

November 2021 NEWSLETTER

Research Strategy Implementation Group (RSIG)

Pharmacy Research Wales

A pathway to leadership in multi-disciplinary health & care research

About the RSIG

What does RSIG do?

As a sub-group of the Welsh Chief Pharmacists' Committee, it promotes the use of research into practice via a strategy endorsed by Welsh Chief Pharmacists.

Who is the chair of RSIG?

National Specialist Pharmacist, R&D – Sarah Hiom.

Who are the members of RSIG? Representatives from:

- All Welsh Health Boards and one Welsh NHS Trust
- Community Pharmacy Wales (CPW)
- Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW)
- RPS Wales/UK
- Higher Education Institute (HEI) academics

Examples of who RSIG links/collaborates with:

- Welsh Chief and Consultant Pharmacists
- Pharmacy: Delivering a Healthier Wales Board
- Pharmacy Research UK (PRUK)
- Health and Care Research Wales (HCRW)
- National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)
- Research Capacity Building Collaboration Wales (RCBC)
- Research Design and Conduct Service Wales (RDCS)

Latest updates from RSIG work streams

An updated RSIG strategy (2022-2025) will align with “Pharmacy: Delivering a Healthier Wales” as set out by Welsh Government and the Welsh Consultant Pharmacists.

Aim to improve pharmacy research career pathways and educational opportunities for the clinical academic and research workforce by collaborating with HEIW and other partners.

Offering funding for the third year running for the Research Methods Module at Cardiff University (2019-2021) and securing funding for future cohorts.

Collaborating with external partners to offer pharmacy “ring-fenced” opportunities and supporting staff to successfully submit bids for First into Research funding.

Establishing opportunities for pharmacy practitioner to work with HEIs within Wales, for example co-supervising undergraduate and post graduate research projects. See website for more details!

Health Board R&D leads developing local pharmacy research strategies and delivery plans across Wales.

Research opportunities

How can you get involved in research?

- Apply for the Research Methods Module run by Cardiff School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences – annually Feb to April
- Apply for the RCBC “First into Research” fellowship with support from RDCS.
- Work with local HEIs on research projects useful to pharmacy and your workplace.

How do I find out more or give feedback on future newsletters?

- Visit our website www.pharmacyresearch.wales
- via Twitter @PharmResWales
- get in touch via your HB/Trust R&D Lead Pharmacist or email sarah.hiom@wales.nhs.uk

