the Title of your Review: You can check whether the area of interest/topic for your proposed review has already been reviewed or is currently being reviewed by searching in The Cochrane Library or by clicking on http://www.cochrane.org/reviews/en/topics/ and looking within the relevant Cochrane Review Groups.

4 Eligibility

4.1 Applications are invited from individuals resident in the Island of Ireland working in the health and social care area. Applicants resident and working in the Republic of Ireland should apply to the Health Research Board in Dublin. Applicants resident in Northern Ireland should apply to HSC R&D Division in Belfast. As this is a training Fellowship, those with no prior experience and/or structured training in conducting systematic reviews are encouraged to apply.

4.2 Applicants for the Fellowships must have had their Title registered with the appropriate Cochrane Review Group (see Appendix 1) responsible for determining that the topic is suitable for a Cochrane Review. Written confirmation of this from the Managing Editor of the relevant Review Group must be included with the application for the application to be deemed eligible. Once you have discussed your topic with the editorial team of the chosen Cochrane Review Group and you have agreed your sponsorship arrangements, the Cochrane Review Group will register your title with The Cochrane Collaboration. This registration process, including discussions with an editor of the Cochrane Review Group, can take up to 2 months or longer. Therefore applicants are strongly advised to initiate the process to register their title as soon as possible and in sufficient time to allow application for this Fellowship.

4.3 As this is a training Fellowship, applicants must not have published, or submitted for publication, the protocol for their proposed systematic review or have played a major role in a previously published Cochrane review before receipt of the Cochrane Fellowship.

4.4 Applicants who are registering/recently registered for an MSc by research or a PhD, and who want to conduct a systematic review as part of this process, are eligible to apply. Applications will not normally be considered however where the applicant is close to completion of their existing research degree programme.

4.5 Applicants who are willing to update an existing review will be considered for these Fellowships providing that they were not one of the original authors and that they can show how the update is likely to be substantially different from the original review (and, therefore, more like a brand new review than an update). Furthermore, they should not yet have published a protocol for the revised review.

Applicants must provide details of a supervisor with experience in conducting Cochrane systematic reviews. Where possible it is advised that the applicant gain the
support of a local supervisor, either working within your host institution or nearby. However, if your supervisor is situated further afield, you must detail the arrangements you have agreed with them to ensure efficient and effective supervision over the timeframe of the review. If assistance is needed to identify a supervisor, Cochrane Ireland has a list of potential supervisors at [www.Ireland.cochrane.org/supervisors](http://www.Ireland.cochrane.org/supervisors).

The HRB and HSC R&D Division fund Cochrane Ireland to provide support and assistance to Cochrane activities on the island of Ireland. Information can be accessed in various ways [Cochrane@dcu.ie](mailto:Cochrane@dcu.ie); [www/Ireland.cochrane.org](http://www/Ireland.cochrane.org); [www.facebook.com/CochraneIreland](http://www.facebook.com/CochraneIreland); @CochraneIreland). Also funded is a discussion group called the All-Ireland Cochrane eGroup. The purpose of this group is to allow individuals with an interest in evidence-based health care on the island of Ireland to informally share, discuss and disseminate information related to The Cochrane Collaboration and The Cochrane Library. It is aimed at reviewers, those thinking about a review, librarians, users of The Cochrane Library and people who just want to keep up to date with Cochrane developments. If you would like to register to join this group go to the link, [https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/ALL-IRELAND-COCHRANE-EGROUP](https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/ALL-IRELAND-COCHRANE-EGROUP) and follow the instructions on the screen. This can serve as a useful forum to secure a suitable supervisor for your review and/or to seek assistance with choosing and framing your title.

4.6 Because Cochrane Reviews are commonly conducted by a lead reviewer in collaboration with one or more co-reviewers, the applicant is encouraged to consider obtaining support from co-reviewers with complementary knowledge and skills. Co-reviewers must have some expertise or interest in the review topic or in systematic review methodologies and should be identified in the application form, giving details of specific skills/expertise they bring to the proposed review. You will be prompted as to whether you should identify co-reviewers when you speak with the Cochrane Review Group Editor. The supervisor may or may not be listed as a co-reviewer. Co-reviewers can reside on the island of Ireland or elsewhere.

