



UKTMN ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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The UKTMN has continued to grow throughout 2022, and ongoing support to the clinical trial management community has been provided as recovery into the post-pandemic era of trials continues. The UKTMN remains an established network within the UK trials community, and through ongoing collaboration and promotion of the aims of the UKTMN, trial management professionals are better established as a key player in the success of trials than ever.

Throughout this report, we share examples of the activities we have undertaken this year to support our members, and as we continue through 2023, we are always looking for ways to ensure trial management professionals have opportunities for development and support. A huge thank you to all those who made the activities listed in this report possible.

We were delighted to introduce Bryony Weathers to the team in 2022 as the new UKTMN Administrator. As the network continues to grow, Bryony's input into the day-to-day management of the UKTMN will be invaluable.

As we begin 2023, we look forward to working closely with our members and collaborators to ensure trial management professionals are at the heart of the UK clinical trials community.



MEMBERSHIP

Memberships increased substantially in 2022, in comparison to previous years. 461 trial management professionals joined the UKTMN in 2022, bringing our total membership to over 1300.

Associate membership remains available for those working within the trial conduct research field who would benefit from links to trial management. Associate members receive tailored communication too.

Full and associate membership is free, and you can apply to join using our [online form](#), or contact us to find out more.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

UKTMN Trial Manager of the Year 2022 opened for nominations in June 2022, providing a space to recognize the successful and vital contributions of trial management professionals to their local teams and the wider trial community. 17 nominations were received and the title was awarded to Prakash Patel (Study Manager, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust) in November 2022. Special commendation was awarded to Cara Mooney (Lead Trial Manager, Sheffield Clinical Trials Research Unit) and Shivam Joshi (Clinical Trial Delivery Manager, University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust).

The NIHR generic trial manager job description was updated in September 2022 to include a statement regarding professional development requirements and a statement of support from the UKTMN. A copy of the job description can be found here:

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/generic-job-description-clinical-trials-manager/12197>

Two surveys were conducted in summer 2022 to understand the advantages and disadvantages to trial management professionals of job family pathways commonly used in Higher Education Institutions, gathering views of both individual trial managers and registered CTUs. 324 UKTMN members responded to the individual survey and 29 CTUs responded to the unit survey. Survey results were presented to CTU Directors during the November 2022 Registered CTU Directors meeting and will be disseminated more widely in 2023.

TRAINING

'Recruitment and retention' online training was held online in October 2022, attended by 30 delegates. Teaching was provided by experienced researchers and positive feedback was received from those in attendance.

'Introduction to statistics for trial management professionals' online training was held across two half-days in November 2022, delivered by statisticians from the Nottingham Clinical Trials Unit. 30 delegates attended, with a further 40 delegates registered for a second session in January 2023.

An 'Introduction to grant writing for trial managers' course was developed and 30 delegates are registered to attend in January 2023. A waiting list is currently in operation to assess appetite for a further session to be scheduled.

'How to be a good trial manager' training is in development, to be delivered in 2023.

We opened a survey to understand the training needs of trial management professionals in December 2022. The results will be used to prioritise training areas and will be shared with members and the wider trial community.

WEBINARS

3 member-exclusive webinars have been provided this year, attended 'live' on average by 70 members, plus an average of 20 catch-up views. Recordings are available to members via the [UKTMN website](#). These webinars provided an opportunity for trial management professionals to present their work and to hear how to be involved with trial management research.

- Tailoring trials to serve the underserved
- International Women's Day webinar
- Information to support participants who stop taking part

Two series of webinars were hosted on behalf of the MRC-NIHR Trials Methodology Research Partnership, with monthly sessions presented by each partner organization. An average of 75 people attended each session, plus an average of 20 catch-up views. Recordings are available via the [TMRP website](#).

EVENTS

The first UKTMN Inclusivity in Research Awareness Week was held in January 2022, covering both inclusivity of trial participants and trial management staff, and featured an online forum event, tailored webinars and social media initiatives.

An [online e-consent collaboration event](#) was hosted in January 2022 by the UKTMN, CTU Network and TMRP. The national e-consent survey results and e-consent case studies were shared with 250 delegates, with breakout groups utilized to discuss questions and best practice with implementing e-consent. The group also delivered an educational workshop at the International Clinical Trials Methodology Conference (ICTMC) in October 2022, and there is more planned on this topic over the forthcoming months.

The UKTMN Annual Conference 2022 was held online in March 2022, including a full programme of keynote speakers, 18 UKTMN member oral presentations and parallel sessions, and was attended by 176 delegates. Slides and posters presented during the conference are available on the [Resources page](#).

We held an online SWAT event in July 2022, where 75 members attended presentations showcasing experience and best practice for conducting SWATs. A recording of the event is available on the [UKTMN website](#).

We had great representation at ICTMC in Harrogate in October 2022. In addition to the e-consent workshop, 60 UKTMN members attended a dedicated networking event during which the job family survey results were shared and attendees had an opportunity to provide feedback. We also had a UKTMN stand in the exhibition hall and it was great to meet so many of our members.

[Twitter](#) initiatives posted throughout the year focused on deliverables including supporting trial management recognition during International Clinical Trials Day 2022 and promoting UKTMN Inclusivity Awareness Week, International Women's Day and ICTMC 2022.

RESOURCES

Based on feedback from members, the UKTMN Competency, Skill and Assessment Framework for Trial Management has undergone a full review, and an updated version will be released in 2023. The framework is designed for trial management professionals to assess their skills and behaviours, whilst highlighting areas for development across all levels of experience. More information and a copy of the Framework can be found here: <https://www.tmn.ac.uk/page/CFTM>

The sixth edition of The Guide to Efficient Trial Management, a comprehensive resource covering all aspects of trial conduct and management, has been reviewed by the Editorial Board and updates are in progress to publish the seventh edition in 2023.

New resources were made available for members via the UKTMN website, including inclusivity in research resources, e-consent resources, and webinar recordings. Signposts to useful external resources, such as monitoring and early researcher toolkits, were also added to the website.

COLLABORATIONS

The UKTMN remain an active partner in the MRC-NIHR Trials Methodology Research Partnership. We host a webinar series' on behalf of the TMRP, as described in the events section. Representation has also been established within Trial Conduct Working Group of the TMRP to ensure close collaboration and to represent the views of trial management in activities and priorities.

We continue to work in close collaboration with the UKCRC Registered CTU Network, ensuring the UKTMN is represented at the Executive Committee level and at CTU Directors' meetings. The UKTMN are also represented within the CTU Network Trial Management Operations Group by the UKTMN Manager, ensuring close collaboration.

The UKTMN has attended during several national events throughout the year including the HRB TMRN Trial Methodology Symposium, International Clinical Trials Methodology Conference and the NIHR INCLUDED Project consensus meeting.

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