

SUPPORTING INNOVATION

HSC Innovations

HSC R&D Division fund HSC Innovations to provide an IP and innovation management (also known as technology transfer) service for all Northern Ireland health and social care staff. Its aim is to ensure that ideas that have the potential to improve patient care or offer benefits to healthcare providers are developed.

Activities include:

- IP and innovation awareness and training events
- Identification and assessment of new ideas and technologies
- Evaluation of the novelty, potential market and clinical benefits of an idea or technology
- Protection and management of IP assets
- Development and progression of strategies for the development of healthcare products and services
- Unmet clinical needs workshops

It can also provide:

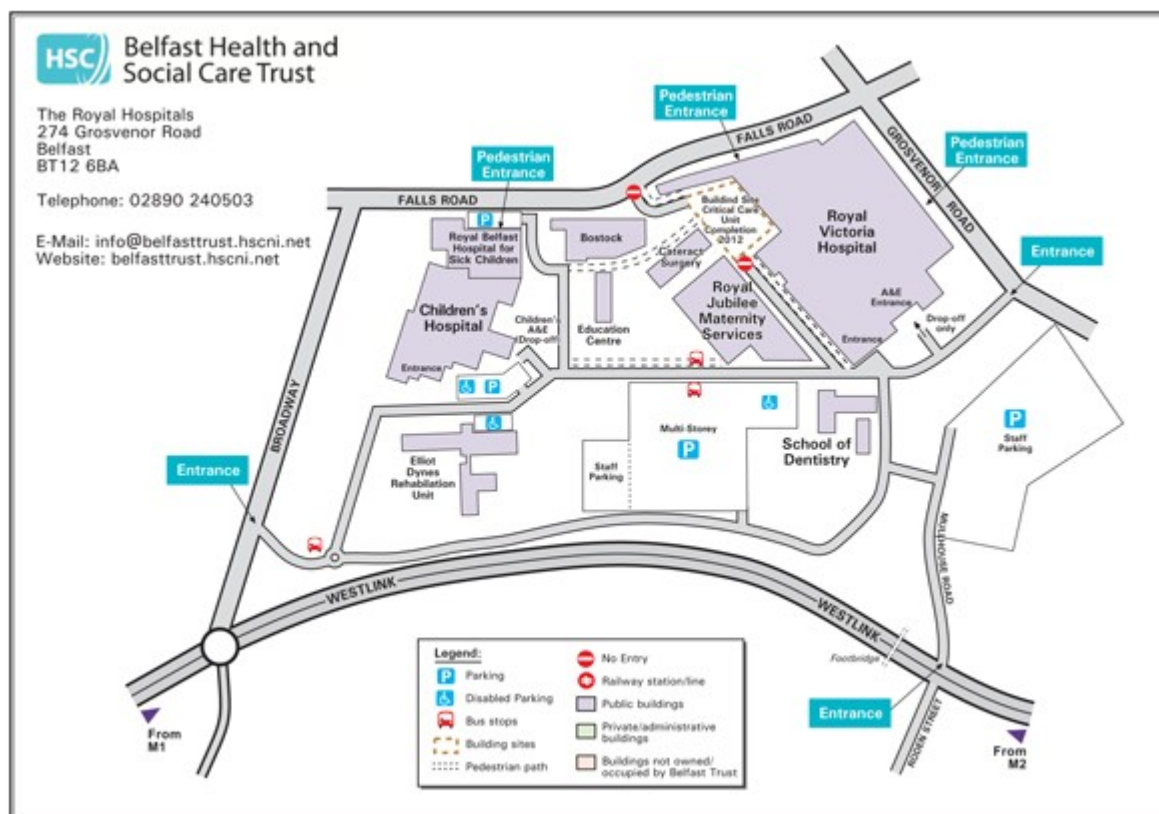
- Funding for IP protection and technology development
- Advice on IP rights and strategies for commercial development
- Advice on IP clauses in research, confidentiality, materials transfer and other agreements
- Advice on the Research Governance Framework as it relates to IP
- Template agreements (for example: CDA, MTA, licences)
- Confidential enquiry service (for both health and social care staff and external organisations)
- Training of staff in the management and development of HSC IP assets
- Links with the healthcare industry and academia for access to and commercialisation of IP
- Access to and funding for work performed by specialist organisations (technology development companies, IP and legal professionals, clinical trials/regulatory approval advice)

HSC Innovations is hosted within the Clinical Research Support Centre (also funded by HSC R&D Division - see under Infrastructure) by Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. They can be contacted at the following address:

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Please see a map of the Royal Hospitals site below. HSC Innovations is in the Education Centre.



Research Fora

HSC R&D Division support a number of research fora to encourage dissemination of research findings and networking between researchers. Currently funded fora are as follows:

Allied Health Professions
Child Care Research Forum
Doctoral Midwifery Research Society
HCAI
NILS User Forum
Palliative and End of Life Care Forum

Please contact [HSC R&D Division](#) if you are interested in the work of these groups.

Public Health Agency R&D Seminars

HSC R&D Division has co-ordinated a series of seminars relating to key research findings, including the following:

- Childsmile
- Modelling Complex Environments in Health & Social Care: Research into Global Healthcare Tools: the RIGHT
- Cochrane Training
- Moments Study
- Designer Breastfeeding
- Suicide
- Public Health Librarian resources
- NILS Antibiotic Research Seminar

Future seminars are planned and will be notified by email. If you do not already receive news emails from HSC R&D Division, please contact the office to arrange (028 9055 3617).

Cochrane Short Courses and Fellowships

The Cochrane Collaboration is a not-for-profit independent organisation dedicated to making up-to-date, accurate information about the effects of healthcare interventions readily available worldwide. It produces and disseminates systematic reviews of healthcare interventions in over fifty topic areas and makes them available as The Cochrane Library. In 2002, Ireland became the first country to provide free national access to the Cochrane Library, an initiative co-funded by the Health Research Board (HRB) and HSC R&D Division. In addition to providing and promoting free national access, the HRB and HSC R&D Division have developed an annual series of training courses in conjunction with the UK Cochrane Centre, and a Fellowship scheme to allow health and social care professionals, researchers and policy makers protected time to develop their capacity in conducting systematic reviews.

Cochrane Short Courses

Applications for this year's 2 day training course are now closed but places are still available on the half day course being run on the 7th September 2011.

[Cochrane Short Courses Guidance Notes](#)

[Cochrane Short Courses Application Form](#)

[Cochrane Fellowship Scheme](#)

The aim of the Cochrane Fellowship scheme is to build capacity in conducting systematic reviews in the health and social care field in Ireland and Northern Ireland, and to free up protected time for applicants to conduct and maintain a systematic review and to generate a body of systematic reviews, led by Irish and Northern Irish reviewers, for inclusion in the worldwide Cochrane Library.

Applicants must be employed in Northern Ireland, within Health & Social Care (HSC), voluntary/not-for-profit organisations providing health and social care or within an academic institution. The Fellowship provides the Fellow with protected time for up to two days per week for up to two years. The award covers systematic review training costs, salary costs and research expenses.