

Dear all

**In this week's message:**

**Latest RDS blog: Reprioritising public health and supporting good quality NIHR PHR applications**

<p><b>NIHR Public Health Research Programme workshop</b></p> <p>A free event to inform researchers about the NIHR Public Health Research Programme.</p> <p>What will the event cover?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How PHR relates to the broader public health research landscape</li><li>• Engaging with local authorities and public health practitioners</li><li>• The funding pathway and what makes a successful PHR application</li><li>• Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) for public health</li><li>• Other NIHR funding to support the PHR Programme and public health</li><li>• Support for PHR applications</li></ul>	<p><b>NIHR</b>   National Institute for Health Research</p> <p><b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 09:30-13:30</b></p> <p><b>To be held online</b></p>
<p><a href="http://www.rds-sc.nihr.ac.uk/workshops-events/phr-event">www.rds-sc.nihr.ac.uk/workshops-events/phr-event</a></p>	

A free to attend, half day session, hosted by NIHR RDS South Central on behalf of the RDS National Public Health Community, to inform researchers about the NIHR Public Health Research Programme. Find out more and register [here](#)

**Latest NIHR funding opportunities:**

- HS&DR Programme: Improving support for adult and/or older carers

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- Wellcome Trust: Innovator Awards
- Wellcome Trust: Investigator Awards in Science
- British Scoliosis Research Foundation: Research grants
- British Heart Foundation: Clinical Study Grants
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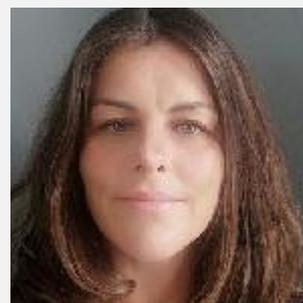
- Future NIHR ICA fellowships/lectureships
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- NIHR: Using health and social care datasets in research: practical advice to support your research journey
- NIHR: Applied Statisticians as Principal Investigators
- Support available from Clinical Research Network West Midlands

### Latest RDS blog: Reprioritising public health and supporting good quality NIHR PHR applications

Public health research generates evidence around factors determining population health. Sounds easy, and yet it requires multi-agency collaborative partnerships, with differing priorities, to deliver good research. This month's RDS blog discusses the issues around public health research and the support teams that are needed in order to produce the evidence required to support interventions and policies to help improve health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities.



Read the blog [here](#)

### Latest funding calls

#### HS&DR Programme: Improving support for adult and/or older carers

**Details:** The HS&DR Programme wishes to fund high quality, theory-led work on effective approaches to supporting carers. New research of all kinds is needed, but specific priorities have been identified by carers, voluntary groups and others. Some examples of priorities identified include overviews of what works to reduce social isolation for carers, evaluations of models of 'centres' to support carers, and better ways of identifying and assessing carer support needs, particularly older individuals, and those in marginalised communities.

Note that the focus of this call is addressing the needs of adult and older carers. This includes:

- Effective approaches to facilitate identification of adult and/or older carers, not yet known to health and social care services and who may not identify themselves as 'carers'.
- Testing tools to identify the support needs of carers and testing their implementation with services funders and commissioners.
- Knowledge mobilisation of these tailored assessment tools and support interventions into practice particularly supporting partnerships between academic researchers, policy makers, commissioners, and practitioners.
- Acceptability and effectiveness of different ways to assessing carers' needs such as whole family centred approaches.

**Deadline for proposals:** 5th 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

### **RNID: Discovery Research Grant**

**Details:** Discovery Research Grants support projects that will generate knowledge to underpin the discovery of treatments for hearing loss or tinnitus, or improve how new treatments are developed and tested.

This year, RNID are also working with Alzheimer's Research UK to co-fund research that will increase understanding of the common biological mechanisms underlying hearing loss and dementia. RNID are also working with the Cystic Fibrosis Trust to co-fund research that will lead to new ways to protect hearing from the ototoxic side-effects of aminoglycoside antibiotics.

**Deadline for proposals:** 15th April 2021

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

### **Wellcome Trust: Innovator Awards**

**Details:** Innovator Awards support researchers who are transforming great ideas into healthcare innovations that could have a significant impact on human health. They are open to researchers who are developing healthcare innovations that could have a major and measurable impact on human health. You can work in any scientific discipline, including a discipline outside life sciences. You can work on any type of technology. Examples of technologies include:

- therapeutics (small molecules or biologics)
- vaccines
- devices
- diagnostics
- digital technologies
- regenerative medicine.

**Deadline for proposals:** 24th May 2021

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

### **Wellcome Trust: Investigator Awards in Science**

**Details:** Investigator Awards enable independent researchers with a compelling research vision to tackle the most important questions in science. You can apply for an Investigator Award if you're an independent researcher with a compelling research vision who wants to tackle the most important questions in your field. These awards are also open to joint

applications from two researchers whose complementary expertise is essential to deliver their shared vision.

**Deadline for proposals:** 1st July 2021

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

### **British Scoliosis Research Foundation: Research grants**

**Details:** The British Scoliosis Research Foundation (BSRF) promotes research into the treatment of scoliosis in the UK. Each year the BSRF funds a great deal of research into scoliosis and periodically holds an international symposium to spread the knowledge gained from research.

