Primary Care – research training opportunities

Research training needs will differ for each practice and staff member, depending on their level of research involvement. Click here for our current training programme, which includes all available courses. Below is a brief guide to some of the courses available, and who is expected to undertake this training:

- **Good Clinical Practice (GCP) introduction** (online or face-to-face) – for all members of staff undertaking specific research activities, who are new to research and / or have not previously undertaken GCP training
  - Essential for GPs or nurses acting as Principal Investigator (PI) for a study
  - Recommended for Practice Managers, or other staff who may be working on studies (e.g. conducting searches and collecting or sending information, as per protocol)

- **Good Clinical Practice (GCP) refresher** (online or face-to-face)
  - Suitable for all members of staff already undertaking research activities, as listed above, who have previously attended a GCP course and need an update (approx. every 2 years – please check local policy)

- **Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Awareness** – this is a bespoke training course that can be arranged in conjunction with practices. Depending on numbers of delegates, there is the option for training to take place on practice premises. Please contact us if you would like to arrange this for your practice. This option is:
  - Appropriate for everyone within the practice, who are not directly involved in specific research activities, to raise awareness of research and different administrative activities that may be required.
  - Recommended for reception staff, secretaries and health care professionals, who may discuss research with patients.
  - This is an excellent way to get the whole practice more engaged and involved with research.
  - May be suitable for practices new to research, to give everyone a basic overview of GCP, before deciding which staff members require more detailed GCP training.

- **Managing Essential Documents**
  - More specific training to learn about the essential documents required within research and how to manage these appropriately.

- **Informed Consent**
  - Suitable for anyone who will be introducing studies and receiving informed consent from research participants.
The training team also offer further courses, for those seeking additional skills and support, including:

- Informed consent with vulnerable groups (adults lacking capacity; paediatrics)
- Public Involvement in Research
- Communication Skills
- Other NIHR courses, which may be applicable