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New Model Industry Collaborative Research Agreement

New agreement launched to streamline research collaboration between life sciences industry, universities and the NHS

Research into new and improved treatment for patients received a major boost on 23rd February when the government announced the launch of a new model agreement between the pharmaceutical and biomedical industries, universities and the NHS to streamline the research contracting process.

Use of the model Industry Collaborative Research Agreement – mICRA – will enable research studies involving industry, universities and the NHS to start faster by shortening the negotiation and contracting process. The agreement is part of the government's aim to promote the development of new and improved treatments for patients by reducing bureaucracy and supporting a flourishing research environment.

The model agreement is supported by a comprehensive guidance document which sets out its background and aims and details how the agreement should be used in the development of contracts for specific clinical research collaborations. A decision tree is also available to guide users in identifying when studies are collaborative and whether mICRA is applicable. The agreement has a choice of options for clauses covering intellectual property arrangements and the decision tree guides users through this process.

The National Institute for Health Research through its Office for Clinical Research Infrastructure (NOCRI) and the Medical Research Council have led a working group to develop the agreement. They brought together representatives from industry, universities and the NHS, together with the Intellectual Property Office and expert legal opinion to develop a range of templates that can be used to support all collaborative research scenarios. The goal was to produce an agreement that underpinned a culture of joint ownership and engagement, where reward is linked to investment and liability is linked to reward.

The HSC R&D Division in the Public Health Agency represented the interests of Northern Ireland's HSC bodies and declared: *'We endorse the development of the model Industry Collaborative Research Agreement (mICRA) and commend its routine use for research collaborations involving industry, universities and the NHS.'*

The model agreement has been drafted to allow it to be used as a template for contracts covering any or all stages of clinical research undertaken collaboratively, from early proposals for collaboration and throughout the collaboration itself.

Full details are available on the NOCRI pages of the NIHR website at: www.nihr.ac.uk/nocri. A longer report is on the HSC Innovations website at www.hscinnovations.org/?p=598.

Summary of Model Agreements Now Available

A summary of a range of model agreements available to support research activities in the HSC trusts is now available in the Library section on the HSC Innovations website. The brief includes: mICRA, mCTA, CRO mCTA, mCIA, CRO mCIA, mNCA, Lambert and Brunswick templates. Links are provided to further information from the publishers of each model. The summary of model agreements is available in the library pages at www.hscinnovations.org.

£25k Awards 2011 – Entrepreneurship Competition Now Open

The £25k Awards – the search for the next big thing!

The £25k entrepreneurship contest is a commercial educational experience designed to encourage researchers and individuals to act on their talents, ideas and energy to produce tomorrow's leading commercial opportunities. The programme helps identify, qualify, prepare and present the best knowledge-based ideas and intellectual property from the publicly funded research base in Northern Ireland with the most commercial potential.

Managed by the Northern Ireland Science Park's CONNECT programme, the £25k competition provides a refinement process for entrants. Its network of mentors, investors and potential partners, and the cash prizes awarded have helped many of these teams of the past to act on their dreams and build their own companies and fortunes.

Open to researchers from HSC bodies, the £25k competition provides teams who enter with valuable resources in the following areas crucial to successful entrepreneurship:

- Networks of world-class entrepreneurs, investors, and potential partners
- Mentorship by successful and seasoned professionals

- Education in specific business planning skills as well as general entrepreneurial insight
- Content rich feedback on their business model from world class entrepreneurs, investors, and professional service providers on the judging panel
- Teambuilding opportunities to create a winning team of founders
- Access to members of the private equity community
- Broad media exposure and PR buzz



£25k Awards 2011 Poster

Through the £25k competition, applicants will experience the unique opportunity to connect and engage with established science and technology corporations, entrepreneurs, service providers and investors who are interested in promising technology. This programme will connect the inventors with relevant stakeholders to increase the propensity of commercialisation and turning breakthrough ideas into reality.

