



Public and Patient Involvement Meeting

Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) is a critical component of the Trauma MIC's work and any opportunities to strengthen this aspect are always welcome, hence our workshop event for members of the ABC Group and other interested parties at the Institute of Translational Medicine (ITM) earlier this summer. During the day, attendees took part in interactive sessions, exploring different aspects of involvement work.

Jacqueline Flavell gave the group a candid summary of her experience of being a co-applicant, while Emma Toman, a researcher exploring concussion in non-athletes, valued the feedback provided by the group for her patient information sheet (PIS). 'The ABC Group provided diverse and detailed feedback on many aspects of the draft PIS. Whilst some areas that were discussed were perhaps predictable, there were many areas that I had not considered prior to the meeting. Not only did the group provide welcome criticism where warranted, but they were also able to provide solutions and suggestions for improvement.'

Group discussions covered a wide range of topics, from the importance of understanding the broader health and care context to being clear about the commitment to whatever involvement activity people undertake.

"People need to be aware of the importance of their involvement as it could last a number of years, and if they drop out it could affect the research," explained Jacqueline, who has been involved with a project examining communication between medical staff, patients and relatives.

Attendees also discussed their training and support needs as a lay person in order to make an effective contribution to research projects, their thoughts on what people involved in such activities might be called and how an expanded PPI group for Trauma might operate. All of these discussions will help to develop the PPI strategy for the MIC.

Names for the group were also suggested and we are pleased to announce the new name decided by the group was Trauma Advisory Group (TAG).

Thank you to all the attendees who made this workshop such a success.

If you are interested in being a member of TAG, then please feel free to contact us at traumamic@uhb.nhs.uk.



Funding Success

Ostique Ltd. is a company developing novel designs for ostomy and stoma care. They have recently been awarded a major grant from Innovate UK in collaboration with Trauma MIC and MD-TEC to continue the development of their products. More details can be found at <http://ostique.co.uk/>.

SimMan

Representatives from Laerdal (www.laerdal.com/gb/) visited the MD-TEC facility (www.md-tec.com) to demonstrate their SimMan 3G advanced patient simulator. A state-of-the-art SimMan 3G has now joined the panel of mannequins and phantom body parts available to both Trauma MIC and MD-TEC teams for conducting realistic usability studies.

The team will now undergo training, so that both teams can best apply this new technology to future studies.



Staff Updates

Matthew Newton, a chemical engineering student at Bath University, worked with us over the summer as a Project Assistant. We were also briefly joined by Dr Katie Balu on a student placement, who joined the team as part of a student placement and will be involved in the design and running of usability studies. We would like to thank both for their contribution to the team and wish both Matthew and Katie the best of luck in their future plans.

Logan Ryan joined us in September as the full time Project Assistant. We will also be joined in the next couple of months by a Project Support Officer and a Project Research Officer.

Andrew Dakin and Simon Edwards are both audio-visual specialists who will be joining the wider Trauma MIC and MD-TEC teams part-time to assist with the usability studies.


Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

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HEALTH 2.0 WEST MIDLANDS INAUGURAL EVENT


 iCentrum, Birmingham, B7 4BB


 12:00-16:00

<http://www.medilinkuk.com/events/digital-health-learning-community>

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NIHR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS MEDTECH COOPERATIVE INNOVATION EVENT

 Birmingham Research Park, B15 2SQ


 09:30-16:30

<https://technology-during-transition.eventbrite.co.uk>

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ERDF MEDICAL DEVICES TESTING AND EVALUATION CENTRE SME ENGAGEMENT EVENT

 TBC

 09:00-16:00

<http://www.md-tec.com/>

JANUARY

Past Events

- Healthcare Technologies Institute opening at University of Birmingham on June 6th.
- Annual NIHR MIC Directors and Managers meeting in Cambridge on 26th June.
- An event was held on 6th July in Sheffield to celebrate the 10th year of NIHR MIC Devices 4 Dignity.
- Meridian Live, West Midlands Academic Health Science Network, 13th July. The event featured workshops, surgery sessions and networking between healthcare professionals with the latest medical innovations and advances in the West Midlands on show.
- Healthcare Innovation Roadshow for SMEs, 18th October.
- NIHR Research Changes Lives event, Library of Birmingham, 27th October.



Dr Daljeet Bansal speaking at the Q&A Panel for Healthcare Innovation Roadshow

Funding Opportunities

Fund	Eligibility Criteria	Deadline	Website
NIHR Invention for Innovation (i4i) Product Development Awards £50,000-£150,000	Lead applicant based in England Minimum of two organisations involved from NHS, SME or HEI Project must be expected to be up to three years in duration	12th December 2018 13:00	https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/funding-for-research-studies/funding-programmes/invention-for-innovation/
NIHR Digital Health Call 18/89	Digital technologies to support clinicians, practitioners and teams delivering health and social care Digital technologies with potential to impact the health and wellbeing of wider society	19th March 2019	https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/documents/current-funding-opportunities/Digital%20technologies/18-89-digital-technologies.pdf
Innovate UK Evaluate Innovative Medical Technologies: Round 3 £50,000-250,000	All projects must be business led. Providing support for SMEs	Opens: Monday 26 November 2018 Closes: Wednesday 30 January 2019	https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/267/overview

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