4.7 Applicants must demonstrate that they have obtained agreement and support from their employer (current employer or employer for the duration of the Fellowship, if different) for their application for this Fellowship, and in particular that they are supportive of any protected time arrangements put in place to conduct the training and the review.

4.8 Applicants must nominate a host institution for the Fellowship. The host institution is the organisation in charge of the financial and administrative coordination of the award. It must be a recognised research organisation in Ireland. Queries regarding eligibility and/or suitability of host institutions should be directed to HSC R&D Division staff prior to submission.

## 5 Funding

5.1 The Cochrane Fellowship provides funding towards:

- The fellow's basic salary costs (plus employers' contribution), calculated pro-rata for the number of sessions/hours devoted to the systematic review and negotiated and agreed with Host Institution. Promotional increases will not be supported during the tenure of the award
- Appropriate systematic review training costs up to a maximum of £2000, over the lifetime of the award may be requested
Research expenses up to a maximum of £1500, **over the lifetime of the award may be requested**

Applicants are advised that the evaluation criteria will include ‘value for money’ considerations and applicants should ensure that the costs submitted in the application are kept to a minimum. Once an award has been agreed, no further requests for funding can be considered.

### 6 Application Process

6.1 Applications for Cochrane Fellowships can be made only by the prospective recipient, and must be submitted on the appropriate application form. Applicants resident in Northern Ireland should apply via HSC R&D Division.

6.2 Application forms are available from HSC R&D Division. These can be requested as an e-mail attachment (gail.johnston@hscni.net) or downloaded from the HSC R&D Division Website: [http://www.research.hscni.net/](http://www.research.hscni.net/)

6.3 The closing date for receipt of applications is **1pm on 24th May 2016**

6.4 Applicants are asked to submit the following:

- An electronic copy of the application form - should be submitted as an e-mail attachment (gail.johnston@hscni.net).
- An electronic copy of the applicant’s current CV outlining relevant experience (maximum of three pages) – should be submitted by e-mail attachment (gail.johnston@hscni.net)
- An electronic copy of confirmation of title registration from the appropriate Cochrane Review Group Co-ordinator – should be submitted by e-mail attachment (gail.johnston@hscni.net)
- An electronic copy of a letter of support from the applicant’s employer with original scanned signature(s) (current employer or employer for the duration of the Fellowship, if different); ensuring protected time arrangements for the Fellowship – should be submitted by e-mail attachment (gail.johnston@hscni.net).
- A hard copy of the declarations page (Section 17) of the application form with original signatures (applicant, local supervisor and Head of Department and current employer, if different).

**All of the above must be received by the HSC R&D Division by 1pm on 24th May 2016**

6.5 **Incomplete or incorrectly completed application forms will be regarded as invalid.** Any invalid application forms will not go forward for evaluation. Applicants will be advised accordingly.

6.6 If acknowledgement of receipt by HSC R&D Division is required a stamped addressed envelope should be enclosed.
6.7 Applicants are asked to complete their application form in clear typescript. Applicants are asked to note the following:

**Question 4** List the institution in which the applicant will conduct the systematic review and give details of the Head of the Department where the applicant will work. The Head of Department should have read the application form and be willing to have the applicant work there and for the institution to administer the award, if the application is deemed successful.

**Question 5** The Review Title should be descriptive and concise and should reflect the aim of the review. Applicants are asked to provide a brief summary of the proposed systematic review. The planned systematic review topic should address question(s) of clear strategic relevance and importance to health and social care on the island of Ireland (Cochrane reviews of the effects of healthcare intervention) or cover studies assessing the methodology of research in health and social care (i.e., Cochrane Methodology Reviews). Please note that applications for updating a review are eligible for the scheme, provided that the applicant was not involved in the original review, and can show that the update is likely to be significantly different from the original review. In addition, the applicant must not have published a protocol for the revised review. If this application is to update a published review, please provide a justification for why you want to undertake this update.

