PhD opportunity

Creating a generic resource-use measure is challenging because analyses may be conducted from various perspectives (e.g. NHS, societal), the level of detail required may also vary depending on trial setting (e.g. secondary care, primary care, community interventions), and there are regional and temporal variations in terminology. A well validated generic instrument with a modular structure would be valuable for trialists through reducing unnecessary work and making trial results more transparent and directly comparable with one another.

With funding from the MRC HTMR, Professor Will Hollingworth and colleagues from the University of Bristol are currently recruiting a PhD student to develop a preliminary generic modular resource-use measure that could be used for economic evaluation in a wide range of RCTs of healthcare.

Details on how to apply for this and other studentships in trial methodological research are available via the HTMR website.

Recent research

A Bristol-Bangor-Oxford collaboration, led by Dr Jo Thorn, has been funded to identify a core set of economically important resource-use items that are suitable for future inclusion in a modular patient-reported resource-use measure. The research will involve a Delphi panel; more details to follow.