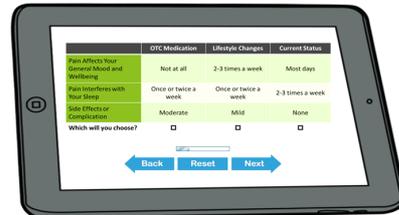


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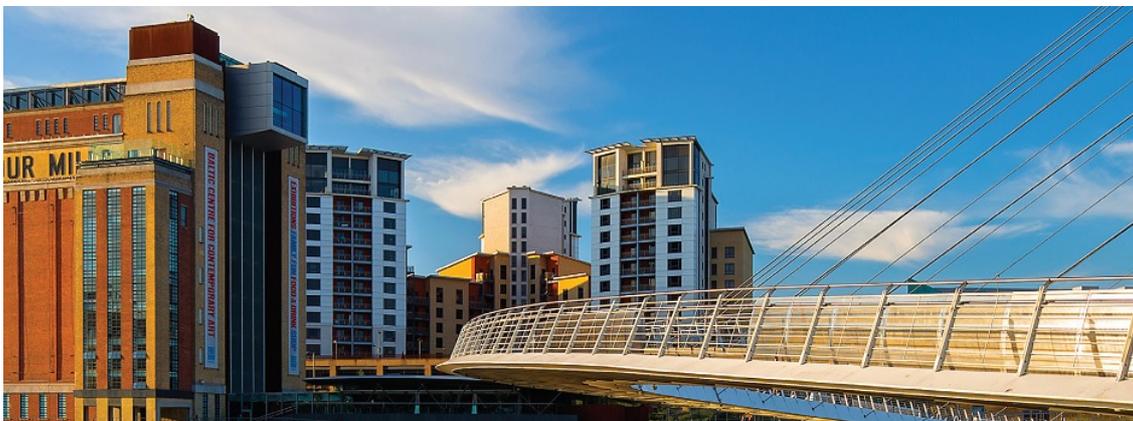


Launch of project grants

As part of Pharmacy Research UK's investment in major projects, we are delighted to announce the first two recipients of the 2017 grants. We are investing nearly **£200k** in these projects which are projected to take 18 months. These projects are:

- Use of patient-held information about medication to support medicines optimisation (the PHIMed study), led by Professor Bryony Dean Franklin at the UCL School of Pharmacy
- Developing a person-centred discrete choice experiment (DCE) to promote shared decision making in the patient-pharmacist interaction, led by Professor Mandy Ryan at the Health Economics Research Unit, University of Aberdeen

See our news articles on the [PHIMed study](#) and [DCE development](#).



HSRPP 2018 abstract deadline

The 2018 Health Services Research and Pharmacy Practice (HSRPP) Conference will be hosted by the University of Newcastle under the theme 'Innovative Healthcare in the 21st

Century: Providing smarter, safer, and patient-centred health services' from **April 12th – 13th**.

Abstract submissions for the Conference opened on July 31st – the guidelines for which can be found on the Pharmacy Research UK [Abstract Submission page](#). The deadline to submit an abstract is **Friday the 6th of October at 5pm**.

Keynote speakers for HSRPP 2018 include:

- **Professor Paul S. Little** - Professor of Primary Care Research at the University of Southampton
- **Professor Aziz Sheikh** - Professor of Primary Care Research and Development and Co-Director of the Centre of Medical Informatics in the Usher Institute of Population Health Sciences at The University of Edinburgh
- **Professor Bryony D. Franklin** - Director of the Centre for Medication Safety and Service Quality, a joint initiative between Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and UCL School of Pharmacy where she is Professor of Medication Safety.

Booking for early bird rates is open online on the [Pharmacy Research UK Website](#).

Leverhulme funding for training bursaries

PRUK are delighted that the Leverhulme Trust are continuing to support the charity by providing funding for the Research Training Bursary scheme for the next three years.

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This funding is vital to support professionals seeking to expand their research knowledge and skills. Many of our researchers have benefited from the [Leverhulme Bursary funding](#), which has prepared them to get involved with more complicated research projects and has served to advance their status as researchers within the profession.

A recent recipient of the bursary, Edwin Panford-Quainoo said, *“I have always had an interest in public health. With this funding, I am able to pursue that dream. I am studying Master of Public Health (MPH) course at the University of Liverpool in London which I am thoroughly enjoying.”*

