

Dear all

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### RDS Researcher Roadshow: Using Health and Social Care Datasets



The NIHR Research Design Service is pleased to offer the opportunity to attend the next in its series of “Researcher Road Shows” – Using health and social care datasets in research: Practical advice to support your research journey.

This event is aimed at all those seeking practical guidance on how to find, access and gain approvals to use health datasets, including early career researchers.

Monday 15 March, 10am to 2.30pm: “Lifting the Lid on Data - Meet the Data Custodians”

- HQIP Datasets & top tips for accessing (Yvonne Silove)
- NHS Digital Datasets & top tips for accessing (Garry Coleman)
- Morning event close and details of this afternoon (Martin Williams)
- GP Data (Kathryn Salt)
- COVID-19 Data (Richard Irvine)

Wednesday 17 March, 10am to 2.30pm: “Navigating the system”

- Research Approvals for Data-Driven Research (Alex Bailey)
- Introducing the Innovation Gateway – the journey so far (Paola Quattroni & Peggy Barthes-Streit)
- Recent Changes in Health Data Governance (Alex Bailey)
- Innovation Gateway working session: from data discovery to access (Susheel Varma)

**Sign up for this free event [here](#)**

## COVID-19 vaccine research: ask the experts

Join healthcare specialists working in COVID-19 vaccine research in the south of England to learn what we know about COVID-19 vaccines so far, and the role research can continue to play.



With three COVID-19 vaccines approved and more trials still recruiting, the panel will be available to answer questions, including:

- How were the vaccines developed and approved so quickly?
- Why do we need more vaccine research?
- What research is being conducted into groups who cannot have the current licensed vaccines, such as pregnant women and children?

This Zoom event will be held on Wednesday 17 March from 7pm to 8pm and hosted by the National Institute for Health Research.

Find out more [here](#)

## Latest funding calls

### Health Services and Delivery Research Programme (standard researcher-led)

**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 are accepting stage 1 applications to their researcher-led workstream. The NIHR Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme funds research to produce evidence to impact on the quality, accessibility and organisation of health and social care services. This includes evaluations of how the NHS and social care might improve delivery of services. The audience for this research is the public, service users, clinicians, professionals and managers.

**Deadline for proposals:** 13th April 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

### **BBSRC: Investigating the mechanisms to prevent hypersensitivities to food**

**Details:** Apply for funding to reduce and prevent food hypersensitivities. UK-based researchers must apply as part of a transnational consortium of three to six partners.

Projects should focus on one of the following:

- understanding the mechanisms that induce or prevent food intolerances and allergies
- improving methods to determine or detect adverse reactions
- the impact of food ingredients and food processing.

The UK part of the project must be within BBSRC, MRC or FSA's remit.

**Deadline for proposals:** 8th April 2021

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

### **European Research Council: Starting Grants**

**Details:** The ERC's mission is to encourage the highest quality research in Europe through competitive funding and to support investigator-driven frontier research across all fields, on the basis of scientific excellence.

ERC Starting Grants are for early-career scientists who have already produced excellent supervised work, are ready to work independently and show potential to be research leaders.

**Deadline for proposals:** 8th April 2021

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

## Latest Fellowships

### **Motor Neurone Disease Association: Non-Clinical Research Fellowships**

**Details:** The MND Association is a world leader in funding cutting-edge MND research and facilitating international research collaboration. Since 2015 the MND Association has awarded non-clinical fellowships to nurture the best post-doctoral researchers and develop the MND research leaders of the future. The fellowships will be awarded at two levels, depending on the experience of the applicant: Junior Non-Clinical fellowships or Senior Non-Clinical fellowships.

**Deadline for proposals:** 30th April 2021

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

## News

### **NIHR Academy launches new mentoring programme**

The NIHR Academy has launched a new mentoring programme for postdoctoral Academy Members. The aim of the programme is to support the academic and career development of our postdoctoral communities

The refreshed NIHR Academy programme will support postdoctoral Academy Members from a broad range of professional and disciplinary contexts across our diverse health and social

care communities to seek a mentor from the senior NIHR leadership community. It will build on the NIHR Academy mentoring programme previously delivered in partnership with the Academy of Medical Sciences.

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

### **Government Office for Science: Areas of Research Interest**

Areas of research interest (ARI) give details about the main research questions facing government departments. ARI also include information on:

- departmental research systems
- research and data publication policies
- research and development strategies

In response to the 2015 Nurse review of the UK Research Councils, the government accepted the review's recommendation to provide:

- a more strategic approach to departmental research and development programmes
- a more sophisticated dialogue with academia
- documents that set out the most important research questions facing each department

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

### **British Heart Foundation Data Science Centre - Clinical trials survey**

The **BHF Data Science Centre**, in partnership with Health Data Research UK and NHS Digitrials, is aiming to streamline data-enabled clinical trials. They are investigating the use of routinely collected data in cardiovascular (CVD) clinical trials and the challenges associated with this. This will help them identify ways to address these challenges, support users of routinely collected data and allow the full potential of these data to be realised.

The BHF Data Science Centre would be grateful if you could complete their survey (link below). This information will be used to let them know where they can best focus their efforts to support you and others in the clinical trials community. The survey has 12 questions and shouldn't take longer than 15 minutes to complete.

**Take the survey [here](#)**

## **Training and events**

### **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](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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