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PRUK TweetChat with @WePharmacists

On the 15th May PRUK held our first TweetChat with @WePharmacists and @rpharms using the hashtag #whywedoresearch. The chat aimed to explore pharmacy professionals' attitudes towards research and evaluation and built on the research strand of the #pharmacy24 tweet chat, also hosted by @WePharmacists on 13th April. The chat was also part of a wider 2 week Tweetfest using #whywedoresearch. See our [analysis of the chat](#); the full transcript from [WePharmacists](#) and an analysis from [The Pharmaceutical Journal](#).



HSRPP 2017

This year's Health Services Research and Pharmacy Practice (HSRPP) Conference was held in Nottingham on the 10th and 11th April. The theme was 'Drivers for change: policy, practice and education'. The conference was attended by 162 delegates and was a great success - see the [blog](#) from Kristina Medlinskiene on attending her first HSRPP! All the presentations from the conference are now available on [our website](#) and see a [storify](#) of the event to see how everything unfolded.

HSRPP 2018 will be hosted by Newcastle and abstract submission will open in August.



Awards and bursaries scheme

The PRUK 2017 awards and bursaries round has come to a close and PRUK received more applications than ever before. The [2018 funding round](#) will open in January 2018.

Other funding to be aware of in the interim:

- [NIHR Grants](#)

- [NPA bursary](#)
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PRUK-funded Research

Evaluation of pharmacy TECHnician supported MEDication administration rounds on reducing omitted doses

PRUK are delighted to announce the publication of research funded by the charity which evaluates the presence of pharmacy technicians on medication rounds (TECHMED) in an NHS teaching hospital. This research was joint-funded with UKCPA and interestingly showed that the TECHMED service did not reduce the rate of omitted doses on wards where it was introduced. This was explored though in depth interviews with the nurses and pharmacy technicians involved in the study. See the [full report](#).

Sponsorship of the RPS Practice Research Award

Once more PRUK will be sponsoring the prestigious RPS Practice Research Award. The award is intended to recognise individuals who have made a significant contribution to the field of pharmacy research and have potential to be a leader in the field. The winner will give a lecture at the RPS conference in September and win £1000. The applications have now been received and the winner will be announced shortly.

Expanding PRUK's Social Media presence

Pharmacy Research UK are pleased to announce that we have increased our social media channels to include Facebook and LinkedIn. By diversifying our social media presence we hope to reach out to all those who support our mission to improve healthcare for the benefit of patients and the public through excellent pharmacy research. See the [full summary](#) of our social media channels.



Events

Research advice surgeries

Every month the RPS run research advice surgeries which can be attended in person, by phone or via video conference. If you are thinking about applying for funding in 2017 and would like to know the types of funding and support available, these sessions extremely useful. The next surgery is on the 6th June; to book your place please sign up via the [RPS website](#).

Welsh Medicines Research Symposium

The inaugural [Welsh Medicines Research Symposium](#) is now open for registration and submission of research abstracts. This is a free event for researchers and practitioners from any background wishing to attend or present on aspects of pharmaceutical research and will be held on the 18th July.

Great North Pharmacy Research Conference, University of Sunderland

The [Great North Pharmacy Research Conference](#) will be held on the 21st July and aims to showcase current research conducted by pharmacy researchers, pharmacists and pre-registration trainees. The conference provides an opportunity to present current research, network and develop collaborations between pharmacy researchers, practicing pharmacists and pre-registration trainees.

FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences 2017

This year's [FIP](#) will be held in Seoul in the Republic of Korea on the 10th-14th September and we are delighted that one of PRUK's researchers, Helen Chang, will be presenting her research on "Progress testing in pharmacy post-registration foundation training".



The growing PRUK team

We are delighted to introduce James Reeves, our new Fundraising and Communications Assistant who joined the PRUK team in April. James will be leading on our Social Media channels as well as being involved in all of our other communication and fundraising activities.

Research News

[Scientific and medical publishers are considering creating a system that allows legal sharing of research papers, according to a report in Nature](#)

The [Wellcome Trust](#) has partnered with [F1000 Research](#) to deliver [an online open publishing platform for research](#) funded by Wellcome, which allows results to be published online quickly without going through a formal review process.

NIHR want to get your perspective as a member of the research community on how they can use digital technology to transform how we do research in the UK. Complete their survey [here](#).



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