

Centre Connect - May 2023

What's happening?

1. Latest news from the research team

CADA Award Success

The CADA application was led by DiaDeM's Prof Richard Holt and Dr Faiza Aslam, in collaboration with the training leads of the Centre for IMPACT (Prof. Sameen Siddiqi) and the CONTROL programme (Prof. Saeed Farooq). It proposed an interactive, in-person training programme "Implementation Science Summer School: Addressing Mental and Physical Health Together" for a cohort of 10-12 Early/Mid Career Researchers (EMCRs), bookended by online sessions. The summer school will be held at the University of York in July.

News story: [CADA award success to host an Implementation Science Summer School](#)

SPARC Award Success

Terrific news is that three applications of DiaDeM ECRs; Ms Nida Afsheen, Ms Najma Hayat and Ms Kousar Ishaq, for the NIHR Global Health Research Short Placement Award for Research Collaboration (NIHR GHR SPARC), have also been approved. Congratulations on their achievement too!

Keep your eye out for news stories to follow

DiaDeM Main Trial

Congratulations to the DiADeM team who are recruiting really well to the main DiaDeM trial. Delivery of the intervention has also just started. Keep up the good work.

Covidence training at KMU & IOP

Congratulations to Bilal Ahmad recently announced as a Covidence Student Ambassador. As an ambassador, Bilal will help encourage others to try Covidence by sharing his experience. He is currently delivering Covidence training event at their institution. An initiative to encourage more students to start their evidence journey KMU and IOP.

News story: [Covidence announce 2023 Student Ambassadors](#)

2. Welcome aboard

Jenny Westad

In April we welcomed Jenny Westad who will be working with us in the IMPACT team as the programme manager (York) replacing Cate. If you haven't had a chance to meet Jenny, drop her an email.

3. What's new from the community & beyond

Funder news

Stay up to date with our funder [sign up](#) to the #NIHRGlobalHealth Research newsletter.

NEW NIHR FUNDING CALL: New RIGHT call to launch in July: the 7th call under NIHR's [Research and Innovation for Global Health Transformation \(RIGHT\)](#) programme will focus on cardiovascular disease in LMICs. The call is scheduled to open in early July 2023, and further information will be available soon.

BIDE Pakistan

In a bid to curtail the use of the drinks which are causing diabetes centre colleagues from BIDE were involved in a recent event in Karachi on sugar-sweetened beverages. Healthcare professionals and experts demanded the imposition of a 50% sales tax on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages (SSBs). The event was covered in the local and English news.

News story: [Medics Seek the Imposition of 50% sales tax on SSBs](#)

4. Looking forward

Centre for IMPACT Annual Meeting in York


[The Draft Agenda](#) for the upcoming Annual Meeting in York, which will take place w/c 24th July, is now available the meeting will be split across various projects, the first two days related to DiaDeM, IMPACT South Asia, IMPASS and TB Multimorbidity, with the remaining three days focused on the Centre for IMPACT. We encourage as many people to join for as much of the week as possible virtually or in person.

Socials

1. Twitter

Why not share the recording of our recent webinar on 'Getting Research into Policy & Practice'

Suggested Tweets - *Simply copy and paste the text below and adapt the text as you would like.*

- Unlocking the Secrets of Effective Policy Making: @zfrmrza shares his wisdom and insights in this recording of the recent @impassproject @theinitiativepk training webinar on 'Getting Research into Policy & Practice' #Centre4IMPACT <https://youtu.be/8wKILkTju8k>
- 🗣️ In case you missed the excellent @impassproject training webinar from @zfrmrza on 'Getting Research into Policy & Practice' you can now watch the recording on YouTube  <https://youtu.be/8wKILkTju8k>

#hashtags

#ECR - Has some great tweets with interesting supportive training content for early career researchers

Retweets

This month we have shared some of DiaDeM researcher Karen Coales' reflections on leading the BA training for the DiaDeM Programme. Why not retweet some of this content @IMPACT_NIHR and @DiaDeM_NIHR

Suggested accounts to follow

@covidence - Streamlining #SystematicReview. Creating a culture where the best decisions are supported by worldwide access to high-quality research knowledge.

@CONTROL_NIHR - COgNitive Therapy for depRessiOn in tubercuLosis treatment - NIHR funded project

@RESPIREGlobal - NIHR Global Health Research Unit on Respiratory Health at the University of Edinburgh

@zfrmrza - Former State Minister of Health of Pakistan, Former Director Health System, World Health Organization. Recent presenter of our policy webinar.

@NiftyFoxCreativ - Complexity to clarity | We help academics & public sector tell their stories visually so audiences listen. The team are coming to support our July meeting.

@NIHRglobal - Supporting high-quality applied health research to address the needs of people in low and middle income countries, using UK aid funding. #globalhealth

2. YouTube

Watch this month's new content and promote. Please use the YouTube comments feature to share your thoughts.

- C4IMPACT Vlog - Karen Coales: BA Training - Reflections [DiaDeM] - <https://youtu.be/XfC2Mssl3Qs>
- Training - Getting Research into Policy & Practice with Dr Zafar Mirza: IMPASS Study, Pakistan - <https://youtu.be/8wKILkTju8k>

Upskill

NIHR Training - **Learn how to collaborate effectively**

Discover how to collaborate effectively across the health and social care system at a webinar on 20 June. Attend to learn how to engage people and build trust even when you don't always work face-to-face. [Find out more.](#)

Did you know we have highlighted some training videos that might be of interest on our YouTube Channel?

Have a look at our training playlists here: <https://www.youtube.com/@Centre4IMPACT/playlists>

Latest Publications

In case you missed them recent publications from Centre colleagues:

Academic

- "The global impact of tobacco control policies on smokeless tobacco use: a systematic review": <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2214109X2300205X>
- "Effectiveness and implementation of psychological interventions for depression in people with non-communicable diseases in South Asia: Systematic review and meta-analysis": <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00207411.2023.2202431>

Other

- “Integrating tobacco cessation within TB programmes in Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Nepal”:
<https://www.gacd.org/our-impact/case-studies/integrating-tobacco-cessation-tb-programmes>

Have we missed your output? Please share any outputs by 20th of the month for the following month's digest by completing the Centre's dissemination [form](#) or emailing Jenny Westad.