

Dear all

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Forthcoming Covid-19 funding call: Community-based COVID-19 platform study for novel antivirals

The NIHR is intending to open a funding call on behalf of the DHSC Antivirals Taskforce, for a team to set up and run a community-based clinical trial platform for novel therapeutic candidates in the UK. The Taskforce was set up to find effective and safe treatments for COVID-19, and will identify and prioritise potential candidates for this study. The study team will be expected to quickly set up a clinical trial platform to evaluate these novel candidates, and start recruiting patients into the platform in Autumn 2021.

The likely advert date for this topic is 19 July 2021. However, please note this is an indicative date, which may change.

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

Mental health services funding call

The NIHR funds policy research to enable evidence informed policy making in health and social care. The NIHR Policy Research Programme (PRP) is inviting applications for two calls around the theme of mental health to support policymakers in the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).

- **Liaison and diversion services for children and young people funding call:** This call will focus on the delivery of research to understand how different agencies work together to refer children and young people (CYP) to liaison and diversion (L&D) services and share information about vulnerable CYP.
- **Access assessments for admission to adult medium and low secure services:** This call is for the delivery of research to inform decisions about the appropriate use of NHS resource, and establish the principles of access assessments to adult medium and low secure services associated with the most effective use of these

resources. There is a need to improve the interface across the whole pathway, including Criminal Justice System and secondary mental health, learning disability and autism services.

Deadline for proposals: 24 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

National Institute of Academic Anaesthesia: Research Grants

Suitable projects may be large research studies, small clinical/benchtop projects, idea (innovation) development, observational studies/data collection, quality improvements and clinical audits (though the latter are unlikely to receive Association funding if they are small, 'routine' local audits).

Funding available in this round:

- Association of Anaesthetists/Anaesthesia Research Grants
- Association of Anaesthetists/Barema Research Grants
- BJA/RCoA Project Grants
- BJA/RCoA/ANZCA Collaborative Research Grants
- BJA/RCoA/CAI joint funded Collaborative Research Grants
- BJA/RCoA/VASGBI/ACTACC Joint Research Grants
- DAS Project Grants & Small Grants
- OAA Large Project Grant & Medium Project Grants
- RA-UK Research Project Grant

Deadline for proposals: 24 September 2021

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Blogs and articles

NIHR blog: Improving the uptake of research findings in global health

Trudie Lang, Professor of Global Health Research at the University of Oxford and Head of the Global Health Network and Senior Research Scientist in Tropical Medicine at the Nuffield Department of Medicine, reflects on the challenges of translating research into standard practice.

Find out more [here](#)

Patient and Public Involvement

Patient and Public Involvement Training (bitesize skills-based sessions)

How to do meaningful and effective PPI: bitesize skills-based sessions for researchers. These sessions are open to health and social care researchers across Wessex and feature five practical and interactive 2 hour online sessions focused on different aspects of PPI delivery.

- **Session 1:** What is the right way to involve people. Where the public influence your research. Ways in which you can work together.
- **Session 2:** Recruiting and keeping members. Who you should be involving in your research How to maintain positive relationships with those you involve.
- **Session 3:** Managing group discussions. Strategies to get the most out of group discussions. Tips to manage more challenging personalities.
- **Session 4:** Getting the most out of your PPI activities. How to ensure that people can contribute. The importance of planning to ensure your activity is effective and successful.
- **Session 5:** Communicating in lay language. How to write and talk in a lay language and working with jargon.

Application closing date: 26th July 2021

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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