

Dear all

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**Latest funding calls and other opportunities**



## **NIHR Research for Social Care (RfSC) – Competition 2**

**Details:** The RfSC call welcomes proposals for research which generates evidence to improve, expand and strengthen the way adult social care is delivered for users of care services, carers, and the public.

NIHR expect research proposals to demonstrate strong links to people with social care needs, to social care service users and carers, and to organisations which provide adult social care services. We also expect proposals to demonstrate strong and appropriate research expertise, with teams which can demonstrate a track record of relevant published research.

**Deadline for proposals:** 1pm on 22 January 2020

**Find out more** [here](#)

## **MRC: Biomedical Catalyst: Developmental Pathway Funding Scheme outline**

**Details:** The DPFS scheme is a key part of the MRC's Translational Research Strategy and supports the translation of fundamental discoveries toward benefits to human health. It funds the pre-clinical development and early clinical testing of novel therapeutics, devices and diagnostics, including "repurposing" of existing therapies.

The scheme supports academically led projects whose goals are to improve prevention, diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of significant health needs, or that focus on developing research tools that increase the efficiency of developing interventions.

**Deadline for proposals:** 4pm on 27th November 2019

**Find out more** [here](#)

## **Abbeyfield Research Foundation: Small projects grant**

**Details:** The Abbeyfield Research Foundation aims to fund innovative, practical research to enable older people to live healthy, active and independent lives for longer. Abbeyfield research covers a range of social, emotional, psychological and physical issues and aims to facilitate wellbeing for current and future generations. In doing so, they also aim to decrease the scale of longer term need for health and social care interventions.

Small project grants will cover applicant salary, running costs and possibly items of essential equipment. Award typically up to £50k per year over 2 years

**Deadline for proposals:** 5pm on 11th January 2020

**Find out more** [here](#)

## **Cancer Research UK: Advanced Clinician Scientist Fellowship**

**Details:** The Advanced Clinician Scientist Fellowship supports excellent clinician scientists to develop independence and leadership in their field of academic research.

Applications are considered from any area of the CRUK funding remit, with the exception of clinical trials and drug discovery.

**Deadline for proposals:** 4th December 2019

**Find out more** [here](#)

## **Cancer Research UK: Pioneer Award**

**Details:** Pioneer Award funds innovative, higher risk ideas, from any discipline, that could revolutionise our understanding of cancer. CRUK welcome early-stage ideas from any discipline, from basic science to technology development – including, but not limited to

- Molecular and cellular biology
- Optimising treatments and diagnostics
- Device and software development
- Behavioural and population studies
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**Deadline for proposals:** 7th January 2020

**Find out more** [here](#)

### **Cancer Research UK: Career Development Fellowship**

**Details:** The Career Development Fellowship supports new group leaders who do not have a salaried independent position to establish their own independent research group. Applications are considered from any area of our funding remit, with the exception of clinical trials and drug discovery.

**Deadline for proposals:** 5th February 2020

**Find out more** [here](#)

### **Cancer Research UK: Career Establishment Award**

**Details:** The Career Establishment Award supports new group leaders who have a salaried independent position to establish their own independent research group. Applications are considered from any area of our funding remit, with the exception of clinical trials and drug discovery.

**Deadline for proposals:** 5th February 2020

**Find out more** [here](#)

### **Cancer Research UK: Senior Cancer Research Fellowship**

**Details:** CRUK Senior Cancer Research Fellowships support group leaders to further develop their own research programme and build their reputation as a world-leader in their cancer research field. Applications are considered from any area of our funding remit, with the exception of clinical trials and drug discovery.

**Deadline for proposals:** 5th February 2020

**Find out more** [here](#)

### **Cancer Research UK: Experimental Medicine Award**

**Details:** The Experimental Medicine Award funds highly ambitious translational research conducted in association with a clinical trial or well-designed clinical study. The types of studies that fit this scheme are typically investigator-led studies for highly ambitious translational research conducted in association with a clinical trial or well-designed clinical study with the objective of optimising treatment and maximising patient benefit.

**Deadline for proposals:** 18th March 2020

**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 – 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

### New report highlights how NIHR support for clinical research benefits the UK economy and NHS

The value of clinical research to the NHS, the UK economy and jobs market has been evaluated in a new report, which provides an assessment of the economic impact of the National Institute for Health Research Clinical Research Network's (NIHR CRN) activities to support clinical research in England.

The report, produced by KPMG UK's Economics team and commissioned by the NIHR CRN, covers the financial period 2016/17 to 2018/19 and presents amalgamated three year data alongside figures for each individual financial year (FY). It shows that over this three year period, clinical research supported by the NIHR CRN generated an estimated £8bn of gross value added (GVA) and 47,467 full time equivalent (FTE) jobs for the UK.