Entries may be submitted in four broad categories:

- Hitech
- Biotech
- CleanTech
- Digital Media and Software

The competition is open to any member of research staff, academic, masters or PhD student, doctors,

nurses or individual in any facility where public money is spent on R&D. Naturally, this includes HSC trusts.

All applicants must be willing to devote the time and commitment necessary to all components of the £25k award, with a genuine ambition to commercialise their idea.

All entrants (except undergraduate students) should contact the technology transfer office at their institution well in advance of the submission deadline, to ensure the intellectual property ownership is clearly defined and where appropriate the idea is protected.

HSC researchers should therefore contact HSC **Innovations** well before the application deadline of **22nd April 2011**.

Further information about the competition is on the website at www.nispcconnect.org/25k/.

NHS Innovation Challenge Prizes

The (England) Department of Health's Challenge Prizes were launched in December 2010 and offer rewards for ideas that tackle some of the most challenging areas of healthcare. Seven challenges have now been posted:

- **Challenge 1: Better Management Of Pregnancy** – Achieve a 10% reduction in numbers of pre-term births through the better management of risks.
- **Challenge 2: Medicines – Reducing Waste, Increasing Benefits** – To reduce avoidable medicines waste by 50% and increase adherence to high cost and critical medicines regimens by 30%.
- **Challenge 3: A Reduction Of MSSA** – (Methicillin-Sensitive Staphylococcus Aureus) and/or E.COLI Bacteraemias across a health economy by 30%.
- **Challenge 4: Increasing Independence For Those With Kidney Failure** – Achieve a threshold of 15% of dialysis patients choosing and being established on haemodialysis at home (HHD), without increasing risk.
- **Challenge 5: Earlier Cancer Diagnosis** – Achieve a step change in the proportion of patients diagnosed with cancer at stages 1 and 2 rather than at the later stages (3 and 4).
- **Challenge 6: To Increase The Number Of People Who Receive Emergency Care In The Right Place And Complete Their Care In The First Location** – The challenge is aiming to demonstrate that the correct balance has been achieved so that people receive the best urgent and emergency care with the least admissions/follow up appointments and in the best location for them in a way that looks at the whole health care system in an area.
- **Challenge 7: Reducing Avoidable Attendances At GP Surgeries And Other Primary Care Settings By 20%, With No Reduction In Quality Of Service** – This challenge is looking for innovative solutions that can demonstrate a positive impact on GP attendance numbers in a health community.

The programme is managed by the [NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement](#) and an expert panel will assess entries. No particular limits on prize value have been set. Applications can be submitted by members of Northern Ireland HSC staff. The closing date for this round of challenges is **7th June 2011**.

Further information about the challenges and the programme in general is on the programme's website at www.challengeprizes.institute.nhs.uk.

If you think that your innovation includes protectable intellectual property, or you are not sure, please contact [HSC Innovations](#) before entering.

Training on Research Contracts

HSC Innovations recommends the excellent Research Contracts course offered by PraxisUnico. The programme will next run over 9th-12th May 2011 in Cambridge.

The Research Contracts programme recognises that contractual arrangements for research activities can support or hinder research activities and that suitable contractual terms can facilitate commercialisation of emergent intellectual property and further collaborations.

According to PraxisUnico:

'This course aims to help research contracts professionals to meet these challenges and to develop technical knowledge which will help them to confidently draft, interpret and amend contracts, whilst building strong relationships and consensus with their stakeholders.'

Following attendance on the course, the delegates will be able to:

- *Understand how the Research Contracts role fits in to the internal structure of the university [or NHS/HSC trust]. Key allies and internal networks.*
- *Effectively research the context of the contract, understand the key relationships, positions of stakeholders and what are minimum "acceptable terms" for the contract*
- *Understand and interpret key contract clauses and confidently assess how amended clauses will impact the deal*
- *Utilise model agreements where appropriate*
- *Manage the negotiations in a flexible and assertive manner*
- *Follow up the finalised contract to manage the implementation'*

PraxisUnico organises this 3-day course in partnership with the Association of Research Managers and Administrators.

