

Dear all

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Growing Social Care Research in the West Midlands

Date: Tuesday 19th October 2021

Time: 10.00 to 13.00

Venue: Online

Event hosted by The West Midlands Social Care Research Partnership

Are you passionate about improving social care services?

Do you have an idea(s) for social care research and/or improving practice and want to develop it?

Do you want to understand more about how research is relevant to social care, and how research can make a difference to social care practice?

If 'yes' then join us for our FREE half-day event on **19th October**, aimed at **researchers, practitioners, people with lived experience, commissioners and providers** of adult social care, and/or those at the health and adult social care interface, in the West Midlands.

- Find out how you can be supported to develop your research or practice improvement idea(s)
- Learn about funding opportunities available for social care research through the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)
- Understand more about contemporary issues in adult social care and how research can impact social care practice
- Network and connect with other researchers, practitioners, people with lived experience, commissioners and providers in the social care field
- Attend a choice of in-depth sessions on key aspects of social care research and the research grant application process, to help you take your ideas forward

Register [here](#)

Latest NIHR funding calls

NIHR Policy Research Programme – New commissioned calls

The NIHR funds policy research to enable evidence informed policy making in health and social care. The NIHR PRP Programme invites applications for a research projects into the following:

- **Evaluation of the Nursing 50k Programme:** a single research project to evaluate the programme to deliver 50,000 more nurses in England.
- **A qualitative study to understand the engagement, access, referral, and experiences of people with depression who might benefit from weight management services:** a qualitative study to understand the engagement, access, referral, and experiences of people with depression who might benefit from weight management services.
- **Understanding the economic case for domiciliary care:** the project will seek to explore the cost-benefit and value for money of domiciliary care. The overall

objective of the project is to build the economic evidence base on this important and under researched area of adult social care in England.

- **Evaluation of alcohol-free and low-alcohol availability:** a research project to monitor and evaluate the impact of Government policy to deliver a significant increase in the availability of alcohol-free and low alcohol products by 2025.

Deadline for proposals: 14 September 2021

Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme – New commissioned calls

The Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) Programme funds ambitious studies evaluating interventions with potential to make a step-change in the promotion of health, treatment of disease and improvement of rehabilitation or long-term care. Within these studies, EME supports research in the mechanisms of diseases and treatments. EME is a partnership between the Medical Research Council (MRC) and the NIHR.

The EME Programme is accepting stage 1 applications to their commissioned workstream for the following funding opportunities:

- **Mechanisms of action of health interventions**
- **Efficacy trials in regenerative medicine**

Deadline for proposals: 07 December 2021

NIHR NICE rolling call for research studies addressing NICE research recommendations

The Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme is accepting Stage 1 applications for the NICE rolling call for research studies addressing NICE research recommendations. The EME Programme is interested in receiving applications to meet recommendations in research identified in NICE guidance published from 2015 onwards (for the purposes of this call, NICE guidance includes the following: clinical, social care, public health, technology appraisals, interventional procedures and diagnostics).

Deadline for proposals: 07 December 2021

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme – Researcher-led workstream

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The Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) Programme is accepting stage 1 applications to their researcher-led workstream. Applications are sought for research into interventions that are based or used by the NHS and its partners.

Deadline for proposals: 07 December 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Potential advert: Children's Holistic Exposure to Advertising of Food and Drink High in Fat, Sugar and Salt

The NIHR funds policy research to enable evidence informed policy making in health and social care. The NIHR Policy Research Programme plans to invite proposals for a research project to capture the totality of children's exposure to advertising of food and drinks high in fat, sugar and salt (HFSS) from all types of media during the course of the day.

This research will form a baseline of exposure for a post-implementation review following a regulatory policy to introduce a 9pm TV watershed for HFSS products and a restriction of paid-for HFSS advertising online.

Deadline for proposals: 24 August 2021

Find out more [here](#)

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

Diabetes UK and Great Foundations: Addressing the issues in foot care which lead to people with diabetes developing foot conditions

Diabetes UK and Great Foundations are inviting proposals addressing the issues which lead to people with diabetes developing ulcers or other diabetes-related foot conditions and these then progressing further.

Preventing foot ulcers, amputations and other severe foot complications in people with diabetes is a key priority for the Diabetes Research Steering Group. There is a clear need for innovative approaches to do this, but these need to consider the findings of previous studies and address factors in foot care which may have previously not been subject to research. These include social factors which present significant barriers to care or treatment, the difficulty people with neuropathy have in detecting and adapting to foot conditions and the need for effective and rapid referrals for foot care when it is needed.

Deadline for proposals: 01 December 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Medical Research Foundation: Adolescent Skin Disorders

Young people and adolescents are particularly affected by skin disorders, and the experience during adolescence can have long-term psychological and physical effects. Whilst adolescent skin disorders are prevalent, there are limited effective treatment options available.

