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## RDS WM post award support-we are here to help

If you are conducting a research project for which you received funding from an open, national, peer-reviewed funding scheme and are currently experiencing problems - e.g. due to COVID 19 and the impact lockdown has had on many studies - the RDS can assist you with problems you may be having relating to issues of research design. We can provide assistance whether or not you had RDS support when submitting your study for funding. Do feel free to contact us, either to your local hub or by sending a general support request via our [website](#)

Please note, however, that if you need advice that is *not* to do with research design – e.g. relating to research governance, funding, and logistical issues – this is probably best sought elsewhere, e.g. a Research and Development Department in your organization or the [NIHR Clinical Research Network](#) (CRN).

## COVID-19: info, updates and resources

### Guidance on funding research staff redeployed to the NHS during the COVID-19 pandemic

During the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of organisations paused research and/or diverted research staff to support the NHS. New guidance from the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS England and Improvement (NHSE/I) sets out the process by which non-NHS organisations that have loaned/redeployed research staff to the NHS can recover the cost.

Find out more [here](#)

Keep up-to-date with COVID-19 funding calls and resources

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RDS London have put together a really useful webpage, which is updated frequently with the latest funding calls and resources for researchers looking at COVID-19.

Visit the website [here](#)

## Latest NIHR funding calls

### NIHR PHR Programme: Targeted mass media interventions for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic populations

**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 is accepting stage 1 applications to their commissioned workstream for the following topic:

- 20/68 Targeted mass media interventions for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic populations

The research brief was prepared before the advent of the Covid-19 viral pandemic. It addresses an issue that is arguably now even more pertinent as a result of recent statistics highlighting the disproportionate effects of Covid-19 risk of infection and death in people from black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities.

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

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

### **NIHR HS&DR Programme: Self-neglect in the community**

**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 stage 1 applications to their commissioned workstream for the following topic:

- 20/70 Self-neglect in the community

The scope of this call includes self-neglect of all forms, encompassing different manifestations such as hoarding behaviour, squalor and infestation in relation to a variety of underlying conditions such as psychological or psychiatric conditions or cognitive impairment. These may result from any cause e.g. dementia, trauma or learning disability as well as self-neglecting behaviour where the underlying cause is not known. Other conditions may also be considered, such as self-neglect associated with frailty or obesity making it difficult to self-care and keeping the surrounding environment clean.

**Deadline for proposals:** 1pm on 28th January 2021

**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/>

### **Funding Calls from other bodies**

#### **EPSRC: Healthcare Impact Partnerships 2020**

**Details:** The principal aim of the call is to progress previously funded EPSRC research outputs towards impact within a healthcare application. This call invites proposals that are highly collaborative, partnering with both business and clinicians and which primarily utilise research in Engineering, Mathematical Sciences, ICT and Physical Sciences disciplines for

advances in Healthcare.

EPSRC encourage multidisciplinary research teams and co-creation with healthcare professionals and business at the outset, to accelerate impact. While research is the primary focus of the call, other activities that can accelerate impact in healthcare, such as patient and public involvement (PPI), proof of concept and scale-up research activities can also be funded.

**Deadline for proposals:** 4pm on 11th August 2020

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

### **The Colt Foundation: Project Grants**

**Details:** The Colt Foundation funds high quality research in environmental and occupation health with a particular interest in research projects that are likely to inform policy and working practices and thereby improve the health and wellbeing of workers and the wider population.

The Colt Foundation aims particularly to support research projects concerning the health, safety, comfort and well-being of people at work, and the impacts of industrial activities and pollutants on the health of the public more widely.

**Deadline for proposals:** 1st October 2020

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

### **AOUK&I Research Grants**

**Details:** This call is open to orthopaedic, veterinary and maxillo-facial surgeons, trainees and operating room personnel involved in trauma care. Applicants should submit a completed application form of their research proposal, which may involve any aspect of musculoskeletal trauma, including hand, faciomaxillo-cranial, spine and veterinary trauma.

### **Major Research Grant**

AOUK invite applications for research grant funding of up to £10,000 Preference will be given to applications related to an MD/PhD programme and must demonstrate clear translation to improving outcomes in trauma care.

### **Minor Research Grant**

AOUK invite applications for research grant funding of up to £5,000 Preference will be given to applications related to a higher degree or pump priming activity with potential to lead to a more significant project. Deadline for proposals: 30th September 2020 Find out more here.

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### **Society for Endocrinology: Endocrine Nurse Grant**

**Details:** The Society for Endocrinology Nurse Committee would like to encourage nurse members to undertake small audit or research projects, focusing on potential ways to improve nursing or clinical practice. The Endocrine Nurse Grant provides financial support to complete a project from beginning to end or to gather preliminary data to support a larger piece of work.

**Deadline for proposals:** 11th November 2020

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

### **British Society for Haematology: Early-Stage Research Start-up Grants**

**Details:** British Society for Haematology Early Stage Research (ESR) grants support researchers at the beginning of their research project. Applications are particularly welcome from younger members of the Society to give them the opportunity to follow a research plan leading to a full grant application.

**Deadline for proposals:** 31st October 2020

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

### **Movember-Prostate Cancer UK Major Awards in Curative Treatments**

**Details:** This joint initiative between Movember and Prostate Cancer UK aims to fund research that can improve the outcomes for men treated in the curative setting. This can be research that helps men select the most appropriate treatment for them, research aimed at increasing the effectiveness of initial treatment in terms of cancer control, or research focused on reducing side effects from initial treatment, without reducing cancer control.

Any questions regarding the funding opportunity should be directed to the Prostate Cancer UK Research Team at [research@prostatecanceruk.org](mailto:research@prostatecanceruk.org)

**Deadline:** Applications must be submitted via Prostate Cancer UK's Research Grant Management System by 12pm (noon) on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

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

## **Blogs and articles**

### **NIHR blog: Embracing co-production – a punk attitude**

How are co-production and punk music similar? Gary Hickey, PPI Strategic Lead at the NIHR Research Design Service South East, writes about musical rebellion and how his team are embedding co-production principles in their work. His blog marks Co-Production Week.

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

## **Resources**

### **Health Research Authority: Innovation in trial design and delivery**

A new podcast series from THE NIHR, HRA and ECMC will look at the changing landscape of clinical research. Over the coming months, the podcast will look at the ways in which clinical trials are evolving to find new, faster and more efficient ways to bring new treatments to patients.

**Access the podcasts** [here](#)

## **Training and Events**

### **Support available from Clinical Research Network West Midlands**

As you may be aware, the NIHR CRN portfolio, which was paused since the start of the pandemic to allow full focus on COVID-19 research, has recently restarted. Support and advice is available from the CRN WM Study Support Service 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 note that prioritisation of support will be for nationally prioritised COVID-19 Urgent Public Health Research studies.

**For more information please contact: [studysupport.crnwestmidlands@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:studysupport.crnwestmidlands@nihr.ac.uk).  
Website: <http://www.nihr.ac.uk/nihr-in-your-area/west-midlands/>**

**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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