Further information is available on the [PraxisUnico website](#) at:

www.praxiscourses.org.uk/courses/course.asp?ItemID=181&coursetype=research_contracts.

Potential delegates from research offices in the HSC trusts should [contact Tim Cox in HSC Innovations](#) for further advice.

Could You Succeed in the Dragons' Den?

The successful BBC Dragons' Den TV programme is currently seeking pitches for the 2011 series. Dragons' Den gives entrepreneurs the chance to pitch to a panel of the UK's most successful business people who have pledged to invest their own money in the best ideas.

Further details are on the BBC website at www.bbc.co.uk/dragonsden/, where you can also see how previous entrants fared.

Before submitting any idea to Dragons' Den you should make sure that you are not disclosing any commercially sensitive information. In particular, you should not disclose information about any potentially patentable invention until a patent has been filed. Members of staff in HSC bodies are therefore advised to seek advice from [HSC Innovations](#) before forming any application.

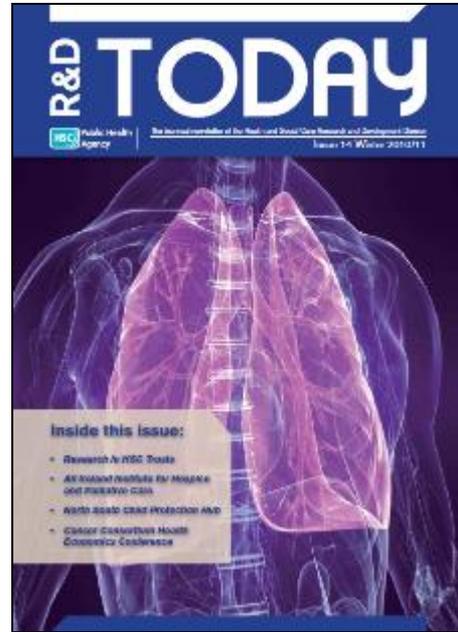
HSC Innovations Website

Most of the articles included in this newsletter have previously been posted on the HSC Innovations website at www.hscinnovations.org. Therefore for the latest news from HSC Innovations, including funding opportunities, check the website regularly.

The website also provides general information about intellectual property and innovation in the Health and Social Care service.

R&D Today - Winter 2011 Issue

The new issue of R&D Today, published by the R&D Division of the HSC Public Health Agency (previously the HSC R&D Office), profiles the work supported by Northern Ireland's Health and Social Care R&D fund. HSC R&D Today Issue 14 -Winter 2011 is available at www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/rd-today-issue-14-winter-201011.



HSC R&D Today Issue 14 - Winter 2011

The HSC Innovations website

Improving the Health Service through Technology Development and Adoption - Antrim Hospital Workshop Report

The Pharmacy and Medicines Management Centre at Antrim Area Hospital was the venue (on 21st January) for a conference on improving the health service via new technology development and adoption. There were 33 attendees from healthcare companies, government procurement, clinical and academia who participated at the event designed to help small and medium enterprises (SME) understand better how to work with and access the NHS market.

The programme was put together by the [Centre for Competitiveness](#) and [BioBusiness](#) in conjunction with HSC Innovations. The purpose was to give SMEs, an insight into sourcing and selling new technology products into the NHS/HSC, and also how to work with the NHS/HSC to collaborate in developing new products/technologies for specific clinical settings.