**Question 6** Applicants are asked to give details of any preliminary or previous work carried out relevant to this application.

**Question 7** Please state with which Cochrane Review Group this review is registered, and the type of Review you plan to undertake.

**Question 8** Applicants must have registered their review title with a Cochrane Review Group. The final decision on whether or not to register a title rests with the appropriate Cochrane Review Group. An electronic copy of confirmation of this registration, from the relevant Review Group Coordinator, must be included with the application. **NB This registration process can take up to 2 months or longer. Therefore, applicants are strongly advised to initiate the registration process as soon as possible and in sufficient time to allow application for this Fellowship.**

**Question 9** Supervisory arrangements for Cochrane reviews will vary and be dependent on the review and the individual applicant. Supervisors should ideally be locally based (e.g. university academic) and have experience in conducting systematic reviews. In all cases, supervisory arrangements should be agreed with the review group. See Section 4.5 for help with choosing a local supervisor.

**Question 10** You may/may not be supported by the appointment of a Contact Editor, nominated by the Cochrane Review Group. Provide details of the Contact Editor, if applicable.

**Question 11** There may be co-reviewers assisting you with the review. Please provide details of co-reviewers (adding additional text boxes as appropriate). Briefly describe any experience the co-reviewers have in conducting systematic reviews. The local supervisor may also be a co-reviewer.
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**Question 12**
As this is a part of a capacity building initiative by HSC R&D Division in evidence-based health and social care, you are asked to describe the benefits of this Fellowship to you as an individual and also to describe the potential benefits to health and social care service and delivery or the potential benefits to the methodology of research in health and social care (i.e. Cochrane Methodology Reviews).

**Question 13a**
The Cochrane Fellowship is intended to provide the Fellow with protected time on an indicative part-time basis of two days per week for two years. The award will be sufficiently flexible to accommodate a variety of patterns to reflect the specific working circumstances of the individual applicant. Applicants are asked to indicate how much time they intend to spend conducting the systematic review and how they intend to manage the separation of this from their working time.

**Question 13b**
A brief dissemination/knowledge transfer plan should be provided detailing the proposed methods for sharing the findings of the review with key stakeholders.

**Question 14**
HSC R&D Division promotes the active involvement of the public in the research that it funds where the term public includes patients, potential patients, carers and people who use health and social care services as well as people from organisations that represent people who use services. HSC R&D Division recognises that the nature and extent of active patient and public involvement is likely to vary depending on the context of each study.

Applicants are asked to detail any plan to involve patients and public in the development, design and dissemination of the review, where relevant.

**Question 15**
Finance – estimate the likely resources required to obtain appropriate training and to conduct the systematic review. Justification of each item of anticipated expenditure is required in the text box below the table.

**Research Expenses:** Costs associated with conducting or updating Cochrane Systematic reviews, **up to a maximum of £1500 over the lifetime of the award** may be requested, if sufficiently well justified.

**Training Costs:** Attendance at appropriate training courses and conferences associated with training in conducting systematic reviews may be requested, **up to a maximum of £2000 over the lifetime of the award**. All requests should be fully justified. Courses in which the applicant may be interested are listed in Appendix 2.

Successful Fellows will be expected to complete RA1-3 workshops (See Appendix 2) as mandatory at the appropriate stages over the Fellowship period. RA4 is optional.

**Note:** All successful Fellows will be expected to attend an initial training course entitled “Developing a Protocol for a Review”, organised by Cochrane Ireland and the HRB/ HSC R&D Division. This course satisfies the requirement to complete RA1 and RA2 and will be held in Dublin or Belfast; the exact date and venue will be confirmed closer to the time. There will be no registration cost to the Fellows arising from this course as this will be covered by the funding offices. All other costs for attendance should be included and justified under training costs in the budget requested.
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Question 16
Provide details of two potential referees whom HSC R&D Division might contact to assess your suitability for this Fellowship, should they choose to do so.

