

Northumberland, Tyne and Wear CLRN 2013 Training Programme

Over recent years Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Comprehensive Local Research Network (NTW CLRN) has been committed to delivering high quality training to NHS research staff across the Northumberland, Tyne and Wear region. Having access to such training has enabled the region's research staff to understand their own roles and responsibilities and to conduct studies to the highest ethical and scientific standards.

2013 will be a period of transition for all research staff working in the NHS. The restructuring of the Clinical Research Network will see 102 Local Research Networks become 15 Local Clinical Research Networks (LCRNs) and the Organisational Vision will be

“For patients and carers, healthcare professionals and NHS decision makers across the country to embrace research as a standard component of patient care and for the NIHR CRN to be valued by all its stakeholders as an integral part of successful research delivery.”

In support of this Organisational Vision, our aims will continue to be to

- support the development of an efficient, highly skilled and highly trained research workforce within our region
- be the 'provider of choice' of our NHS Trusts in meeting the training needs of their research staff
- support our research colleagues in striving to make the new LCRN region the destination of choice for delivery of portfolio studies

Our training events have been found to be excellent opportunities for networking. They have enabled research staff to meet others in similar roles working on the same studies and to find out about other studies elsewhere that they too can take part in. This can increase recruitment to such studies as more sites become involved and more patients are given the opportunity to participate. We will work with colleagues in County Durham, Tees Valley and North Cumbria to increase such networking opportunities across the proposed new Local Clinical Research Network region.

The training we provide is free to attend for all research staff who are

- funded by NIHR, or
- funded by the Clinical Research Network or
- working on NIHR Portfolio Studies
- **and** are employed by the NHS or have an honorary contract or a 'Letter of Access'

Due to the logistics involved in organising a training event, we cannot provide additional training events on an 'on-demand' basis for specific research groups or teams.

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19th December 2012

The application form for NTW CLRN Training Events and access to the NIHR's GCP e-learning course are available at:

www.crncc.nihr.ac.uk/about_us/ccrn/ntw/news/training_form

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Our colleagues in County Durham, Tees Valley are providing the following GCP courses (further details for 2013 courses to be confirmed.)

These courses will be held at various Trust premises (to be confirmed) and Morrison Trust Business Centre, Morton Park, Yarm Road, Darlington, DL1 4PJ.

Introduction to GCP

Date	Time	Venue
20/02/2013	9.30-4.30pm	Morton Park
16/04/2013	9.30-4.30pm	tbc
22/05/2013	9.30-4.30pm	tbc
18/06/2013	9.30-4.30pm	tbc
10/07/2013	9.30-4.30pm	tbc
18/07/2013	9.30-4.30pm	Morton Park
23/08/2013	9.30-4.30pm	tbc
24/09/2013	9.30-4.30pm	tbc
24/10/2013	9.30-4.30pm	tbc
18/11/2013	9.30-4.30pm	tbc
12/12/2013	9.30-4.30pm	Morton Park

GCP Refresher

Date	Time	Venue
23/01/2013	1.30-4.30pm	Morton Park
20/03/2013	1.30-4.30pm	Morton Park
29/04/2013	1.30-4.30pm	
23/05/2013	1.30-4.30pm	
13/06/2013	1.30-4.30pm	
09/07/2013	1.30-4.30pm	
16/07/2013	1.30-4.30pm	Morton Park
28/08/2013	1.30-4.30pm	
20/09/2013	1.30-4.30pm	
24/10/2013	1.30-4.30pm	
22/11/2013	1.30-4.30pm	
11/12/2013	1.30-4.30pm	Morton Park

Places for CDTV courses are booked via NIHR's Learning Management System (<http://learning.nihr.ac.uk/learning/>)

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Good Clinical Practice (GCP) courses

Introduction to Good Clinical Practice

A basic introduction to Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and the EU Directives, UK Regulations and Research Governance Framework requirements covering clinical trials and other NIHR Portfolio studies conducted within the NHS. It has a practical focus, the key aim being that participants know what to do to practice excellent GCP when they return to their workplace to ensure that the rights, safety and well-being of patients are always protected. **Please note: this is a full-day course and participants must attend all sessions.**

