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Public Involvement in Social Care Research

Commissioned by the NIHR, this report from the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) identifies good practice in user, carer and public involvement in social care research, explores the differences between involvement in healthcare and in social care research, and highlights opportunities for further work. It provides helpful guidance on where NIHR can continue to develop and strengthen the partnership with service users, carers and the public in social care.

Find out more [here](#)

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

Application Development Award – Healthy extended working lives

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 direct-to-Stage 2 applications to this funding opportunity for development work to support a later application to a pending commissioned call on interventions to support healthy extended working lives.

People over the age of 65 make up an increasing proportion of the workforce. Due to the changes in the State pension age and the abolition of the default retirement age, this trend is expected to continue for the foreseeable future. A recent systematic review undertaken by the Public Health Review Team found that there is a lack of interventions to support people to have healthy extended working lives and/or to mitigate the potential negative effects of working longer for some groups of employees.

The aim of this award scheme is to provide funding for underpinning or development work, or activity to develop and adapt interventions that will support later applications to a commissioned call on interventions to support healthy extended working lives. Applicants will be expected to make a clear link between the development work and their proposed application to the pending commissioned call.

Deadline for proposals: 30 November 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Development Award – Local authority-level research priorities on climate change

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 Public Health Research (PHR) Programme is accepting direct-to-Stage 2 applications to this funding opportunity to help the Programme to identify key research priorities on climate change.

The UK has a legally-binding target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050 and the 2020s are crucial to achieving this. Many of the low-carbon actions required to limit climate change and protect people's health are ones that need to be implemented at community and area level. The remit and interests of the PHR Programme cover national, regional and local interventions and for this particular call, the PHR Programme is interested in action at a local level.

This funding opportunity provides specific funding of up to £100,000 over a maximum of six months for an academic team to help the PHR Programme to develop a range of PHR Programme-relevant key research priorities that will aim to address important evidence gaps in this topic area.

The PHR Programme anticipates that the work will be focused on particular aspects of climate change that are of relevance to local authorities and partner agencies to identify practical measures that can be taken to protect public health.

Deadline for proposals: 30 November 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Public Health Research Programme: Permitted Developments Rights

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 this topic.

Research question: What are the health and health inequality impacts of housing created through the new Permitted Development Rights?

Permitted Development Rights (PDRs) allow certain changes to be made to a building without the need to apply for planning permission from the local planning authority. PDRs are introduced nationally by government regulations and must be followed by local authorities.

Concerns have been raised about the impact of PDRs on health and health inequalities. Recent research on the association between housing created through PDRs and health has indicated that more studies are needed to evaluate the positive and negative impacts on population health and wellbeing of housing created through PDRs. For this call, the PHR Programme is particularly interested in the evaluation of interventions that operate at a population level.

Deadline for proposals: 30 November 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme: Efficacy trials in regenerative medicine

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 Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) Programme is accepting stage 1 applications to their commissioned workstream: Efficacy trials in regenerative medicine

This call includes all types of novel technology for which clinical proof of concept, i.e. safety and a signal of efficacy in patients, can be demonstrated. Areas of particular interest include, but are not limited to: Gene therapies for rare disorders Evaluation of regenerative technologies, including novel smart materials, which builds on previous publicly and charity-funded research.

Deadline for proposals: 10 August 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

The CO Research Trust: Research Grants

The CO Research Trust (formerly the Gas Safety Trust) is a charity whose objective is to reduce the incidents of death and serious injury from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. The Trust provides grant funding, advice and support to organisations wishing to carry out research and evidence gathering relating to safety.

The CO Research Trust's chosen areas of research focus are:

- To improve the diagnosis of CO poisoning - by finding a new biomarker
- To understand the mechanics of CO poisoning - to improve treatments
- To understand the co-morbidities in vulnerable groups - to develop solutions to mitigate risk
- To measure the scale of CO poisoning in the UK
- To understand the impact of building regulations and energy efficiency on CO safety
- To understand the level of risk in the use of solid fuels
- To improve detection where the risk of CO exposure cannot be eliminated

Deadline for proposals: 20 October 2021

Find out more [here](#)

News, info. and updates

New accredited register marks significant step forward for Clinical Research Practitioner profession

The NIHR has today announced the launch of a new UK-wide professional accreditation scheme for Clinical Research Practitioners (CRPs) as part of efforts to double the number of this important workforce over the next few years. CRP is an umbrella title used for a family of roles in research delivery that have a patient-facing element and where the post holder isn't currently registered to a healthcare profession. The accreditation scheme is a significant step forward for the development of the profession and acknowledges their vital role within the UK research delivery workforce.

Find out more [here](#)

Blogs and articles

NIHR blog: What award-winning co-production looks like

Sandra Jayacodi is a public contributor and Chair of the NIHR Imperial Biomedical Research Centre Public Advisory Panel. To mark Co-production Week she discusses her experiences of being a service user on an award-winning co-produced research project.

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR blog: A new dawn for public involvement and social care research

Zoe Gray, Associate Director of Involvement, Participation and Engagement, NIHR Centre for Engagement and Dissemination (CED); and Tina Coldham, Public Adviser to NIHR CED

urge researchers, research commissioners and managers to play a part in improving public involvement in social care research. It follows publication of an NIHR report highlighting recommendations in this area.

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR blog: How to generate inclusive and diverse mental health patient and public involvement and engagement

Public contributors and researchers from the mental health theme at the NIHR Greater Manchester Patient Safety Translational Research Centre share some strategies that enabled them to work collaboratively with individuals from marginalised communities to co-design research.

Find out more [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.

For more information please contact: 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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