BSRF Research Grants are open to appropriately qualified professionals such as scientists, clinicians, and allied health professionals (nurses, psychologists or physiotherapists). All applications will be considered, however, applicants are advised to submit their proposal under one of the following three headings:

- Small exploratory grant
- New investigation grant
- Major research grant

**Deadline for proposals:** 1st August 2021

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

### **British Heart Foundation: Clinical Study Grants**

**Details:** The Clinical Study Grant supports funding for over £350,000 for:

- Interventional clinical trials: trials of specific interventions or pathways of care for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease. Interventions include drugs, surgery, devices, psychological, physical and educational interventions.
- Observational studies of specific patient groups that are hypothesis led and address a defined clinical question(s) over a fixed timescale (up to 5 years). The population of interest should be a patient population, who will usually be recruited within the NHS. The study should have a predefined outcome(s) that will lead to changes in clinical management directly or will inform the development of a clinical trial to test an intervention.
- Clinical studies can include a mechanistic evaluation, either as a substudy within a clinical trial or as part of an observational study.

**Deadline for proposals:** The next application meeting will take place in May 2021

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

### **Muscular Dystrophy UK: Research Grants**

**Details:** MDUK invest in research that will increase understanding of neuromuscular conditions and develop potential treatments. They also welcome applications for research that will have a direct, positive impact on people's quality of life or helps to establish best practice in symptom management. This includes, but is not limited to, social or psychological research or projects with a focus on exercise, physiotherapy, fatigue or chronic pain.

This year MDUK are offering funding for project grants of up to one year for research into the following conditions:

- Becker muscular dystrophy
- Collagen VI- related disorders
- Duchenne muscular dystrophy
- Facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy

- Myotonic dystrophy
- Congenital myotonic dystrophy

They will prioritise projects that seek to explore new directions or proofs of principle.

**Deadline for proposals:** 1st June 2021

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

### Healthcare Infection Society: Small Research Grants

**Details:** HIS aims to fund pioneering, innovative research within the scope of infection prevention and control and nosocomial infections. Applications for funding must show an understanding of the clinical practice of infection prevention and control directly relating to nosocomial infections. Small research grants are intended to support small-scale research projects, or possibly the costs associated with the visit of an overseas research fellow, up to £10,000 for a project of 12 months duration. The primary grant holder and their institution must be based in the UK or Republic of Ireland. Small grants are normally non-recurring.

**Deadline for proposals:** 1st September 2021

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

## Latest Fellowships

### Future NIHR ICA fellowships/lectureships

**Details:** The Health Education England (HEE) / National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Integrated Clinical Academic (ICA) Programme provides research training awards for health and social care professionals, excluding doctors and dentists, who wish to develop careers that combine research and research leadership with continued practice and professional development.

The following fellowships/lectureships will be available soon from the NIHR:

- **HEE/NIHR ICA Clinical Lectureship:** The ICA Clinical Lectureship scheme supports early post-doctoral researchers from the health and social care professions (excluding doctors and dentists) who wish to establish themselves as independent practitioner academic researchers. The scheme is part of the HEE/NIHR Integrated Clinical Academic (ICA) Programme.
- **HEE/NIHR ICA Senior Clinical Lectureship:** The ICA Senior Clinical Lectureship supports health and social care professionals (excluding doctors and dentists) who have extensive post-doctoral research experience and are establishing themselves as independent practitioner academics. Award holders are supported to undertake a programme of research whilst developing the specific skill sets required to achieve credibility as leaders in their field of research, whilst increasing influence in their professional practice.
- **HEE/NIHR ICA Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowship:** The Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowship (CDRF) funds health and social care professionals to undertake a PhD and professional development in parallel, alongside continued professional practice. The scheme is part of the HEE/NIHR Integrated Clinical Academic (ICA) Programme.

**Potential advert date:** 8th April 2021

### Wellcome Trust fellowships

**Details:** The following fellowships are available from the Wellcome Trust:

- **Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral Fellowships:** This scheme offers recently qualified postdoctoral researchers the opportunity to start independent research careers, working in some of the best research environments in the world. Deadline: 23rd March 2021
- **Senior Research Fellowships:** Supports independent researchers who are emerging as global leaders in their field and want to tackle the most important questions in science. Deadline: 1st July 2021
- **Clinical Research Career Development Fellowships:** This scheme enables clinically active healthcare professionals to continue their research at postdoctoral level and develop scientific independence. Deadline: 6th July 2021

Find out more [here](#)

#### Diabetes UK: RD Lawrence Fellowship

**Details:** The RD Lawrence Fellowship is a career development fellowship to enable postdoctoral researchers to establish their independence in diabetes research.

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

Find out more [here](#).

### Training and events

#### NIHR: Using health and social care datasets in research: practical advice to support your research journey

**What:** The NIHR Research Design Service is hosting the next in its Researcher Roadshows, on using health and social care datasets in research. These events are aimed at researchers, including early career researchers, seeking practical guidance on how to find, access and gain approvals to use health datasets.

**When:** The sessions are split over two days (10:00-14:30):

- Monday 15 March: Lifting the Lid on Data - Meet the Data Custodians
- Wednesday 17 March: Navigating the system

**Where:** Online

Find out more [here](#)

#### NIHR: Applied Statisticians as Principal Investigators

**What:** The NIHR Statistics Group Career Development Section and the NIHR Methodology Incubator Statistics Workstream are hosting this webinar for applied statisticians who are interested in becoming principal investigators on grants. There will be sessions on funding opportunities available, personal experience of securing funding as an applied statistician and public involvement and patient benefit in statistician led research.

**When:** 10:00-13:00 on 27th April 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. 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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