Thurs 24 Jan	09:30 – 16:30	Darwin Suite, Biomedicine West Wing, ICfL	28
Tues 12 Feb	09:30 – 16:30	NESHA, Newburn	24
Weds 27 March	09:30 – 16:30	Hexham General Hospital	28
Tues 23 April	09:30 – 16:30	Education Centre, Sunderland Royal Hospital	24
Fri 17 May	09:30 – 16:30	NESHA, Newburn	28
Weds 26 June	09:30 – 16:30	North Tyneside General Hospital, North Shields	28
Thurs 18 July	09:30 – 16:30	Education Centre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead	28
Thurs 8 Aug	09:30 – 16:30	Jesmond Dene Conference Centre, Newcastle	24
Weds 18 Sept	09:30 – 16:30	Education Centre, Sunderland Royal Hospital	24
Weds 16 Oct	09:30 – 16:30	Education Centre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead	28
Weds 13 Nov	09:30 – 16:30	North Tyneside General Hospital, North Shields	28
Weds 18 Dec	09:30 – 16:30	Darwin Suite, Biomedicine West Wing, ICfL	28

Introduction to GCP in a Paediatric setting

Based on the well established, generic, 'Introduction to GCP'. This workshop has been developed specifically for those people delivering research in a paediatric setting. Following the course, participants will have a demonstrable understanding of the background and practical implications of GCP in a paediatric setting.

Please note: this is a full-day course and participants must attend all sessions.

Fri 7 June	09:30 – 16:30	Royal Victoria Infirmary	20
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Introduction to GCP in Primary Care

Also based on the generic Introduction to GCP, this workshop has been developed specifically for those people delivering research in Primary Care. Following the course, participants will have a demonstrable understanding of the background and practical implications of GCP in Primary Care.

Please note: this is a full-day course and participants must attend all sessions.

27 Feb	09:30 – 16:30	Stonehills, Gateshead	28
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GCP Refresher

This course is for experienced research delivery staff who have previously completed Good Clinical Practice (GCP) training. The purpose of this Refresher course is to reinforce and consolidate previous learning, provide an opportunity for you to reflect on your practice and raise your awareness of recent and relevant developments in GCP and related areas of research governance.

Tues 29 Jan	09:30 – 12:30	Darwin Suite, Biomedicine West Wing, ICfL	28
Thurs 14 Feb	13:30 – 16:30	Education Centre, Sunderland Royal Hospital	24
Mon 4 March	13:30 – 16:30	Education Centre, Freeman Hospital, Newcastle	28
Tues 30 Apr	09:30 – 12:30	Hexham General Hospital	28
Weds 22 May	09:30 – 12:30	Education Centre, Freeman Hospital, Newcastle	28
Mon 17 June	13:30 – 16:30	Education Centre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead	24
Thurs 4 July	09:30 – 12:30	NESHA, Newburn	24
Thurs 1 Aug	13:30 – 16:30	Jesmond Dene Conference Centre, Newcastle	24
Monday 2 Sept	09:30 – 12:30	North Tyneside General Hospital, North Shields	28
Thurs 10 Oct	13:30 – 16:30	Darwin Suite, Biomedicine West Wing, ICfL	28
Tues 19 Nov	09:30 – 12:30	North Tyneside General Hospital, North Shields	28
Thurs 12 Dec	13:30 – 16:30	Education Centre, Freeman Hospital, Newcastle	28

Other Training Courses

Adults Lacking Capacity in Research

A practical workshop to

- Provide an overview of the Mental Capacity Act (2005)
- Provide a detailed account of the research implications of The Act and Code of Practice (Including Adults Lacking Capacity in Clinical Trials).
- Provide practical and detailed feedback on “live” research questions.
- Enable researchers to put the principles of The Act into Practice
- Provide guidance on the requirements for ethical review

Thurs 14 March	09:30-13:30	CRF, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle	30
Thurs 26 Sept	09:30-13:30	Clinical Ageing Research Unit, Newcastle upon Tyne	30

Beyond the Basics

This course aims to educate clinical trial administrators and data managers in the regulatory aspects of their role and the requirements of audits and inspections.

Thurs 7 March	09:00 – 16:30	Jesmond Dene Conference Centre	25
Fri 11 October	09:00 – 16:30	Education Centre, Freeman Hospital	25

Human Tissue Act

This covers: Background to the HTA; HTA in practice - part 1 including codes of practice; HTA in practice – part 2 including use of MTAs; Ethics and consent / Biorepository

Tues 23 April	09:30 – 12:00	Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead	30
Weds 2 October	14:00 – 16:30	North Tyneside General Hospital, North Shields	30

Informed Consent & Ethics

Overview of Ethics and Governance, completing the Ethics application form, mock Ethics committee activity. Consent & the Law; Consent approach (including video).