The key-note speaker was Ms Margaret Parton, MedTech and Healthcare Sector Specialist from UK Trade and Investment, (also the former Chief Executive for the NHS Technology Adoption Centre - www.technologyadoptionhub.nhs.uk). Parton highlighted the need for industry to engage with the NHS early in developing projects, and emphasised the need to demonstrate clinical utility of any product (being) developed, thus enabling its adoption by the NHS/HSC more readily. Parton said *“Understanding the impact of your technology on the health system as well as the patient is critical in getting innovative technologies adopted. I was very impressed to hear of some of the key innovations being developed within the Northern Ireland NHS.”*

Professor Mike Scott, Head of Pharmacy and Medicines, then gave an overview of how the pharmacy department in Northern Health and Social Care Trust had developed products and linkages with industry locally, nationally and internationally. This included work developed with both Queen’s University and Belfast-based Yarra Software Ltd in respect of EPICS software (Electronic Pharmacy Intervention Clinical System). Yarra director Michael Martin also spoke of his positive experiences of working collaboratively with NHS in developing new clinical products.

In addition Dr Jill Mairs, Regional Procurement Pharmacist highlighted the benefits of a matrix-based methodology known as STEPSelect, which optimises the procurement and use of pharmaceutical products based on key criteria or clinical effectiveness. Use of the system has also yielded significant efficiencies to the service.

Companies supplying these products realised the importance of including HSC clinical expertise in developing new solutions by demonstrating clinical utility at an early stage of their technology development. It is this early engagement with clinicians and a focus on solving problems that often makes the difference between successful adoption and failure.

Mr Peter Wilson, Director of Procurement and Logistics Services, Business Services Organisation, gave a presentation on how companies can enter the HSC supply chain.

The Q & A session at the end was lively and informative, and the feedback from companies was very positive in both their motivation to get involved and their commitment to work collaboratively with HSC.

Adrian Gundy from the Centre for Competitiveness and one of the organisers said *“SME’s can find accessing the NHS market as quite daunting and often seems difficult to understand. The event helped explain how the NHS operates in the area of new technology development and adoption, and provided many insights that will be of particular value for SME as they plan their entry strategy.”*

Professor Scott said that *“the session went extremely well with a good attendance from SMEs, and was very valuable in highlighting both the challenges and opportunities in working with the HSC”*. As a result of the event, number of potential collaborative projects between the healthcare industry and HSC are now being explored.



The event team (L-R): Dr Adrian Gundy, Senior Executive Innovation, Centre for Competitiveness; Dr Peter Donnelly, CEO, BioBusiness; Dr Jill Mairs, Regional Procurement Pharmacist, Northern Health & Social Care Trust; Peter Wilson, Director, Procurement & Logistics Service; Margaret Parton, Sector Specialist MedTech & Healthcare, UK Trade & Investment; Michael Martin, Business Development Director, Yarra Software; Dr David Brownlee, Innovation Advisor, HSC Innovations; Prof Michael Scott, Head of Pharmacy & Medicines Management, Northern Health & Social Care Trust

Innovation to Improve Patient Care - SHSCT Workshop Report

On Wednesday 19th January, the Southern Trust's Research & Development Department at Craigavon Area Hospital hosted a HSC Innovations workshop entitled *'Innovation to Improve Patient Care'* for trust staff. The aim of the workshop was to introduce the value of technological innovation in health and social care, including intellectual property and patents.

Dr Peter Sharpe, Trust Director of Research & Development welcomed the thirteen attendees and outlined the importance of research, development and innovation within the Southern Health and Social Care Trust.

Dr David Brownlee from HSC Innovations presented an overview on intellectual property (IP) within a healthcare setting. This included the areas of what is IP, the value of IP that arises from research and clinical practice, and the policy relating to it. There was also an audio-visual clip demonstrating examples of healthcare innovations from the clinical and research base, in addition to a summary of the support available to researchers and clinicians from HSC Innovations.

Professor Alistair Fee from the European Business School spoke on *'Innovation is Everywhere in HSC'* and showed a wide array of exciting and new medical device ideas that are emerging from laboratories, universities and most importantly from the minds of clinicians and health sector employees.