Find out more [here](#)

## Blogs and articles

### NIHR blog: Introducing new public health research principles and goals to guide funding decisions

In Autumn 2018, the UK Chief Medical Officers asked the Strategic Coordination of Health of the Public Research committee (SCHOPR) to develop a set of public health research principles and goals to guide funding decisions. In this blog, Professor Chris Whitty (Chief Medical Officer (CMO); and Chair of NIHR Strategy Board) looks at the purpose of the principles and goals and the ways in which the research community and the NIHR need to respond.

Read the blog [here](#)

### NIHR blog: The wonder of research

In this blog, Professor Cheng-Hock Toh (Academic Vice President, Royal College of Physicians) reflects on how his research journey has made him a better doctor and a better trainer, and the ways in which he is encouraging other clinicians to participate in research.

Read the blog [here](#)

## Resources

### NIHRtv

The NIHR has a YouTube Channel, NIHRtv, which contains a whole host of videos on a broad range of topics. Some of the playlists include:

- Patient and public involvement videos
- Messages from NIHR research programme directors
- Clinical research nurses from around the world
- NIHR career advice
- And many more...

Visit the YouTube channel [here](#)

## Presentations from the Royal College of Nursing research conference 2019

The Royal College of Nursing research conference took place from 3-5 September 2019 in Sheffield. The RCN have made the presentations from the conference available as PDFs of on their website, along with videos of the keynote presentations.

Access the presentations [here](#)

## Training and Events

### NIHR: Commercial contract research - single contract review webinars

**What:** Representatives from the life science industry and NHS R&D (Research and Development) teams are invited to find out about the new single contract review process for commercial contract research within the NHS, by attending a half hour webinar.

The webinars, organised by NHS England's Commercial Contract Research Project Group, will be repeated on three separate dates - with the same content covered in each. Separate sessions are taking place for industry representatives, and the NHS R&D community - so be sure to sign up for the correct webinar.

**When:** Life science industry webinars

- Wednesday 30 October – 15:00 – 15:30
- Friday 1 November – 12:30 – 13:00
- Monday 4 November – 12:30 – 13:00

R&D community webinars

- Tuesday 29 October – 12:30 – 13:00
- Thursday 31 October – 09:30 – 10:00
- Wednesday 6 November – 15:00 – 15:30

**Where:** Webinar

Find out more [here](#)

### NIHR: i4i Product Development Award (PDA) Call 19 - Live FAQ sessions

**What:** The NIHR Invention for Innovation (i4i) Programme is holding live FAQ sessions for applicants to its Product Development Award 19 funding call (launching on 30 October 2019). The FAQ sessions will be interactive and participants will have the opportunity to submit written questions which will be responded to during the session. The questions and responses will be made available to all participants during the session, and a summary will be made available on the NIHR website afterwards.

**When:**

- Session 1: 11 November 2019 at 2pm
- Session 2: 15 November 2019 at 11am

**Where:** Webinar

Find out more [here](#)

### PHE LKIS West Midlands

To mark Anti-Slavery Day 2019, Public Health England (PHE) West Midlands; the West Midlands Anti-Slavery Network and the Modern Slavery Police Transformation Programme are hosting **a series of webinars on various aspects of modern slavery**, ending with a face to face stakeholder networking event. Webinars will take place daily between 14th October-18th October 2019. The sessions will help further raise awareness, share effective practice and identify future actions.

Registration [here](#)

## 8th Annual University of Birmingham Open International Health Lecture with Prof Danny Dorling. 'Health and Society: Why Finland is so good and the UK is now so bad'

**bad'** - UOB, Medical School, Tues 19th Nov 2019, 17:00 - 19:00. Since 2014, life expectancy in the UK for both men and women has fallen. Nowhere else in Europe has seen such a shift. Every single country that ONS has published comparable data on has instead seen it rise. Since 2015, infant mortality in England and Wales has risen (significantly), each and every year. In contrast, in Scotland it is falling. However, the greatest contrast with the UK—especially with England—is Finland. In Finland, health simply continues to improve at a remarkable rate. What are we doing wrong, and what are they doing that has turned out to be so right?

To book and for more information [here](#)

## University of Birmingham International Development Department Guest Seminar Series 2019

Climate Change and Health: Tracking Progress from Threat to Opportunity. Dr Nick Watts, The Lancet Countdown

**When:** Wednesday 16 October, 16.30-18.00

**Where:** Venue: G11 (Lecture Theatre 2), Alan Walters Building

More information [here](#)

## 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.  
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## 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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