

## Course teaching

All of the basic research methods courses will be taught by individuals who have a proven track record in working in research in relation to the health services and in most instances primary care. The writing group will be facilitated and led by a professional writing trainer. All teachers will be asked to tailor their teaching to primary care and to incorporate the experiences of the participants into their sessions. The sessions will be workshop in style and handouts will be available. Further support is available from research staff at each research network.

## Costs

These courses are funded by the Department of Health and Social Care (London Region) and are FREE of charge to all primary care professionals within South London, **however bookings are essential**. If you would like to attend but are concerned with costs that you might incur (locums, child care, travel etc) please contact your local research network who may be able to help.

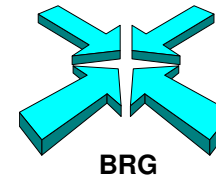
## PGEA

PGEA for all the courses and sessions offered has been applied for.

**For further details on these courses (or any other aspect of primary care research) and to book places, please contact:**

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**STaRNet (London), Battersea Research Group (BRG) and Lewisham Research Unit (LRU)**

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## **Primary Care Research Training Programme 2003-2004**

**Open to all primary care professionals working in South London**

**Components include...**

- (1) Basic research methods sessions**
- (2) Small bursary funds for pilot work**
- (3) New writers group**
- (4) Grant proposal writing group**

## Introduction

STaRNet, BRG and LRU are running a South London training programme aimed at all primary care professionals and colleagues in related disciplines. The programme aims to build research capacity in primary care by addressing basic and more advanced researcher needs. It also aims to centrally co-ordinate, across South London, training and research support which we hope will lead to greater visibility of primary care research and collaboration between different groups, individuals, organisations and disciplines. We hope that you and your colleagues will support this programme.

### **(1) Basic Research Methods**

Morning sessions 9.30-12.30 at Bolingbroke Hospital, Wakehurst Road London SW11 6HN and at St. George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road Tooting London SW17 0QT\*. The following dates are provisional and we recommend you check finalised dates when booking.

1. Introduction to R&D in Primary Care	17.09.03
2. Idea to protocol	24.09.03*
3. Literature Searching (1)	01.10.03*
4. Literature Searching (2)	08.10.03*
5. Ethics and Research Governance	15.10.03
6. Consumers in research	05.11.03
7. Recruiting participants	12.11.03
8. Questionnaires (1)	26.11.03
9. Questionnaires (2)	03.12.03
10. Basics of clinical trials	11.12.03
11. Qualitative research: basic principles	22.01.04
12. Collecting qualitative data (1)	29.01.04
13. Collecting qualitative data (2)	05.02.04
14. Analysing qualitative data	04.03.04
15. Evaluation and audit	10.03.04
16. Introduction to statistics (1)	17.03.04*
17. Introduction to statistics (2)	24.03.04*
18. Research troubleshooting	31.03.04

**NB:** Idea to protocol: this group will meet twice more during the year but dates and times will be decided during the first meeting of 24.09.03

### **(2) 'Learning by doing': New researchers fund**

We will award up to 4 bursaries of up to £3000 each to undertake pilot work that is often required to develop a research proposal into a grant application. Pilot work is important for working through methodological issues, evaluating a timetable, gaining interim results and is often helpful in attracting full scale funding. All applications for bursaries will be internally and externally peer reviewed and will receive feedback whether successful in receiving funding or not.

### **(3) 'Learning by doing': New writers fund**

A large body of research, often of very high quality and of great importance in improving patient care, does not get put back into the public domain. We will be setting up a writing group for up to 10 individuals, who have completed research but not published or disseminated. This group will be facilitated by Tim Albert through teaching, meetings and email support. The course consists of face-to-face contact time of approximately 1 whole day writing course (which will take place on 12th November), 2 half day meetings and email support in between sessions over a period of three months. At the end of the course participants will be expected to have submitted a paper for peer reviewed publication.

### **(4) 'Learning by doing': Grant proposal writing group**

This group will be facilitated by an experienced researcher and will aim to help individuals develop a research idea into a full grant application that can be submitted to an external funding body.