



Call for Applications for Chairmanship of the UKCRN/NIHR Renal Specialty Group

The NIHR Comprehensive Clinical Research Network (CCRN) is part of the NIHR Clinical Research Network (NIHR CRN; www.crncc.nihr.ac.uk). The NIHR CRN was established by the Department of Health to improve the speed, quality and integration of clinical research, resulting in improved patient care.

Specialty Groups have been developed in 26 areas of disease/clinical need not covered by existing Topic Specific Research Networks, and across a number of cross cutting themes. The primary purpose of the Specialty Groups is to provide the NIHR CCRN with access to a national network of subject specific expertise. They provide advice on both "do-ability" and more detailed feasibility for both commercial and non-commercial studies, provide members and input into adoption committees and work to ensure that the portfolio of studies in their respective areas deliver to time and target through identifying and addressing barriers to research both locally and nationally. Each Group meets around three times a year with most business being carried out between these meetings by email and telephone. Whilst a primary purpose of the Specialty Groups is to support the NIHR CCRN, many multi-centre studies involve sites in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and therefore include members from the devolved nations.

The NIHR CRN Coordinating Centre would like to invite applications for the position of Chair of the Renal Specialty Group following the resignation of Professor Caroline Savage.

It is envisaged that the Chair will be an individual that has been nominated as local Clinical Lead in this area, either by their Comprehensive Local Research Network (in England) or one of the research networks within the devolved nations. Exceptionally, an individual who is not directly associated with a network or the existing Specialty Group may be appointed. The appointments will be for three years in the first instance, and chairmanship can be considered national work.

Applications are welcomed from experienced clinical researchers from across any of the four UK nations. Chairs need to be able to demonstrate experience of collaborative clinical research activity in a leadership capacity, an ability to provide leadership to a multi-disciplinary group and previous experience of chairing meetings.

For supporting information and clarification on the application process please visit www.crncc.nihr.ac.uk.
Application requires the submission of a curriculum vitae and supporting statement to lucie.carroll@nihr.ac.uk.

Applications to be received no later than **13th August 2010**

Interviews are expected to take on **7th Sept 2010 in London**.

Informal enquiries to Prof Caroline Savage (C.O.S.Savage@bham.ac.uk) and Dr Jonathan Gower (jonathan.gower@nihr.ac.uk)

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