

Dear all

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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 **19<sup>th</sup> 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 NIHR funding calls

### Evaluating the impact of optimised Alcohol Care Teams

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 is interested in receiving well-designed research studies, with strong theoretical grounding, to generate robust national and international learning to strengthen the evidence base on the effectiveness and impact of Alcohol Care Teams (ACTs). This work will evaluate the national intervention running to 2024 of optimising ACTs in a quarter of targeted trusts. Interim findings should be made available to support best practice in the cohort and share learning.

The programme wishes to fund high-quality research to establish the impact and cost effectiveness of optimised Alcohol Care Teams. Given the scale of the programme, this may be best delivered by a collaboration or syndicate of researchers in different parts of the country, with combination of specialist content knowledge (alcohol/addiction) and general skills in areas such as health economics, organisational and qualitative research and/or modelling/analytics.

**Deadline for proposals:** 24 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/>

### Funding calls from other bodies

#### **Darby Rimmer MND Foundation: Research Grants**

The Darby Rimmer FMND Foundation funds research into motor-neurone disease with the quest of finding a cure. Research grants are available for biomedical research projects advancing the understanding and treatments for MND.

**Deadline for proposals:** 30 July 2021

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

#### **DEBRA International: All Priorities Call**

The key aim of DEBRA International is to coordinate, in collaboration with its members, activities that are for the benefit of everyone affected by Epidermolysis bullosa (EB) globally: the international patient community, patient support and advocacy groups, healthcare professionals, researchers, and industry. Project topics should fit one or more of DEBRA's and EB-ResNet's four strategic research priorities: 1. Improving understanding of EB biology to create new concepts for diagnosis and treatment. 2. Developing disease-modifying and curative therapies. 3. Preventing and curing severe disease consequences: chronic wounds, fibrosis, and cancer. 4. Improving clinical care and symptom relief through research.

**Deadline for proposals:** 13 September 2021

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

### Latest Fellowships

#### **Wellbeing of Women: Entry-level Research Scholarships**

Wellbeing of Women in partnership with the Royal College of Midwives (RCM) will jointly fund Entry-level Research Scholarships to enable midwives to develop research interests in midwifery, maternity services or women's reproductive health. Applicants must be midwives and full members of the RCM.

Scholarships are usually for research that seeks to improve the practice of midwifery and maternity services, including postnatal care, but will be considered for basic science, clinical and translational research that seeks to improve the health of women, girls and babies in one of the following areas:

- Pregnancy, birth and the postpartum period
- Gynaecological cancers
- General wellbeing issues surrounding women's reproductive and gynaecological health

**Deadline for proposals:** 12 August 2021

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

## News, info. and updates

### The Future of UK Clinical Research Delivery

The Department of Health and Social Care has published a policy paper that provides a plan for 2021 to 2022, showing how DoHSC aims to achieve its vision for the future of clinical research delivery. The plan aims to make it easier to conduct research in the UK. DoHSE wishes to enable as many people as possible to take part in research and to assist everyone across the health service to participate in delivering research.

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

### Support for mental health professionals exploring opportunities in research

The [Incubator for Mental Health Research](#) offers practical advice, connections and career development opportunities for aspiring researchers in mental health. Their new interactive map supports mental health researchers at all career stages to connect and collaborate with others. Whoever you are, if you do mental health research, do **plot yourself on the map!**

The Incubator signposts career development opportunities – funding, networking and mentoring – for both clinical and non-clinical professionals at all career stages. Filled with top tips from established researchers and those just getting started, the website offers career advice to ambitious clinical and non-clinical professionals who are exploring opportunities in research. One of the first initiatives for the incubator is a researcher map, which will help us understand and illustrate where mental health research is and isn't happening. The interactive map supports mental health researchers at all career stages to connect and collaborate with others.

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

## Training and events

### NIHR Fellowships Information Event

**What:** Are you thinking of applying for an NIHR Fellowship? This event will provide a range of information to support your NIHR Fellowship application, including:

- A review of the current fellowships offered by the NIHR Academy
- A synopsis of what the panel will be looking for
- Information on preparing the budget & finances for an application
- Tips from previous successful applicants

**When:** 12:00-14:45 on 06 July 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](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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