The workshop demonstrated to the attendees the importance of observing everything in the world of health. This includes not only operating theatres and medical equipment but also processes of all sorts. An example used was the incredible world of WL Gore

which manufactures Gore-Tex jackets and material for waterproof shoes. What we discovered is that Gore-Tex material is used in over 2,000 items including many endoprostheses, septal occluders and a wide array of body part structures.

Everything, from catheters to cardiology can be improved, made better and enhanced. Sometimes this also makes it simpler and cheaper, which is always an added benefit. Careful thought in design, use and training can improve the condition of equipment and processes.

Delegates were asked to consider extensively about their area of clinical specialty. As a follow-up exercise, delegates were asked to produce a list of 20 ways of improving something or new ideas – and a number of ideas to address unmet needs in healthcare have now been received.

The workshop demonstrated that innovation is vital, can be visionary and is very satisfying. Professor Fee said that *"it is something every member of staff can contribute to and does not require a PhD in rocket science. It is simple, straightforward and all that is necessary is for a few individuals to think about something in a new way"*.

Dr Sharpe said he hoped the presentations from Dr David Brownlee and Professor Alistair Fee would encourage staff to submit their innovative ideas which could be further developed for the benefit of patients, clients, and staff and overall improve the quality of service provided throughout the trust.

Already as a result of the workshop there has been an increased number of enquires to HSC Innovations and to the trust Research & Development Office, which is very encouraging.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation - Grand Challenges Explorations

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is now accepting grant proposals for Round 7 of Grand Challenges Explorations, an initiative to encourage innovative and unconventional global health solutions. Applicants can be at any experience level; in any discipline; and from any organization, including colleges and universities, government laboratories, research institutions, non-profit organizations and for profit companies.

Grant proposals are being accepted online until **19th May 2011** on the following topics:

- Explore Nutrition for Healthy Growth of Infants and Children

- Apply Synthetic Biology to Global Health Challenges
- The Poliovirus Endgame: Create Innovative Ways to Accelerate, Sustain, and Monitor Eradication
- Create the Next Generation of Sanitation Technologies
- Design New Approaches to Cure HIV Infection
- Create Low-Cost Cell Phone-Based Solutions for Improved Uptake and Coverage of Childhood Vaccinations

Initial grants will be US \$100,000 each, and projects showing promise will have the opportunity to receive additional funding of up to US \$1 million. Full descriptions of the topics and application instructions are available at: www.grandchallenges.org/gce/.

Postdoctoral Training Fellowships for MB/PhD Graduates

The Wellcome Trust has announced that applications are now open for Postdoctoral Training Fellowships for MB/PhD Graduates. The programme is aimed at newly qualified MB/PhD graduates or those who have achieved a high-quality PhD during or before starting their medical degree.

The fellowships provide the opportunity for graduates to maintain their research momentum by undertaking a period of postdoctoral training in the best laboratories in the UK and overseas. Awards last for up to four years and provide salary and research costs. The fellowships are designed to be flexible and can be tailored to meet individuals' specific research or clinical training needs.

Full information is available on the [Wellcome Trust website](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Clinical-fellowships/WTX050468.htm) at www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/Fellowships/Clinical-fellowships/WTX050468.htm. The deadline for preliminary applications is **15th April 2011**.

Wellcome Trust Translation Awards - July Deadline

Once again, HSC Innovations encourages members of staff in the HSC trusts to consider applying for the Wellcome Trust Translation Awards. Translation Awards are response-mode funding designed to bridge the funding gap in the commercialisation of new technologies in the biomedical area.

Projects covering any aspect of technology development from a range of disciplines – including physical, computational and life sciences – will be considered. Projects must address an unmet need in healthcare or in applied medical research, offer a potential new solution, and have a realistic expectation that the innovation will be developed further by the market.

Funding is offered for a range of expenses, the important criterion being to develop the innovation to the point at which it can be adopted by another party.

HSC Trusts are eligible to apply.

