



Grant successes!



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Bristol Speech and
Language Therapy
Research Unit

Projects for the Welsh Government

Dr Yvonne Wren, and Dr Sam Harding, together with Cardiff Metropolitan University and the University of Portsmouth are co-authors of a number of winning bids for the for the Welsh Government, including a **£1.5 million project** as part of the [All Wales Speech, Language and Communication \(SLC\) Identification, Intervention and Evaluation Package](#).

Dr Yvonne Wren, and Dr Sam Harding together with Cardiff Metropolitan University are also authors of a **winning bid** with the Welsh Government to undertake a scoping review of technology used in the surveillance of children's early speech, language and communication development.



Dr Yvonne Wren, and Kath Broomfield, together with colleagues from Cardiff Metropolitan University, are successful authors of a **£29,625** bid to the [Stroke Association](#) to explore access to speech and language therapy for Welsh-speaking survivors of stroke.



Dr **Lucy Southby** was successful in her application for funding to the charity [CLEFT-Bridging the gap!](#)
Congratulations!

Stay tuned for news of their progress [@BSLTRU](#)

Invited to present!



NIHR-funded MISLToe_SSD Study featured at the HEE AHP Research Strategy Celebration Event

We are delighted to have been invited to present our work on the MISLToe_SSD study, led by Dr Yvonne Wren, at the [HEE CAHPR AHP Research Strategy celebration event](#) on 25th January.

The team's poster will be showcased among other invited presentations from inspiring, research-active AHPs across the UK.

Welcome to our Newsletter Yvonne



Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to hear more about our work and opportunities as they become available.



A very warm welcome to our newest team member, **Amalia**. Congratulations to our colleague Caitlin and her husband Arturo!





Current studies & project collaborations



Dr Lydia Morgan, PI and Research Associate for **Chin Tuck Against Resistance with Feedback: Swallowing Rehabilitation in Frail Older People (CTAR-SwiFt) - A feasibility study a Research for Patient Benefit.**

This is a feasibility randomized, controlled study of two types of rehabilitation exercises using [Chin Tuck against resistance to improve swallowing, eating and drinking](#), funded by the NIHR. BSLTRU are working with the main study site (Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust) to recruit patients with pneumonia to this study.



Katherine Broomfield is supporting the project **Softly non-spoken: soft robotics as non-verbal communication aids** by providing expertise in AAC and co-design with people who have communication difficulties.

[This project](#) is concerned with exploring whether soft robotics can be used as augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) to support non-verbal communication. It has been carried out as a collaboration between partners at University of Bristol, the [Bristol Robotics Lab](#), BSLTRU and [Air Giants](#) (an industry partner).

Celebrating success



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HEE/NIHR clinical doctoral fellowship.

Huge congratulations for our colleague **Dr Sam Burr**, who was awarded her PhD in November 2022!

Coming soon from BSLTRU

Dr Joanne Cleland delivers **specialist ultrasound training** for BSLTRU and Cardiff Met colleagues



BSLTRU Summer Guest Lecture by Professor Janice Murray, Manchester Metropolitan University:

“Clinical decision processes in augmentative and alternative communication: unpicking the elements that influence recommendations”

Follow us on [Twitter](#) to hear details about this when it becomes available.

BSLTRU conference plans and news for summer/autumn



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