Question 17
The applicant, the local supervisor, Head of Department in which the Fellowship will be undertaken and current employer (if different) must sign the declaration agreeing to the terms and conditions of the Fellowship. A letter of support must also be provided from the Head of Department or employer (if different) ensuring protected time arrangements for the Fellowship.

7 Assessment of Applications

7.1 All applications will be reviewed by an expert panel who will make recommendations to HRB and HSC R&D Division.

7.2 The assessment criteria applied by the selection committee includes the following:

1) Standing and potential of applicant including evidence of previous outputs;

2) Suitability of applicant for a training Fellowship; Potential to increase capacity in systematic review skills;

3) Potential benefit of the Fellowship to the career development of the individual;

4) Justification for why the review topic is relevant, important and timely on the island of Ireland;

5) Appropriateness and experience of the wider review team (supervisor, co-reviewers) and the arrangements for engaging with them over the duration of the Fellowship;

6) Suitability of the project plan including alignment with the scale and complexity of the review and anticipation of difficulties; manageable scope of the review within the requested time;

7) Appropriateness of the nature and staging of the training plan outlined;

8) Suitability of the research environment for supporting and training the fellow;

9) Appropriateness of the budget and time requested; value for money;

10) Appropriateness of the dissemination and knowledge transfer plan to ensure optimal uptake and application of the review findings;

11) Plan to involve patients and public in the development, design and dissemination of review.

7.3 It is anticipated that applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application in writing, after approval, in late September or early October 2016. Therefore it is anticipated that successful applicants will not be able to commence their fellowship until November 2016 or later. For successful applicants, no payments will be made before receipt of written acceptance of the award and the terms and conditions offered. Unsuccessful applicants may request written feedback as to why their application was unsuccessful.
8 Successful Applicants

Financial Issues

8.1 The designated host institution will administer the award on behalf of HSC R&D Division.

8.2 Acceptance of an award from HSC R&D Division will constitute acceptance of HSC R&D Division core terms and conditions and any additional terms and conditions. ¹

8.3 HSC R&D Division will not indemnify the host institution against any claim for compensation or any claim to which the host institution may be liable.

8.4 The applicant must inform HSC R&D Division immediately if funding for their review becomes available from another source.

Programme of Work

8.5 The agreed period of the award should provide for full analysis of data and completion of a Cochrane review. Extensions of support for Fellows will be given only in exceptional circumstances.

Progress reports and final report

8.6 Progress reports will be requested by HSC R&D Division to monitor key milestones associated with the Fellowship. These include submission of the draft protocol (circa 9 months), publication of the final protocol (circa 9-12 months) and submission of the completed review to the editorial team (circa 18-24 months). A Final Report will be requested at the end of the Fellowship together with a draft copy of the completed Review submitted for publication. Continuation of the award is subject to the receipt of satisfactory reports. HSC R&D Division should be alerted to any difficulties the Fellow has in making progress with the review so that appropriate support can be offered or a temporary suspension to the Fellowship be applied if necessary.

8.7 Successful Fellows must be prepared to present their work at research seminars, as requested by HSC R&D Division.

8.8 In addition to publishing their Cochrane review, Fellows are encouraged to publish the results of their research supported by the scheme in relevant scientific or professional journals. The support of HSC R&D Division must be acknowledged in all publications.

8.9 HSC R&D Division must receive copies of all reports or publications stemming from the research supported by this award.

Responsibility

8.10 The host institution will assume ultimate managerial responsibility for the conduct and progress of the Fellow and for observing the terms and conditions under which the systematic review is carried out.

¹ For a copy of HSC R&D Division Terms and conditions please see: http://www.research.hscni.net/terms-and-conditions-awards
8.11 All relevant codes of practice should be observed including data protection, health and safety at work.

8.12 HSC R&D Division will not be responsible for claims under any statute or common law, nor will they indemnify the host institution against any claim for compensation or any claim for which the host institution may be liable.

