

Dear all

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**Latest funding calls and other opportunities**

**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 accepting stage 1 applications to the following researcher-led workstreams:

- [19/101 Health Technology Assessment Programme Researcher-led \(evidence synthesis\)](#)
- [19/102 Health Technology Assessment Programme Researcher-led \(primary research\)](#)

**Deadline for proposals:** 1pm on 8th January 2020



### **NIHR PHR 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 the following commissioned topics:

- [19/106 Changes to the welfare system](#)
- [19/107 Health effects of onshore oil and gas exploitation](#)
- [19/108 Public mental health interventions](#)

**Deadline for proposals:** 1pm on 17th March 2020

The NIHR will be holding a webinar to support applications to 19/106 Changes to the welfare system and 19/107 Health effects of onshore oil and gas exploitation on Friday 25 October 2019, 15:00-16:00.

### **ESRC: Future leaders fellowship**

**Details:** The UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship scheme (FLF) aims to develop, retain, attract and sustain research and innovation talent in the UK.

The objectives of the Future Leaders Fellowships are:

- to develop, retain, attract and sustain research and innovation talent in the UK
- to foster new research and innovation career paths including those at the academic/business and interdisciplinary boundaries, and facilitate movement of people between sectors
- to provide sustained funding and resources for the best early career researchers and innovators
- to provide long-term, flexible funding to tackle difficult and novel challenges, and support adventurous, ambitious programmes

**Deadline for proposals:** 8th October 2019

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

### **CRUK: Children and young people cancer innovation award**

**Details:** The CRUK Children and Young People's Cancer Innovation Award is a new initiative to support novel and innovative approaches to childhood cancer research. These awards are intended to stimulate new activity and collaborations, and to build capacity within UK paediatric cancer research. Projects should be focused on transforming our understanding of paediatric tumour biology and developing innovative new ways to treat, detect and prevent these diseases.

**Deadline for proposals:** 10th January 2020

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

### **Versus Arthritis: Pre-call announcement for NIHR PGfAR Chronic Pain theme**

**Details:** Versus Arthritis are partnering with the NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research on the cross-programme themed-call in the management of chronic pain to address Pain Roadmap priorities in disease management and applied health research. Co-funding is available for appropriate studies in the Programme Grants for Applied Research chronic pain themed call round being opened in 2019 and 2020. This funding scheme will support programmes made up of an interrelated group of projects focused on a coherent theme which requires multidisciplinary approaches, including clinical, health economics,

statistics, qualitative and behavioural sciences, to ensure that the research objectives can be met.

**Outline applications opens:** 3rd October 2019

**Outline application deadline:** 27th November 2019

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

### NIHR HTA Programme is looking for a new Programme Director

The NIHR Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme is looking for a new Programme Director, as Professor Hywel Williams will be stepping down from his role in October 2020.

Find out more [here](#)

## Patient and Public Involvement

### Survey shows 90% positive experience in research participation

The NIHR conducts an annual survey offering research participants to feed back on what went well and what could be improved. The 2018/19 Research Participant Experience Survey showed that 90% of respondents had had a good experience of taking part in research. Their responses will be used to inform study design and delivery in the future.

Find out more [here](#)

### NIHR INVOLVE: Sharebank - Learning and development network for patient and public involvement in health and social care research

Sharebank is a network for training, learning and development in patient and public involvement (PPI). Since 2015/16, the Sharebank has expanded to include 14 research-active organisations in the East Midlands and it continues to grow.

**INVOLVE have written a report on Sharebank, which can be downloaded [here](#)**  
**Information on Sharebank can be found [here](#)**

### NIHR report on how community organisations can support clinical research

Research has shown that some groups in society are less likely to be involved in research due to issues around:

- Communication on the commitment required, and the benefits of, research

- Awareness of, and referrals to research
- Trust and reciprocity

NIHR INVOLVE have written an article looking at how researchers can work with community organisations to strengthen and broaden participation in research, and in turn provide more opportunity for these organisations to utilise and deliver their skills.

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 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	<a href="#">Bristol registration form</a> <a href="mailto:rds.sw@nihr.ac.uk">rds.sw@nihr.ac.uk</a> 01392 726724
Manchester	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	<a href="#">Manchester registration form</a> <a href="mailto:rds.nw@nihr.ac.uk">rds.nw@nihr.ac.uk</a> 01524 593209
London	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	<a href="#">London registration form</a> <a href="mailto:info@rdslondon.co.uk">info@rdslondon.co.uk</a> 020 7848 6782
York	17 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	<a href="#">York registration form</a> <a href="mailto:rds-yh@sheffield.ac.uk">rds-yh@sheffield.ac.uk</a> 0114 222 0828
Birmingham	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2019	<a href="#">Birmingham registration form (places are limited please register soon)</a> <a href="mailto:rds@contacts.bham.ac.uk">rds@contacts.bham.ac.uk</a> 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](mailto: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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