

Dear all

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Top tip! [Getting stuck into CoPro](#)

Ever wanted to see what co-production would look like in practice? In the RDS blog this month, Dr Richard Holliday (researcher) and Roland Finch (patient representative), RDS North East look at how co-production is possible even when you start out as a novice to the process.



Read the blog [here](#)



Latest funding calls and other opportunities

NIHR HS&DR Programme: Production of Rapid Reviews and Evidence Synthesis

Details: The Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme aims to produce rigorous and relevant evidence to improve the quality, accessibility and organisation of health and social care services.

The HS&DR Programme is accepting expressions of interest for the following:

- [19/98 Call for Expressions of Interest: Production of Rapid Reviews and Evidence Syntheses \(HS&DR Programme\)](#)

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 5th September 2019

Find out more [here](#)

MRC: Career Development Award

Details: MRC Career Development Awards supports talented post-doctoral researchers to lead their own research plans and establish their own research team to make the transition from post-doctoral researcher to independent investigator. An MRC Career Development Award provides funding for a challenging research programme, and an ambitious programme of research training which offers accelerated personal and career development.

Applicants can apply across all areas of the MRC's scientific remit. Applications may range from basic studies with relevance to mechanisms of disease to translational and developmental clinical research.

Deadline for proposals: 4pm on 18th September 2019

Find out more [here](#)

MRC: Senior Non-Clinical Fellowship

Details: The SNCF supports researchers with a track record of effectively leading their own independent research to make the transition to research leadership and become an internationally recognised leader in their field. An SNCF provides funding for a challenging research programme, and an ambitious programme of research training which offers accelerated personal and career development.

Applications are welcome across all areas of the MRC's scientific remit. Applications may range from basic studies with relevance to mechanisms of disease to translational and developmental clinical research.

Deadline for proposals: 4pm on 18th September 2019

Find out more [here](#)

CRUK: Early Detection Programme Award

Details: CRUK: Early Detection Programme Awards fund long-term, integrated and renewable programmes of exceptional science to transform how and when early cancers and pre-cancerous states are detected. Early detection (EDx) research seeks to identify cancer or pre-cancerous states at the earliest possible point at which an intervention might be made. such signals will detect, but may also underpin prognosis/stratification/prediction of response to therapy and prevention. EDx projects will support discovery and translational/clinical research which is mindful of the clinical and population context.

Deadline for proposals: 19th September 2019

Find out more [here](#)

Diabetes UK: Project Grants

Details: Diabetes UK Project Grants are for high quality, hypothesis driven diabetes research projects, lasting up to five years and costing less than £500,000. The Principle Investigator will usually have a tenured post or be able to demonstrate that they will have a salary for the lifetime of the grant. The research must take place at an established research institution in the UK.

Deadline for proposals: 1st December 2019

Find out more [here](#)

Diabetes UK: Early-career small grants

Details: Diabetes UK: Early-career small grants are for researchers at key career transition points, with the aim of enabling successful recipients to go on to secure further funding.

Deadline for proposals: 1st December 2019

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR PHR Programme Grant

Details : The Public Health Research Programme are accepting stage 1 applications to their commissioned workstream for this topic

- [19/90 Continuing priority research topics of interest to the PHR Programme](#)

Closing date 19th November

- [19/97 PHR Emergency Response and Preparedness](#)

This is a joint call between [HS&DR](#), [PHR](#), [RfPB](#), [PDG](#) and [PGfAR](#) and **closes on 23 October**.

RDS West Midlands can offer free expert support and advice on all aspects of designing and developing applications for NIHR funding – please complete our online [Request for Support](#) form to gain access to our advice.

NIHR Funding deadlines calendar

For an overview of the year's NIHR calls and ongoing opportunities, please view the online calendar: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding-and-support/current-funding-opportunities/>

News

NIHR annual social care funding calls

The NIHR [Research for Patient Benefit programme](#) (RfPB) has funded £2.5 million of new research into social care, bolstering NIHR's commitment to improving social care through high quality evidence and building capacity for research in this field. The new funding was driven by RfPB's 2018 funding call for research focused on adult social care, which received a great response from the research community. Following this successful call, the NIHR will be investing in future social care research with annual funding calls via the RfPB

programme, under the banner of Research for Social Care (RfSC). The RfSC call, planned to launch in September, will have a budget of £3m.

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Training Advocate Recruitment

NIHR Training Advocates promote research training opportunities to non-medical clinical professions in order to support the NIHR Academy in developing research capacity. Advocates provide support and advice to both aspiring researchers and those already on a clinical academic pathway, and provide expert advice to NIHR in relation to their specific profession and area of interest.

The NIHR are looking for individuals who are passionate about supporting non-medical clinical professionals to develop clinical academic careers. Applicants should be clinical academics working in the profession for which they are applying to be an Advocate who have knowledge and experience of clinical academic career development and the support available through the NIHR Training awards. Further details about can be found about both Lead Advocate and Advocate roles in the [role description](#).

Find out more [here](#)

Training and Events

Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) social care funding roadshow events

Our [Research Design Service \(RDS\)](#) is running regional events which will offer an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of RfSC funding. Attendance at these events is FREE and refreshments will be provided.

Researchers currently developing, or considering developing, a proposal for submission to RfSC for funding are invited to take advantage of a one-to-one appointment to discuss their proposed research idea or study.

When and where:

Location	Date	Registration and contacts
Bristol	30 th September 2019	Bristol registration form rds.sw@nihr.ac.uk 01392 726724
Manchester	8 th October 2019	Manchester registration form rds.nw@nihr.ac.uk 01524 593209
London	14 th October 2019	London registration form info@rdslondon.co.uk 020 7848 6782
York	17 th October 2019	York registration form rds-yh@sheffield.ac.uk 0114 222 0828
Birmingham	22 nd October 2019	Birmingham registration form rds@contacts.bham.ac.uk 0121 414 8533

Support available from Clinical Research Network West Midlands

Please note that support and advice is available from the CRN WM Study Support Service Early Contact Team for any study that is potentially eligible or applying for CRN Support. This includes providing cost attribution advice to support researchers in completing their grant applications and authorising the Schedule of Events Cost Attribution Tool (SoECAT*),

navigating the approvals process, accessing training provided by the Network, identifying and supporting the management of excess treatment costs, and can highlight further support within the Network to support study set up and delivery to time and target.

*Please find attached information on our SoECAT Clinics which provides dates to access support open to anyone working on a specific study.

For more information or support. Please contact Kirsty Hunter or Ellen Edwards.
email: studysupport.crnwestmidlands@nihr.ac.uk

Applying for NIHR funding? Access free advice and support from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Research Design Service West Midlands

Our multi-disciplinary team can offer advice on the key ingredients in a successful health or social care research proposal, including:

- Statistics and health economics
- Qualitative methodology
- Support on involving patients and public in research, identified by the NIHR as a critical component in funding applications
- Peer review of draft grant applications before submission.

Find out more about how RDS West Midlands could help you and your team at <http://www.rds-wm.nihr.ac.uk/>

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