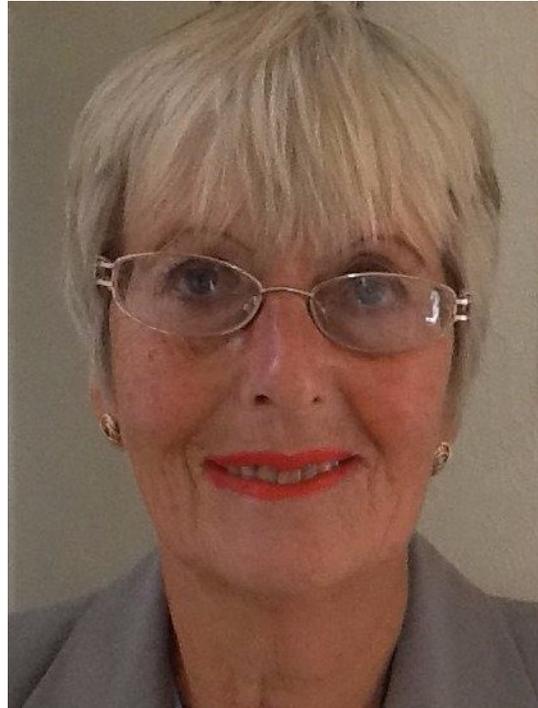
MEMORABLE interviews

In June this year, the [BBC ran a rare feature on pharmacy research](#) and had an excellent short segment documenting the [MEMORABLE project](#) led by Dr Ian Maidment. Dr Maidment is Senior Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacy at Aston University's School of Life and Health Sciences, and a former beneficiary of Pharmacy Research UK's project grants. One of his colleagues on the project is Sylvia Bailey, who sits on various research review panels

assessing Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) credentials. Sylvia is also a member of the Pharmacy Research UK [Scientific Advisory Panel](#).

We spoke to both of them to find out a little more about the project, the big issues we face in medications management, what this means for pharmacy research and how policy needs to change to deal with the pressures the system is under.

See our interviews with [Dr Ian Maidment](#) and [Mrs Sylvia Bailey](#).



RPS Practice Research Award winner



Pharmacy Research UK (PRUK) are delighted to announce that the winner of this year's RPS Practice Research Award is Dr Sarah Slight. The award is intended to recognise individuals who have made a significant contribution to the field of pharmacy research and who have the potential to become a leader in the field. The winner of the award presents a lecture on a topic related to their research field and Dr Slight will be presenting her lecture, "How can health technologies improve patient safety?" at the RPS Winter Summit in December.

Researchfish submission deadline

All PRUK award holders have been asked to update their Researchfish profiles by **13th October**. Researchfish is an online impact assessment tool that allows PRUK, as well as many other research funders, to monitor the progress and impact of the research that PRUK has funded. The findings illustrate the numerous benefits that PRUK funded research has, for instance, in helping to develop the skills and experience required to pursue a research career, to identify areas for further research and changes required to current practice.

For further information about Researchfish, please refer to our [dedicated page](#).

To see how we use this information see the Research Impact in our [Annual review](#).

Published PRUK Research

Congratulations to Dr Wing Man Lau from the University of Reading who has had her PRUK-funded research published in the journal *Pharmacy* 2017, 5(3), 41; doi <http://www.mdpi.com/2226-4787/5/3/41>. This study examines the relationship between community pharmacists' knowledge, attitudes to information provision and self-reported counselling behaviours in relation to topical corticosteroids and adjunct therapy in atopic eczema.



Wing's work was funded by Pharmacy Research UK as part of the [Leverhulme Pharmacy Research Fellowship](#).

Welcome to our new team member



We are delighted to introduce Tamsin Cogan, our new Communications and Fundraising Assistant who joined the PRUK team this month. Tamsin will be supporting our digital marketing and communications through coordinating our social media activity. She will also play a role in helping to maximise our revenue streams through researching potential funders and drafting funding applications.

Events

RPS Winter Summit: Bridging the gap between industry, academia, policy and practice

The inaugural RPS Winter Summit is to be held on the 5th December, at Mary Ward House Conference Centre in London. The Summit presents a unique and exciting opportunity for pharmacy professionals, academics, students and industry stakeholders alike to network and discuss state-of-the-art topics focusing exclusively on scientific and educational innovation.

The event will feature a packed programme of expert speakers and showcase the latest innovations in pharmaceutical science, research and education. Key features include a speaker programme of leading experts and influencers chaired by RPS Chief Executive Paul Bennett and the new RPS Chief Scientist Professor Gino Martini; and abstracts presented from across pharmaceutical sciences, clinical and health services research, including pharmacy practice and education.

To book your place visit the [RPS Winter Summit page](#). Note that the early bird rate ends on the 16th October.



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FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences 2017

This year's FIP was held in Seoul in the Republic of Korea and we are delighted that one of PRUK's researchers, Helen Chang, presented her research on "Progress testing in pharmacy post-registration foundation training". See Helen's project on [exploring the transition between early pharmacists' careers advanced practice](#).

FIP World Congress 2018 will be 2-6 September in Glasgow with the theme Pharmacy: Transforming outcomes. See [more information here](#).

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 3rd October; to book your place please sign up via the [RPS website](#).

National Standards for Public Involvement

PRUK has contributed to the open consultation on a draft of the National Standards for Public Involvement. These standards have been developed to improve the state of public involvement in research. Researchers, public contributors to research and funding organisations can use the standards to support the involvement of members of the public within research. For further information see the [Public Involvement Standards Development website](#).



Research News

[Applications are being invited from candidates wishing to study for a Masters in Science in Health Economics \(by research\) at Bangor University](#)

[Dr Ian Maidment has written a blog for Age UK on Medication Management](#)

[AMRC's response to the Life Sciences Industrial Strategy](#)

[Wellcome joins £52 million global drive on antibiotic resistance](#)

The Health Foundation is calling for applications for projects to reduce waste in the NHS through their Behavioural Insights Research Programme. The projects are to be 2-3 years and each project will receive £150k-£350k. [Applications are invited across three key areas of interest including pharmacy and medicines optimisation.](#)



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