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Save the date: 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

Registration via Eventbrite, details to follow!

Latest funding calls

MRC: Mapping complexity of pain with the Advanced Pain Discovery Platform

MRC, in partnership with Versus Arthritis, the Medical Research Foundation and Eli Lilly, is inviting proposals for innovative research grants seeking to increase our understanding of the underlying mechanisms of pain. Project with a focus on musculoskeletal conditions, both in adults and young people, are encouraged.

Proposals may seek to explore mechanisms of pain in various disciplines, including these aspects: (1) psychological, (2) biological, (3) cognitive, (4) sociological. Where possible within the scope of the research question, researchers are encouraged to work together across disciplines to facilitate novel research into the underlying mechanisms of pain.

Proposals may involve a wide range of methodology across disciplines. MRC are particularly encourage applications involving:

- the use of artificial intelligence
- machine learning
- other innovative data technologies.

Deadline for proposals: 15 September 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Blood Cancer UK: Project Grants

Project grants provide funding for clearly defined research projects addressing key questions in the field of blood cancer. The remit of the project grant scheme includes Trial-Associated Research Projects, which are laboratory-based projects associated with a fully-funded clinical trial that aim to address a clearly defined research question to maximise the value and outcome of the trial.

Blood Cancer UK particularly welcome applications which address the below research priority areas, but this can also include any area of basic biological research relating to cancer, biomarker research and development, and preclinical studies that generate biological data to underpin therapeutic and diagnostic development:

- Improving understanding of fundamental disease processes
- Improving treatment options for the individual
- Developing novel approaches to the use of data

Deadline for proposals: 02 September 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/>

Latest Fellowships

Wellbeing of Women: Fellowships and Scholarships

Wellbeing of Women (WoW) invest in pioneering research in women's health. Research helps find cures and develop new tests and treatments that will save and change the lives of women, girls and babies.

The following fellowships and scholarships are open for application:

- **Sir Victor & Lady Blank Postdoctoral Research Fellowships:** Support early career researchers to gather data and strengthen their bids for longer-term

substantive funding. Awards are intended to support research-active lecturers, or lecturer equivalent level, to gather data and strengthen their bids for longer-term substantive funding. These awards are open to both clinician and academic researchers who have been awarded an MD or PhD within the last 7 years and are employed by the NHS, HEI or on a postdoctoral research fellowship with at least 40 percent of their time funded to undertake research.

- **WoW-RCP Postdoctoral Research Fellowships:** Support early career physician researchers to gather data and strengthen their bids for longer-term substantive funding. The award will fund one postdoctoral physician in a basic science, clinical or translational research project aimed to improve outcomes for pregnant women with medical disorders, or who develop gestational syndromes.
- **WoW-RCP Entry-level Research Scholarships:** Enable physicians to develop interests in research to improve outcomes for pregnant women with medical disorders, or who develop gestational syndromes. The award will fund one pre-doctoral physician in a basic science, clinical or translational research project aimed to improve outcomes for pregnant women with medical disorders, or who develop gestational syndromes.

Deadline for proposals: 12 August 2021

Academy of Medical Sciences: Professorship Scheme

These awards will offer flexible support to biomedical and healthcare researchers, who have moved to the UK, during the initial years of their first full Professorship. The Academy of Medical Sciences is committed to attracting and retaining emerging talent from across the globe to the UK, and recognises the importance of capacity building at the early-leadership career stage. This scheme seeks to progress that ambition by offering flexible support to researchers imminently taking up their first full Professorship, or for those that have recently commenced such a position.

Deadline for proposals: 8 September 2021

Find out more [here](#)

News, info. and updates

Be part of a consultation on how the right to withdraw informed consent in research should be put into practice

The UK Clinical Research Network Registered Clinical Trials Unit Network is working on a collaborative project: PeRSEVERE (PRincipleS for handling end-of-participation EVEnts in clinical trials REsearch). The project aims to help ensure that the right to withdraw informed consent is put into practice in a way that protects both individual participants' rights and the quality of research. They are seeking participants to take part in a consultation on how the right to withdraw informed consent in research should be put into practice.

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

Blogs and articles

NIHR blog: Connecting future leaders in global health

Professor Melanie Newport, co-Chair of the NIHR Global Health Research Training Forum Steering Group, reflects on progress in capacity strengthening for researchers and developing supportive research environments in low and middle income countries (LMICs).

Find out more [here](#)

Resources

Guidelines for preparing accessible clinical research participant information leaflets

Authors Eleanor Coleman et al have written “Preparing accessible and understandable clinical research participant information leaflets and consent forms: a set of guidelines from an expert consensus conference”, detailing their research with the aim of proposing a set of guidelines for academic researchers and sponsors for preparing accessible and understandable Participant Information Leaflets/Informed Consent Forms.

Find out more [here](#)

Job opportunity

The COVID pandemic has emphasised the critical importance of all parts of health and social care working closely together to ensure the best care for our population. The Clinical Research Network West Midlands (CRN WM) has allocated funding to support a Specialty Research Lead (Social Care).

This post will be supported through the CRN WM, and will help to foster strong links between the different areas (including research) within health and social care.

The closing date for applications is Monday 19 July 2021, with planned interviews in August.

Informal enquiries are welcome to Andrea Shilton (CRN WM Research Delivery Manager for Public Health/Social Care Co-Lead) at Andrea.Shilton@nih.ac.uk

Training and events

NIHR: Sharing your research – disseminating findings and using these in practice

What: This is the fourth webinar in the Activating Research series, presented by NIHR ARC North Thames Academy, and inspired by the Becoming Research Active in-person workshop. The webinar is intended as an introduction to disseminating your research findings and implementing them into practice.

Three short presentations, led by NIHR speakers whose work spans across research and clinical settings, will cover different routes for disseminating your findings, the different topics of applied research (clinical, public health, social care), how to showcase your work, and how to include patients and research participants in writing up and sharing research.

These webinars are aimed at health and care professionals in frontline services, local government and public health who are new to research, and want to advance on their research journey.

When: 11:00-12:00 on 24 June 2021

Where: Online

Find out more [here](#)

TMRN Trials Methodology Symposium

What: The HRB-TMRN (UCD) are delighted to partner with the MRC/ NIHR – Trials Methodology Research Partnership (MRC/NIHR-TMRP) to welcome some of the world’s leading experts in trials methodology to the 7th online Trials Methodology Symposium. The theme for this year’s event is “The future of clinical trials: people, project, purpose, place”.

When: 4-6 October 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.

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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