**Termination of an Award**

8.13 All parties, the applicant, HSC R&D Division and the host institution should endeavour to resolve any difficulties, which arise that are likely to jeopardise an award. If personal difficulties arise, the applicant should inform HSC R&D Division immediately of the nature and implications of these difficulties. Likewise if practical, logistical or financial difficulties arise, the employing organisation should inform HSC R&D Division. HSC R&D Division reserves the right to terminate an award if no progress can be made to complete the research within the agreed period.
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Appendix 1

Cochrane Review Groups

There are currently 52 Cochrane Collaborative Review Groups.

For those resident in the island of Ireland, free access to The Cochrane Library is available using the following web address www.thecochranelibrary.com.

Details of these groups may be found by browsing the homepage under the heading “ABOUT COCHRANE”.

The groups consider the following areas:

- Acute Respiratory Infection
- Airways
- Anaesthesia
- Back
- Bone, Joint & Muscle Trauma
- Breast Cancer
- Childhood Cancer
- Colorectal Cancer
- Consumers and Communication
- Cystic Fibrosis and Genetic Disorders
- Dementia and Cognitive Impairment
- Depression, Anxiety and Neurosis
- Developmental, Psychosocial & Learning Problems
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Ear, Nose and Throat Disorders
- Effective Practice and Organisation of Care
- Epilepsy
- Eyes and Vision
- Fertility Regulation
- Gynaecological Cancer
- Haematological Malignancy
- Heart
- Hepato-Biliary
- Hypertension
- Incontinence
- Infectious Diseases (includes former HIV/AIDS)
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease & Functional Bowel Disorders
- Injuries
- Lung Cancer
- Menstrual Disorders and Subfertility
- Metabolic and Endocrine Disorders
- Methodology Review Group
- Movement Disorders
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Musculoskeletal
- Neonatal
- Neuromuscular Disease
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Oral Health
- Pain, Palliative and Supportive Care
- Peripheral Vascular Diseases
- Pregnancy and Childbirth
- Prostatic Diseases and Urological Cancers
- Public Health
- Renal
- Schizophrenia
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Skin
- Stroke
- Tobacco Addiction
- Upper Gastrointestinal and Pancreatic Diseases
- Wounds
Appendix 2

Systematic Review Training Courses

- It is proposed that the HRB and HSC R&D Division will convene a specific systematic review initiation course, with the support of Cochrane Ireland, for all of successful Fellows shortly after Fellows accept the awards. There will be no cost to the Fellows arising from this course as this will be covered by the funding offices. All other costs for training course participation (and related travel) should be included and justified under training costs in the budget requested. RA1 and RA2 workshops will be part of this mandatory initiation course to all new fellows. This course also serves as an opportunity to meet other new fellows and all new fellows will be advised of the dates and location of the course once confirmed.

- Successful Fellows will be expected to complete RA1-3 workshops below as mandatory at the appropriate stages over the Fellowship period. RA4 is optional:
  
  Workshop RA1 – Beginning a Systematic Review Protocol
  Workshop RA2 – The Methods Section of the Protocol
  Workshop RA3 – Analyses for Systematic Reviews
  Workshop RA4– Advanced Topics in the Analysis and Reporting of a Systematic review

- The UK Cochrane Centre hosts regular workshops for individuals resident in the UK and Ireland who have had a title registered and accepted by a Cochrane Review Group. Details of all workshops, which are typically hosted quarterly, can be found at http://uk.cochrane.org/training-and-events. Cochrane Ireland will host workshops on the island of Ireland and these will be announced at http://ireland.cochrane.org/cochrane-ireland-training.

- For those undertaking a review for the Effective Practice and Organisation of Care Group (EPOC) Cochrane Review and/or reviewing studies other than randomised controlled trials (RCTs) a training workshop on complex interventions should be attended.

- You will also find details about Online Training Resources on the UK Cochrane Centre website and the Cochrane Ireland as well as details of additional courses being offered by the Cochrane Centre and others (e.g. University of Oxford Department of Continuing Education).