

Dear all

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Latest funding calls

NIHR Dementia Research Call

Details: This NIHR call invites proposals for dementia research to address important health and social care questions. NIHR aims to continue building the evidence base to improve the lives of people affected by dementia. More research is needed on meeting the needs of underserved populations. Applications are welcomed which include populations with a high disease burden and which have been historically under-served by NIHR research activity, and which address equality, diversity and inclusion.

To increase capacity and capability in this important area, NIHR particularly welcomes applications that will support network and partnership activities specifically to facilitate and enable those individuals and organisations who have historically been less research active. Applications should include co-applicant representation within the core team from at least one geographical area demonstrating a mismatch between care and research activity.

The Dementia Research Call is open across the following NIHR programmes:

- **Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation** (deadline: 10th August 2021)
- **Public Health Research** (deadline: 12th August 2021)
- **Health Technology Assessment** (deadline: 15th September 2021)
- **Health Services and Delivery Research Programme** (deadline 7th October 2021)

Commissioned call: Mechanisms of action of interventions for COVID-19

Details: The EME programme invites applications to investigate the underlying mechanisms of action of health and social care interventions for COVID-19. Studies must utilise patients or samples from identifiable cohorts from current or completed NIHR-funded projects from the following programmes: i4i, EME (including the MRC/NIHR transferred portfolio), HS&DR, HTA, PHR, RfPB and PGfAR or equivalent funding from the Devolved Administrations.

For this call the remit is expanded to also include mechanistic studies using patients and samples collected from eligible non-NIHR funded projects, for which all relevant recruitment must have been completed.

Deadline for proposals: 22nd April 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Health Technology Assessment Programme: Commissioned calls (with potential Australian collaboration)

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 following commissioned calls come with the potential for Australian collaboration. The Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) will invest up to \$3 million AUD to cover the Australian component of the research projects.

The HTA Programme is accepting stage 1 applications to their commissioned workstream for the following primary research topics:

- **21/18 Lumbar fusion for low back pain**
- **21/19 Low energy contact X-ray brachytherapy (Papillon technique) or local excision for people with early stage rectal cancer where major surgery is not planned**
- **21/20 Lipid-modifying therapy in children with familial hypercholesterolaemia**
- **21/21 Percutaneous thermal ablation of benign thyroid nodules**
- **21/22 Stretching programme for ambulant children with cerebral palsy**
- **21/23 Strengthening programme for ambulant adolescents with cerebral palsy**
- **21/25 Use of biologic drugs around the time of orthopaedic surgery**
- **21/26 Microsuction compared with irrigation to remove earwax**
- **21/27 Endoscopic versus open surgery for the treatment of cubital tunnel syndrome**
- **21/28 Maintenance therapy for lichen sclerosus**
- **21/29 Maintenance treatment for bipolar disorder**

- **21/30 Non-conservative treatments for major low anterior resection syndrome**

Deadline for proposals: 28th July 2021

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- **21/24 Intrauterine insemination versus in vitro fertilisation for unexplained infertility**
Deadline: 28th July 2021
- **21/501 Health and social care outcomes and cost-effectiveness of assistive technologies**
Deadline: 1st September 2021
- **21/502 Osteoarthritis in older or frail people with multiple long-term conditions**
Deadline: 1st September 2021
- **21/503 Peer-led harm reduction for problem substance use among people who are homeless**
Deadline: 15th September 2021
- **21/504 Amiodarone vs beta blockade for new onset atrial fibrillation in adult intensive care**
Deadline: 15th September 2021

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

Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund: Project Grants

Details: The Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund awards grants for research on aspects of leukaemia and for relevant studies on related haematological malignancies. Applications are sought for first class research on innovative proposals and are particularly welcomed from those with applications close to the care of leukaemia patients or the prevention of leukaemia or related diseases.

Research grants are normally awarded for projects of up to 3 years' duration. It is intended that KCLF funding should not be the 'core' funding of any research group. Applicants should state clearly how their proposal relates to their core funding. Applications are particularly encouraged from individuals within 5 years of their first independent group leader position.

Grants will be awarded for research on aspects of leukaemia and for relevant studies on related haematological malignancies. Requests for support for basic science programmes may be considered. Clinical trials will not be supported. Proposals which are closely related to the prevention, diagnosis, or therapy of leukaemia and related diseases are particularly encouraged.

Deadline for proposals: 1st July 2021

Find out more [here](#)

News

Department of Health and Social Care Policy Paper: Transforming the public health system

This policy paper from the Department of Health and Social Care (DoHSC) sets out reforms to the public health system in England to transform our national health protection capabilities, put health promotion at the heart of government, and more deeply embed prevention and health improvement expertise across local and national government and the NHS.

Following on from *The future of public health: the NIHP and other public health functions* in September 2020, this publication sets out more details on the government's plans for public health reform and invites you to share your insights and experience by 26 April 2021 to help DoHSC with the next stages of their work.

Find out more [here](#)

The role of the Grants Management Function

Grant funding is a common funding option for government, to support policy objectives in areas such as education, research, civil society and innovation and abroad through international aid projects. Government grants amounted to £113bn in 2018 to 2019.

Grants can be used for many purposes including:

- supporting government policies such as health and employment
- funding research, development, and innovation
- providing financial subsidy

The UK Government Grants Management Function works to maximise all grant outcomes and minimise risk, delivering the greatest benefit to the economy and citizens.

Find out more [here](#)

Training and events

Applicant Q&A for NIHR AI and Racial and Ethnic Inequalities in Health and Care call

What: The NIHR, NHSX and the Health Foundation will be hosting a virtual drop-in session 11am-12pm on 8 April for potential applicants to the Artificial Intelligence and Racial and Ethnic Inequalities in Health and Care funding call.

This session is an opportunity for applicants to raise questions relating to their application or this funding call. There will also be the option of break-out rooms where attendees can ask for specific or sensitive questions 1:1 with the NIHR, NHSX or the Health Foundation.

When: 11:00-12:00 on 8th April 2021

Where: Online

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Public Health Research (PHR) Programme Workshop

What: A free to attend, half day session, hosted by NIHR Research Design Service (RDS) South Central on behalf of the RDS National Public Health Community, to inform researchers about the NIHR Public Health Research Programme.

When: 09:30-13:30 on 28th April 2021

Where: Online

Find out more [here](#)

Support available from Clinical Research Network West Midlands

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. Once open to recruitment, we will stay in contact and continue to support optimisation of recruitment to your study. 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.

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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