

Dear all

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Latest funding calls and other opportunities

NIHR Research for Patient Benefit Programme - Competition 41

Details: As a response mode researcher-led programme, Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) does not specify topics for research, but encourages proposals for projects which address a wide range of health service issues and challenges. The programme aims to fund high quality quantitative and qualitative research with a clear trajectory to patient benefit.

RfPB is participating in the following NIHR themed call:

- NIHR 2019/2020 Themed Call in 'Brain tumours'

Proposals are invited for research that addresses any aspect of the diagnosis, treatment, support or care of patients with brain tumours, including access to or the delivery of services. Research methods may involve primary research or evidence synthesis, including systematic reviews, modelling studies or the analysis of existing datasets. This theme will continue to apply until further notice.

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 18th March 2020

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Public Health Research Programme – New commissioned calls

Details: The Public Health Research (PHR) Programme funds research to generate evidence to inform the delivery of non-NHS interventions intended to improve the health of the public and reduce inequalities in health.

The PHR Programme are accepting stage 1 applications to their commissioned workstream for the following topics:

- [19/133 Continuing priority research topics of interest to the PHR Programme](#)
 - **Deadline for proposals:** 1pm on 24 March 2020
- [19/135 Interactive electronic devices and children and young people's wellbeing](#)
 - **Deadline for proposals:** 1pm on 28 July 2020

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Public Health Research Programme – Researcher-led workstream

Details: The Public Health Research (PHR) Programme funds research to generate evidence to inform the delivery of non-NHS interventions intended to improve the health of the public and reduce inequalities in health.

The PHR Programme are accepting stage 1 applications to their researcher-led workstream:

- [19/134 researcher-led; including brain tumours highlight notice](#)

Please note that this researcher-led call is open to all relevant research areas, and does not just include this highlight notice. If you are responding to the highlight notice, please indicate this in the application form in Section 6, Question 1 'What is the problem being addressed?'

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 24 March 2020

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Public Health Research Programme – Public Health Responsive Studies Teams

Details: The Public Health Research (PHR) Programme wishes to facilitate the co-production of responsive research with a focus on local governments. Such research should help inform the delivery and implementation of current or future public health interventions intended to improve the health of the public and reduce inequalities in health.

The purpose of this call for expressions of interest is to identify two suitable teams that will undertake responsive research with a focus on local government across the UK. The teams will be commissioned by the PHR Programme for an initial three year contract.

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 28 January 2020

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme – New commissioned calls

Details: The Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) Programme funds ambitious studies evaluating interventions with potential to make a step-change in the promotion of health, treatment of disease and improvement of rehabilitation or long-term care. Within these studies, EME supports research in the mechanisms of diseases and treatments. EME is a partnership between the Medical Research Council (MRC) and the NIHR.

The Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme is accepting stage 1 applications for the following primary research topics:

- [19/136 Evaluating interventions for the diagnosis and treatment of autoimmune diseases](#)
- [19/137 Bipolar disorder](#)
- [19/139 Mitigation of the adverse effects of health and social care interventions](#)

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 16 April 2020

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme – New researcher-led workstream

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The EME Programme is accepting stage 1 applications to the Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation researcher-led workstream. All primary research projects are expected to establish a programme appointed Study Steering Committee and it is important that applicants read the TSC/SSC Guidance before completing their application.

Deadline for proposals: 1pm on 16 April 2020

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme – Topics for future commissioned research

Details: The Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme funds research about the clinical and cost-effectiveness and broader impact of healthcare treatments and tests for those who plan, provide or receive care from NHS and social care services.

The HTA Programme is considering the following topics for future commissioned research:

- [Repair and rehabilitation of hand flexor tendon injury](#)
- [Rectus Sheath Blockade in Emergency Laparotomy](#)
- [Psychological intervention for complex post-traumatic stress disorder](#)
- [Management of ankle fractures in children](#)
- [Maintenance fluid therapy in hospitalised children](#)
- [Imaging in paediatric osteomyelitis](#)
- [Diagnostic tools to establish the presence and severity of peripheral arterial disease in people with diabetes](#)
- [Antifungal Stewardship in Haemato-oncology](#)
- [Subcutaneous vs oral methotrexate for rheumatoid arthritis](#)
- [Nasal decolonisation of MRSA](#)
- [Perioperative Oxygen Therapy: An overview of systematic reviews and meta-analyses](#)

The likely advert date for these topics, if prioritised, 23rd March 2020. However, please note this is an indicative date, which may change.

Funding calls from other bodies

Cancer Research UK: Early Detection Primer Award

Details: CRUK Early Detection Primer Awards support researchers at all stages to develop early, novel and outside-the-box ideas and collaborations to build and make progress in the Early Detection field. With this award, CRUK are challenging applicants to consider how they

can utilise skills and techniques in innovative ways to detect cancers earlier. Primer Awards provide seed funding to develop new relationships, ideas and lines of research, and the generation of pilot data.

The award aims to encourage scientists at all career stages to engage with the early detection of cancer field. It will support new and exploratory research ideas and/or pilot studies of high scientific risk and potential reward. It supports the development of new partnerships and exploration of highly novel concepts, involving researchers from any research area, including from non-traditional cancer fields.

Deadline for proposals: 7 March 2020/p>
Find out more [here](#)

RDS West Midlands can offer free expert support and advice on all aspects of designing and developing applications for NIHR funding and other peer reviewed funding bodies– 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/>

Training and Events

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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