The Foundation funding will support research that increases understanding of the mechanisms underpinning adolescent skin disorders, leading to the development of treatment approaches and reducing the long-term impact on health and well-being. Researchers whose work will contribute to the understanding of the biological mechanisms involved in adolescent skin disorders, improve diagnosis and treatment, and/or impact on future outcomes are welcome to apply.

Fellowship opportunities are available for mid-career researchers who are making the transition to research independence. Research Grants are available for more established researchers seeking to progress in the field.

Deadline for proposals: 20 October 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Connect Immune Research Initiative: Targeting shared mechanisms in autoimmune conditions

Connect Immune Research is a partnership seeking to address the challenge of collaborating across disease-specific silos to tackle many conditions at once. The type 1 diabetes charity JDRF, the MS Society, and Versus Arthritis – as well as the supporting partner the British Society for Immunology – want to know how immune disorders are linked. To be more specific, ‘what are the common mechanisms of autoimmunity and immune mediated inflammation?’

The Chernajovsky Foundation and Connect Immune Research have come together as a consortium to fund pilot grants aimed at quickly developing proof of principle new treatments for multiple autoimmune conditions, by targeting pathways common in autoimmunity.

Connect Immune Research is a group of organisations that includes:

- Alopecia UK
- Bowel Research UK
- Coeliac UK
- The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- The British Society for Immunology
- The Multiple Sclerosis Society
- The Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Alliance • Versus Arthritis

Deadline for proposals: 13 October 2021

Find out more [here](#) (links to PDF).

British Scoliosis Research Foundation: Research grants

The British Scoliosis Research Foundation (BSRF) promotes research into the treatment of scoliosis in the UK. Each year the BSRF funds a great deal of research into scoliosis and periodically holds an international symposium to spread the knowledge gained from research.

BSRF Research Grants are open to appropriately qualified professionals such as scientists, clinicians, and allied health professionals (nurses, psychologists or physiotherapists). All applications will be considered, however, applicants are advised to submit their proposal under one of the following three headings:

- Small exploratory grant
- New investigation grant
- Major research grant

Deadline for proposals: 31 January 2021

Find out more [here](#)

News, info. and updates

NIHR recruits research organisations to promote race equality in health research

Organisations delivering health research in higher education, local government, the NHS, the private sector and voluntary sector will take part in a three-month reflective assessment of their delivery of race equality in health research led by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR). The pilot will help develop NIHR’s work to address current inequities in research, including the fact that the ethnic diversity of those who participate in clinical research often does not reflect that of the wider population affected by the particular issue being researched. This means that health research frequently does not meet the needs of the whole population, which in turn distorts healthcare delivery.

Find out more [here](#)

£30 million investment to rebalance the scale of mental health research

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and the NIHR have announced a new £30 million Mental Health Research Initiative in order to help tackle the disparity between regional needs and mental health research activity. Through the initiative, a series of funding calls are being held across NIHR programmes and infrastructure to provide a comprehensive package of research on mental health.

Find out more [here](#)

Training and events

NIHR Research for Social Care information session (dementia call)

What: This session will be a great opportunity for you to hear about carrying out research in social care, and more specifically about the NIHR RfSC dementia call and RfSC dementia portfolio. You will also hear from:

- The Alzheimer's Society about research priorities
- A previously-successful RfSC applicant about their experience
- The Research Design Service (RDS) about how we can support you.

After the talks, there will be breakout sessions where you will have an opportunity to ask further questions of RDS Advisers as well as network with other researchers.

When: 13:00-15:00 on 27 August 2021

Where: Online

Find out more [here](#)

Better Methods, Better Research (formerly Methodology Research Programme) webinar

What: The NIHR Methodology Incubator presents Better Methods, Better Research webinar, aimed at all methodologists who are interested in applying to the MRC-NIHR Better Methods, Better Research programme.

When: 10:00-13:30 on 10 September 2021

Where: Online

Find out more [here](#)

Support and training 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.

Training available from the CRN WM Study Support Service Team ranges from basic Cost Attribution, SoECATs, IRAS/ HRA process, Amendments, Research Passports (HR Good Practice), Capacity and Capability and the use of EDGE for study set up and management. If you are interested in any of these or a tailored training session to suit your needs then please contact us to discuss.

Email: studysupport.crnwestmidlands@nihr.ac.uk

Website: <http://www.nihr.ac.uk/nihr-in-your-area/west-midlands/>

Are you thinking of applying for research funding?

Access free advice and support from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Research Design Service West Midlands (RDSWM)

Our multi-disciplinary team can offer advice on the key ingredients in a successful health or social care research proposal, including:

- Formulating a research question
- Statistics and health economics
- Qualitative methodology
- Support on involving patients and public in research
- 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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