



## Northumberland, Tyne and Wear CLRN 2012 Training Programme (v.2)

Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Comprehensive Local Research Network (NTW CLRN) is committed to delivering high quality training to research staff within and across the Northumberland, Tyne and Wear region. Providing access to such training will enable research staff to understand their own roles and responsibilities and to conduct studies to the highest ethical and scientific standards.

Our aims are to

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

NTW CLRN 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.

NTW CLRN training is free to attend for research staff who are

- funded by NIHR, or
- funded by NTW CLRN or other research networks, or
- working on NIHR Portfolio Studies
- **and** are employed by the NHS or have an honorary contract or a 'Letter of Access'

The NTW CLRN Training Programme continues to be both reactive and proactive. We proactively look for new courses (five are 'new for 2012') to add to the current programme and we reactively change training in accordance with analysis of the feedback from research staff attending our courses.

Due to the amount of training planned for 2012, we will be unable to provide additional training events on an 'on-demand' basis for specific research groups or teams.

In 2010-2011, 90% of attendees rated NTW CLRN training as 'Excellent' or 'Good'. Never one to rest upon any laurels, NTW CLRN will seek to improve on this impressive figure in the coming twelve months.

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21<sup>st</sup> November 2011

### **To book places on Training Events:**

[www.crncc.nihr.ac.uk/about\\_us/ccrn/ntw/news/training\\_form](http://www.crncc.nihr.ac.uk/about_us/ccrn/ntw/news/training_form)

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## **Good Clinical Practice (GCP) courses**

### **Introduction to Good Clinical Practice**

This course is designed provide 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 with 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. Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	09:30 – 16:30	Darwin Suite, Bioscience Centre, ICfL	30
Thurs. Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>	09:30 – 16:30	NESHA, Newburn	24
Wed. Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	09:30 – 16:30	Education Centre, Sunderland Royal Hospital	30
Tues. March 6 <sup>th</sup>	09:30 – 16:30	Bevan House, Gosforth	30
Tues. May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	09:30 – 16:30	NESHA, Newburn	24
Thurs. June 14 <sup>th</sup>	09:30 – 16:30	Clarendon, Hebburn	30
Thurs. July 12 <sup>th</sup>	09:30 – 16:30	NTGH, North Shields	30
Wed. Sept 5 <sup>th</sup>	09:30 – 16:30	Hexham General Hospital	30
Fri. Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	09:30 – 16:30	Education Centre, Sunderland Royal Hospital	30
Tues. Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	09:30 – 16:30	Darwin Suite, Bioscience Centre, ICfL	30

### **Introduction to GCP in a Paediatric setting**

Based on the well established, peer reviewed 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. March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	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.**

Thurs. May 24 <sup>th</sup>	09:30 – 16:30	Clarendon, Hebburn	30
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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.

Mon. Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	13:30 –16:30	Education Centre, Freeman Hospital	30
Wed. Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	13:30 –16:30	Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead	30
Tues. March 20 <sup>th</sup>	13:30 –16:30	Education Centre, Freeman Hospital	30
Tues. April 17 <sup>th</sup>	14:00 –17:00	Clarendon, Hebburn	30
Tues. May 15 <sup>th</sup>	13:30 –16:30	Hexham General Hospital	30
Fri. June 15 <sup>th</sup>	09:30 –12:30	Darwin Suite, Bioscience Centre, ICfL	30
Wed. July 4 <sup>th</sup>	09:30 – 12:30	NESHA, Newburn	24
Thurs. Sept 20 <sup>th</sup>	09:30 – 12:30	Wansbeck General Hospital, Ashington	30
Tues. Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	13:30 – 16:30	Wansbeck General Hospital, Ashington	30
Fri. Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	13:30 – 16:30	Education Centre, Sunderland Royal Hospital	30
Mon. Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	13:30 – 16:30	Darwin Suite, Bioscience Centre, ICfL	30

## Other Training Courses

### Adults Lacking Capacity in Research

This is 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. Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	09:30-13:30	CRF, Royal Victoria Infirmary	30
Thurs. May 10 <sup>th</sup>	09:30-13:30	Education Centre, Sunderland Royal Hospital	30
Tues. Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	09:30-13:30	CARU, Newcastle upon Tyne	30

### Beyond the Basics **new for 2012**

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. Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>	08:30-17:00	Darwin Suite, Bioscience Centre, ICfL	25
Thurs. July 5 <sup>th</sup>	08:30-17:00	Darwin Suite, Bioscience Centre, ICfL	25

### Clinical Research for Pharmacy Staff **new for 2012**

This course uses a mix of formal presentations, workshops and exercises and includes:

- Introduction to Clinical Development Clinical Trial Design & Phases
- Protocol Critical Pathway
- Roles and Responsibilities of the Research Team, Key Stakeholders & Pharmacy Role

Fri. March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	09:30-16:30	Darwin Suite, Bioscience Centre, ICfL	25
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### Communication in Randomised Clinical Trials **new for 2012**

The course consists of four modules:

- Deals with general issues surrounding the discussion and implementation of RCTs in the workplace
- Illustrates some of the issues that may arise when discussing adjuvant treatment trials with essentially good prognosis patients
- Deals with patients for whom palliation or remission is the goal, not the cure
- Highlights how clinicians can be confronted with the issues raised by two patients who have clear preferences for specific treatment arms.

Wed. March 7 <sup>th</sup>	09:30-16:30	McClintock Suite, Bioscience Centre, ICfL	12
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### 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. Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	09:30-12:00	Clinical Ageing Research Unit, Newcastle	30
Thurs. June 21 <sup>st</sup>	09:30-12:00	North Tyneside General Hospital, North Shields	30
Wed. Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>	14:00-16:30	Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead	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).

Thurs. March 1 <sup>st</sup>	09:30-16:30	CRF, Royal Victoria Infirmary	30
Tues. June 12 <sup>th</sup>	09:30-16:30	Education Centre, Sunderland Royal Hospital	20
Fri. Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	09:30-16:30	Clinical Ageing Research Unit, 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. Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	14:00 – 16:30	Royal Victoria Infirmary	20
Mon. April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 – 12:30	Royal Victoria Infirmary	20
Fri. June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	14:00 – 16:30	Royal Victoria Infirmary	20

### **Insurance and Indemnity in Research**

Aims to give an understanding of the research environment in relation to indemnity and insurance for NHS sponsored studies, Higher Education Institute sponsored studies and the ABPI insurance guidelines around commercially sponsored research.

Wed. Feb 29 <sup>th</sup>	09:30-12:30	North Tyneside General Hospital, North Shields	30
Thurs. May 31 <sup>st</sup>	09:30-12:30	South Tyneside District Hospital, South Shields	30

### **IRAS & 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.

Wed. Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	09:30-12:00	Bioscience Lecture Theatre, Bioscience Centre, ICfL	30
Thurs. March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	14:00-16:30	Bioscience Lecture Theatre, Bioscience Centre, ICfL	30
Tues. May 15 <sup>th</sup>	09:30-12:00	Bioscience Lecture Theatre, Bioscience Centre, ICfL	30
Wed. July 4 <sup>th</sup>	13:00-15:30	Bioscience Lecture Theatre, Bioscience Centre, ICfL	30
Thurs. Sept 27 <sup>th</sup>	09:30-12:00	Bioscience Lecture Theatre, Bioscience Centre, ICfL	30
Thurs. Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>	13:00-15:30	Bioscience Lecture Theatre, Bioscience Centre, ICfL	30

### **Patient and Public Involvement** *new for 2012*

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 'Introduction' will help research staff develop a better understanding of PPI and start to think about how they can involve patients, carers and members of the public in their own research.

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.

Introduction to PPI:	Fri. Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	13:00-16:30	Bioscience Centre, ICfL	25
Development Workshop:	Fri. March 9 <sup>th</sup>	13:00-16:30	Bioscience Centre, ICfL	25

### **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.

Wed. April 18 <sup>th</sup>	09:00-16:30	Clinical Ageing Research Unit, Newcastle	25
Thurs. Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>	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.

Mon. Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	09:30-13:00	Darwin Suite, Bioscience Centre, ICfL	30
Tues. July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	09:30-13:00	Clinical Ageing Research Unit, Newcastle	30

### **Recruitment and Retention of Clinical Research Staff *new for 2012***

This event will provide you with strategies to improve help you to

- Recruit and retain the skilled research staff you need
- Strengthen your research workforce to ensure it has the capability to meet demand
- Guarantee that you have staff in post to be able to provide a safe and efficient service
- Provide support for both your staff and their managers to ensure they deliver quality clinical research

Thurs. March 8 <sup>th</sup>	09:00-16:30	McClintock Suite, Bioscience Centre, 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.

Tues. March 20 <sup>th</sup>	09:00-16:30	McClintock Suite, Bioscience Centre, ICfL	16
Wed. July 11 <sup>th</sup>	09:00-16:30	Hexham General Hospital	16
Thurs. Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	09:00-16:30	McClintock Suite, Bioscience Centre, ICfL	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. Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	09:00-16:30	Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead	8
Wed. May 16 <sup>th</sup>	09:00-16:30	Jenner Suite, Bioscience Centre, ICfL	8

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