The application process is:

1. Submit a preliminary application form by the published deadline.
2. Preliminary applications are subject to a triage for shortlisting for the full application stage.
3. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit a full application and will be subject to international peer review and due diligence. Applicants will be expected to make a presentation on their proposal to the Technology Transfer Challenge Committee.

The next deadline for applications is **22nd July 2011** at 1700 GMT.

Further information is available at: www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Technology-transfer/Awards/Translation-Awards/index.htm. Alternatively contact [HSC Innovations](#) for advice.

Health Innovation Challenge Fund - Smart Surgery

The fourth theme of the Health Innovation Challenge Fund is **Smart Surgery: Innovative technologies or interventions to reduce, replace or refine invasive surgical procedures**.

The Health Innovation Challenge Fund is a five-year parallel funding partnership between the Wellcome Trust and the Department of Health to stimulate the creation of innovative healthcare products, technologies and interventions, and facilitate their development for the benefit of patients in the NHS and beyond. The fund is a translational mechanism offering up to £10m at each of two calls per year. Eligible projects will have passed a proof of concept stage. The funding is intended to take the product, technology or intervention to a stage where it is sufficiently developed to be attractive to a commercial partner or for procurement by healthcare providers.

Objectives of the programme are:

- Stimulate the development of innovative products, technologies and interventions for the benefit of patients in the NHS and beyond
- Target unmet needs in healthcare and seek specific solutions from UK companies, academia and clinicians via a succession of themed calls for proposals
- Support projects that have reached 'proof-of-concept' and have the potential to be market ready within 3-5 years

The Challenge

The fourth theme for HICF is Smart Surgery: Innovative technologies or interventions to reduce, replace or refine invasive surgical procedures.

A continued shift towards less invasive surgery, and ideally non-surgical interventions, would make a significant positive impact on patient outcomes and reduce the burden on acute care and rehabilitation services. The ageing population, the demand for patient-friendly operating methods and the financial pressure on the healthcare system provide strong drivers for innovation in this area.

However, the high-risk nature of development and introduction of transformative technologies creates barriers to adoption of novel approaches. The Health Innovation Challenge Fund is making available up to

£10m for healthcare innovators who can overcome these barriers and deliver 'Smart Surgery' solutions that will translate into safe and cost-effective practice into the NHS.

Smart Surgery, involving a replacement (or significant reduction) of invasiveness, will reduce trauma and recovery times, improve post-surgical management, decrease surgery-associated morbidity and mortality, shorten in-patient stays and lower healthcare costs.

The HIC Fund is seeking solutions that will make a tangible difference, in particular:

1. New techniques that blend advances in software, technology and instrumentation, and which are designed and implemented through partnerships between leading surgeons and technical innovators.
2. Innovations which may lead to replacement of invasive surgery with a non-invasive procedure.
3. Improvements on current devices or instruments that demonstrably and significantly reduce the degree of surgical invasiveness.
4. Integrated systems capable of combining early diagnosis and identification of target areas prior to the surgical procedure, thus allowing immediate treatment.
5. Highly innovative and integrative approaches involving advanced technologies such as:
 - Computer-aided non-surgical methods

- Sophisticated guidance techniques that de-skill and de-risk surgical tasks
- Pre-investigative, image-guided assessments of surgical outcomes, e.g. through modelling of post-surgical states
- Use of electromagnetic or ultrasonic radiation to treat target areas/conditions
- Targeted delivery of therapeutic cells or microparticles
- Mechatronics and robotics
- Innovative strategies for recording and evaluating performance of new technologies e.g. embedded observational databases
- Technologies which improve the accuracy and/or precision of a procedure

Priorities are:

- Projects deliverable into NHS within 3-5 years.
- Collaborations between academia, clinicians and industry.

HSC Trusts are eligible to apply to this fund or may be a collaborator in an application led by partner.

The closing date for preliminary applications is **28th April 2011 (5pm)**. Full information is on the [Health Innovation Challenge Fund website](http://www.hicfund.org.uk/CurrentCall/Default.aspx) at www.hicfund.org.uk/CurrentCall/Default.aspx.