Weds 16 Jan	09:30-16:30	CRF, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle	30
Weds 17 Apr	09:30-16:30	CRF, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle	30
Weds 19 June	09:30-16:30	Education Centre, Sunderland Royal Hospital	24
Thurs 24 Oct	09:30-16:30	Education Centre, Freeman Hospital, Newcastle	30

Informed Consent in a Paediatric setting

This module is taken from the ‘Introduction to GCP in a Paediatric setting’ course and covers

- the responsibilities in the consent process in a paediatric setting;
- the purpose of the Paediatric Investigation Plan;
- the purpose of the ‘Assent’ documentation;
- the importance of quality systems in the consent process.

Mon 25 Feb	13:30-16:00	Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle	20
Mon 14 Oct	10:00-12:30	Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle	20

NHS Permissions

This course will guide people through IRAS on how to make applications for CRN support and NHS permission (previously R&D approval). The content also includes practical demonstrations of IRAS, what forms and documents are needed, and what NHS permission is.

Fri 18 Jan	13:00-16:00	Bedson Teaching Centre, Newcastle University	30
Weds 24 April	13:00-16:00	Bedson Teaching Centre, Newcastle University	30
Tues 9 July	09:30-12:30	Bedson Teaching Centre, Newcastle University	30

Patient and Public Involvement

Patient and public involvement means that research is developed and conducted in partnership with patients and members of the public, rather than research being done to or for them. The “Development Workshop” will look at PPI in more depth and give delegates the opportunity to think about how to further develop PPI within their own role and area of research.

Development Workshop:	Thurs 7 Mar	13:00-16:30	Biomedicine West Wing, ICfL	25
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Preparing for MHRA Inspection

MHRA inspections need not be intimidating if the work has been done to prepare for them. This course allows delegates to develop a strategy for undertaking a successful inspection and to be effective in planning and putting in place activities for forthcoming inspections.

Monday 18 March	13:30-16:30	Education Centre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead	25
Friday 12 July	13:30-16:30	Education Centre, North Tyneside General Hospital	25

Professional Presentations

Many people are nervous at the thought of speaking in public but this workshop aims to help alleviate those fears and provide you with a sound base upon which to begin your preparation. It is aimed at those new to or with limited experience of presenting, but would also be useful for anybody requiring a confidence boost.

The course is in two parts and participants must attend *both* sessions. The workshop incorporates:

- Preparing your presentation
- Practising your presentation
- Giving your presentation
- Handling Questions

Part One	Fri 3 May	09:30-16:30	Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle}	8
Part Two	Thurs 9 May	09:30-13:00	Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle}	

Project Management

This course will enable you to take control of time, costs and resources on any project. It will give you an overview of many of the elements of success in a project and a better chance of delivering your project on time, within budget and to specification. It includes many opportunities for practical application and discussion with fellow participants.

Weds 20 March	09:00-16:30	Clinical Ageing Research Unit, Newcastle	25
Thurs 7 Nov	09:00-16:30	NESHA, Newburn	25

Radiation Regulations in Research

Learning outcomes include:

Ionising radiation and its use in medicine; the Regulations and Regulatory bodies; the magnitude of radiation risks from common diagnostic procedures; risk assessments for IRAS applications and local participation in existing trials; the role of the Medical Physics Expert in assessing these risks; the role of the Clinical Radiation Expert in justifying these risks; the information needed to assess the magnitude of radiation risks; considering other risks the trial patient may be exposed to; ARSAC certificates when and how to apply.

Fri 15 March	09:30-13:00	Lecture Theatre, Biomedicine West Wing, ICfL	30
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Teams & Leadership

Learning Outcomes:

- Assess yourself as a team leader/manager by understanding your strengths and weaknesses;
- Learn to manage a team through assessing yourself in the following areas: team dynamics, effective communication, facilitation, leadership style, negotiation skills, conflict resolution and coaching skills.
- Learn to analyze the interactions between your personal thinking style and others;
- Learn how to transform your leadership to a more adaptive leadership style that fits your organisational culture.

Thurs 2 May	09:00-16:30	Education Centre, South Tyneside General Hospital	16
Wed 25 Sept	09:00-16:30	NESHA, Newburn	16

Writing to Persuade

The aim of this workshop is to look at what makes any piece of writing influential – from the structure of its argument to the technical accuracy of the language used. Understanding the techniques of persuasive writing will enable delegates to write more clearly, convincingly and with greater ease and efficiency in future.

Thurs 25 Apr	09:00-16:30	Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle	8
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