

Dear all

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**RDS West Midlands would like to wish you a very happy and prosperous 2020**

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**Latest funding opportunities**

**Burdett Trust for Nursing – New Grants Programme: Reducing Restrictive Interventions**

**Details:** The Burdett Trust for Nursing is a charitable organisation that makes grants to nurses, midwives, health visitors and allied health professionals for projects that will improve patient care.

The following grant programme is open for applications:

- Safeguarding Service Users from Abuse and Harm: Restrictive Interventions, Restraint, Physical Controls and Restrictive Practices – grants of £20k to £100k
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The Trust believes nurses are well-placed to take a leadership role in designing, modelling and implementing more appropriate forms of non-intrusive crisis intervention and behavioural management. More evidence is needed to establish what works safely and effectively, supported by measures such as reduced stimulation, active listening, diversionary techniques, de-escalation interventions, boundary setting and the use of appropriate medication.

**Deadline for proposals:** Midnight on 1st February 2020

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

### **Cancer Research UK: Biomarker Project Awards**

**Details:** CRUK biomarker project awards provide funding for biomarker assay development, validation and qualification where there is a clear line of sight to clinical implementation.

This scheme accepts applications for biomarker assay development, validation and qualification where there is a clear line of sight to clinical implementation.

- All types of biomarkers will be considered, including predisposition, screening, diagnostic, prognostic, predictive, pharmacological and surrogate response markers.
- Proposals can use invasive or imaging techniques.
- Biosamples or images can be collected as part of the proposal or accessed from existing sample/data sets.

**Deadline for proposals:** 11 June 2020

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

### **Cancer Research UK: Clinical Trial Award**

**Details:** CRUK clinical trial awards support interventional clinical trials of cancer treatment (including systemic treatment, radiotherapy and surgery) with the aim of improving outcome.

The types of studies that fit this scheme are typically:

- Phase 1a/2 dose finding trials testing safety, tolerability and preliminary efficacy (including novel combinations of therapies and radiotherapy, and novel indications)
- Phase 1b/2 or phase 2 trials testing the viability of larger trials, including the ability to recruit and/or to explore tolerability or efficacy of treatments
- Window of opportunity studies
- Phase 2/3 or phase 3 trials to investigate the efficacy, effectiveness and tolerability of interventions with the aim of improving survival.

**Deadline for proposals:** 19 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 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/researchers/funding-opportunities/>

## News

### **NIHR joins forces with MRC and ESRC to fund multidisciplinary research in multimorbidity**

NIHR is joining forces with the Medical Research Council (MRC) and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) to fund multidisciplinary research into multimorbidity, as part of a £20 million Strategic Priorities Fund initiative. This funding initiative, Tackling Multimorbidity at Scale, will support new research collaborations and is jointly funded by the NIHR and the MRC, in close collaboration with ESRC.

Collaboration in research is critical to address gaps in understanding and to achieve the scale of impact required in this area. The new funding will bring together a wide range of researchers from fields as diverse as public health, social science, epidemiology, data science, health services research, computer science and basic science to create new Research Collaboratives in multimorbidity.

Find out more [here](#)

### **Commercial contract research: National contract value review update and National Coordinator appointments**

As part of a joint programme of work between NHS England and NHS Improvement and NIHR to introduce the national contract value review process for commercial contract research, NHS providers and industry will benefit from a new and improved approach to setting up commercial contract research (CCR) in England. The new process will reduce the duplication and administration of protracted costing negotiations for NHS providers and the life sciences industry - making the NHS in England a more attractive base for research, benefiting patients, NHS providers, and the wider UK economy.

Find out more [here](#)

## Blogs and articles

### **The origins of England's National Institute for Health Research**

In 2006, the research and development (R&D) activity of England's national healthcare system, the National Health Service, was reformed. A National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) was established within the Department of Health, the first body to manage this activity as an integrated system, unlocking significant increases in government funding. This article investigates how the NIHR came to be set up, and why it took the form it did. Our goal was a better understanding of 'how we got here'. – *Paul Atkinson, Sally Sheard & Tom Walley*

Find out more [here](#)

## Training and Events

### **The King's Fund: What's in store for health and care in 2020?**

**What:** This free online event will provide insight into the wider UK health and care landscape in 2020 and will explore how recent trends and future developments could affect people working in the sector, patients and members of the public.

Speakers will discuss the results of the general election and what this could mean for health and care. Topics will include social care funding reform, population health and health inequalities, workforce, and legislative changes to support the integration agenda.

**When:** Wednesday 22nd January 2020

**Where:** Online

**Find out more** [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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