

Trials Methodology Research Partnership (TMRP) webinars

This document briefly outlines the TMRP approach to hosting webinars. Webinars are an excellent way to reach the clinical trials community and are increasingly being used as a method of communication/dissemination.

1: TMRP webinar programme

The Trials Methodology Research Partnership (TMRP), along with its five partners, has a 6-monthly webinar programme. Each partner¹ nominates a speaker/topic per month over a 6-month period. This programme is coordinated and hosted by the UK Trial Managers' Network (UKTMN). Webinars are advertised as an entire programme, ahead of the start of the 6 month series, with reminders nearer the time for each webinar. Dissemination of this programme is via the TMRP mailing list and all TMRP partner organisations. The webinar programme is a clear demonstration of the value of partnership/collaborative working and also offers an opportunity for each partner to showcase its own group.

Registration is required in order to event – links to register are provided at the time of advertising. Webinars are hosted on Microsoft Teams, recorded and recordings are then placed on the TMRP website at a later date. Places are usually limited to around 200-250 participants. Brief feedback will be collected after each webinar in order for the series to continue to be evaluated via the TMRP Executive Committee.

Queries relating to the coordination of this programme should be sent to Natalie Wakefield, UKTMN Manager: uktmn@nottingham.ac.uk

2: TMRP working groups webinars

Many TMRP working groups may choose to host a webinar on a relevant topic and this is encouraged. These should be promoted as a TMRP working group webinar. They should be coordinated and hosted by the relevant working group. If the working group would prefer the webinar to be coordinated via the TMRP webinar programme (details above), then it could be considered as the HTMR's nomination. In this instance, you should contact Paula Williamson, TMRP Chair: P.R.Williamson@liverpool.ac.uk

3: Other webinars

There are multiple topics that could be included in webinars, particularly given this approach is increasing as face-to-face contact continues to be limited due to the Covid-19 pandemic. If webinar topics could be of interest to individuals on the TMRP mailing list, and those of its partners, details can be shared via newsletters, mailing lists and individual social media channels. If you are organising a webinar and think it may be of interest to people working in the clinical trials community, you should contact Karen Hughes, TMRP Coordinator: Karen.Hughes@liverpool.ac.uk who will organise dissemination to its mailing list and to TMRP partners.

¹ TMRP partner organisations are: UKTMN (UK Trial Managers' Network) - www.tmn.ac.uk; UKCRC Clinical Trials Unit (CTU) Network - <https://www.ukcrc-ctu.org.uk/>; The Global Health Network (TGHN) - <https://tghn.org/>; Health Data Research UK (HDRUK) - <https://www.hdruk.ac.uk/>; The Health Research Board Trials Methodology Research Network - <https://www.hrb-tmrn.ie/>; The Hubs for Trials Methodology Research (HTMR) - <https://www.methodologyhubs.mrc.ac.uk/about/network/> this is the predecessor to TMRP.