EVENTS

Northern Trust Workshop - Innovation to Improve Patient Care - NEW DATE

There is a new date for the Northern HSC Trust workshop that was postponed from December 2010.

On **Friday 15th April 2011** HSC Innovations will deliver a workshop on 'Innovation to Improve Patient Care' for members of staff in the Northern Health and Social Care Trust, supported by the Northern Trust Research Office.

The workshop will introduce the value of technological innovation in health and social care, including intellectual property and patents. HSC Innovations will describe how knowledge emerging from research and practice can be protected and commercialised to improve patient care.

Topics will include:

- What is intellectual property?
- What is the value of intellectual property?
- Policy on intellectual property Intellectual property in practice
- What to do if you have an idea
- Support available from HSC Innovations
- There will be case studies from Northern Ireland HSC and beyond.

The workshop will take place in the Lecture Theatre, Fern House, Antrim Area Hospital, 10am – 12.30pm, with registration from 9.30am.

To reserve a place please contact: Mrs Margaret Smyth, Research and Development Office, Bush House, Antrim; tel: 028 9442 4653; email: margaret.smyth@northerntrust.hscni.net; or [HSC Innovations](#).

3rd Annual Translational Medicine Conference (C-TRIC)

The Clinical Translational Research and Innovation Centre (C-TRIC), based at Altnagelvin Hospital, Western HSC Trust, has announced its 3rd Annual Translational Medical Conference, which will take place over 5th-6th May 2011 at the City Hotel, Derry/Londonderry.

Details from C-TRIC:

'This year the focus of the conference is 'Tackling the Burden of Chronic Illness associated with Diabetes and Mental Health'. Both Diabetes and Mental Health are significant health problems affecting large sections of the population in the UK and Ireland and are a growing drain on the resources of healthcare systems globally.

The Northern Ireland Public Accounts Committee recently reported that diabetes was on the rise and that it costs the health service more than £1m per day. Recent figures also published by the Bamford Centre for Mental Health and Well Being in Northern Ireland, demonstrate that the proportion of people in Northern Ireland with a mental disorder is among the highest worldwide.

However, a range of management and treatment strategies are available for both types of disorders. In addition, there is evidence that early interventions targeting mental health and lifestyle can play an important role in preventing the morbidity and mortality associated with these conditions. Northern Ireland, in particular the North West, boasts some of the leading international expert researchers in Mental Health and Diabetes.

This conference targets academics, clinicians, researchers and bioindustry R&D managers with the aim of encouraging collaboration and communication to inform research and clinical interventions.'

A programme, call for abstracts and registration information are available on the [C-TRIC website](http://www.c-tric.com/2011/3rd-annual-translational-medicine-conference-tackling-the-burden-of-chronic-illness-associated-with-diabetes-and-mental-health) at www.c-tric.com/2011/3rd-annual-translational-medicine-conference-tackling-the-burden-of-chronic-illness-associated-with-diabetes-and-mental-health.

Workshops in HSC Trusts

HSC Innovations welcomes each opportunity to engage with members of HSC trust staffs and remains keen to reach as many research active personnel as possible. We are available to provide introductory briefings at team meetings and other gatherings, or to present a dedicated workshop for specific groups. Contact [HSC Innovations](#) to discuss your needs.

ABOUT HSC INNOVATIONS

HSC Innovations is the intellectual property management service for all Health and Social Care organisations in Northern Ireland. It was launched by ministers in October 2007 and is responsible for helping all HSC bodies to identify, protect, develop and exploit the intellectual assets emerging from clinical practice and programmes of research.

The service is hosted in Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and works with all trust research offices to advise researchers on effective management and exploitation of intellectual property.

Please contact any member of the HSC Innovations team for an introduction to intellectual property or with any questions about intellectual property management in HSC bodies.

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