

Dear all

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**Help spread the word.  
We can all be part  
of research.**

**#BePartofResearch**



Over the past year, thousands of people across the UK have volunteered to help research fight back against COVID-19. The vaccines, treatments and tests that have turned the tide against the pandemic have only been possible thanks to the thousands of people who volunteered to be part of research.

Yesterday (20th May) was International Clinical Trials Day, and as part of that we are campaigning to encourage as many people as possible to keep up the momentum and take part in studies in other areas, to help power the health breakthroughs of the future. Find out more [here](#).

## Latest funding calls

### NIHR Policy Research Programme – Evaluation of new funding for inpatient detoxification beds

The NIHR funds policy research to enable evidence informed policy making in health and social care. The PRP Programme invites applications for a single research project to qualitatively evaluate an initiative to increase provision of inpatient detoxification to improve drug recovery.

It is expected this will be based on in-depth interviews with about 30 inpatients and 30 healthcare professionals with initial contact needed in October-December 2021, a follow-up directly after the detox and a further follow-up after 6 months. The project will complement a quantitative analysis being carried out by Public Health England (PHE).

**Deadline for proposals:** 06 January 2022

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

### Launch event for Mental health research in Northern England call

The Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) programme, including the Research for Social Care (RfSC) call, will soon launch a call for research to better understand and manage the health and social care consequences of mental health conditions. The call is due to launch on 1st June 2021.

The call is particularly interested in research in populations in Northern England, where there is a disjoint between the mental health burden and research activity. Host organisations should be based in Northern England, however collaborators outside of the North are welcome.

The NIHR will hold a virtual launch event for potential applicants on Friday 28 May 2021, 10:00-12:00. RfPB and RfSC teams will discuss the remit of the call and the Research Design Service and Clinical Research Network will give tips on planning your proposal. The event will also have a Q&A session for queries about the call.

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

#### UKRI EPSRC – Digital technologies for health and care

UKRI has been working to strengthen coordination around digital technologies for health and care. One of the areas which has been highlighted for strengthening is building coordinated and well-informed research and innovation communities, with the appropriate multidisciplinary and cross-sector skills and expertise in digital health.

As a result, UKRI would like to run a sandpit to bring the different communities in this area together. The theme for this sandpit is novel digital technologies to monitor, diagnose and treat the population remotely.

Successful projects from the sandpit should have a new approach to:

- monitor, diagnose and treat the population remotely to relieve pressure on the increasingly overstretched NHS and social care system
- deliver efficient, effective, patient-centric care in the community.

**Deadline for proposals:** 21 July 2021

Find out more [here](#)

#### Sarcoma UK – Open Grants and Genomic Research Grants

Sarcoma UK is a national charity focussing on all types of sarcoma. It offers funds and grants to seek answers and find effective treatment for sarcoma.

The following calls are open for application:

- **Open Grant Round:** For applications across all areas of sarcoma research, including laboratory and clinical research:
  - **Small Grants**, up to £50,000 in value. These can be used to pump prime ideas and provide proof of concept or fund additional research to a larger project already underway.

- **Large Grants**, up to £150,000 in value. These are to undertake a substantive piece of work; this type of application must support a member of staff as a directly incurred cost (can be a researcher or PhD student).
- **Genomic Research Grant Round:** For applications which further knowledge into sarcoma genomics. £200,000-250,000 in funding will be available to support one research project. Sarcoma UK encourage applications which build on, or link in with, the work previously funded by Sarcoma UK as part of this funding stream: 2018: GeCIPing Sarcoma: A UK-led initiative to personalise sarcoma treatment; 2019: A genomic approach to unlocking the secrets of sarcoma; 2020: Exploring genomic data to find gene networks and new treatments for liposarcoma patients.

**Deadline for proposals:** 30 September 2021

Find out more [here](#)

### Cancer Research UK awards

The following awards are currently open for application:

- **Biomarker Project Awards:** This scheme provides funding for biomarker assay development, validation and qualification where there is a clear line of sight to clinical implementation.
  - Deadline: 22 July 2021
- **Clinical Trial Award:** Supports interventional clinical trials of cancer treatment (including systemic treatment, radiotherapy and surgery) with the aim of improving outcome..
  - Deadline: 22 July 2021
- **Experimental Medicine Award:** The Experimental Medicine Award funds highly ambitious translational research conducted in association with a clinical trial or well-designed clinical study.
  - Deadline: 22 July 2021
- **Multidisciplinary Project Award:** This scheme supports collaborations between cancer researchers and scientists from engineering/physical science disciplines.
  - Deadline: 15 July 2021

### Latest Fellowships

#### Medical Research Foundation: Pain Research Fellowship

The Medical Research Foundation is inviting applications from mid-career researchers who are making the transition to independence to support research that will increase understanding of the mechanisms underpinning pain, and improve diagnosis, treatment and pain recovery.

Research areas could include, but are not limited to:

- understanding of the biological mechanisms involved in pain or the perception of pain
- the development and implementation of treatment for pain
- understanding and reducing the impact of pain on health and well-being in chronic and acute conditions
- collaborative and multidisciplinary research

Research on opioid analgesics and opioid-addiction is not within the scope of this competition.

**Deadline for proposals:** 05 July 2021

Find out more [here](#)

## Patient and Public Involvement

### NIHR survey reveals public's attitudes to health research following coronavirus

A significant disconnect exists between people's perceptions of the importance of coronavirus research, and their understanding of where it happened and who took part, a survey commissioned by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) to mark International Clinical Trials Day has revealed.

The YouGov survey, published today, asked 2,023 respondents a range of questions on their understanding of coronavirus research - especially research in the UK - and the role it has played in tackling the pandemic.

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

## Training and events

### Researcher Roadshow: Fundamentals of using routinely collected healthcare data in research

**What:** The NIHR Research Design Service and partners are pleased to offer the opportunity to attend the third in a series of researcher roadshows.

The Roadshow is aimed at researchers who want to understand the fundamentals of using routinely collected healthcare data for research. It will bring together experts from Health Data Research UK, MRC Regulatory Support Centre, The University of Leeds and NHS Digital to outline:

- Potential for using routinely collected healthcare data in research.
- Fundamentals of Research Approvals.
- Discovering what healthcare data available – HDR UK's Gateway.
- Healthcare data which can be accessed from NHS Digital with more information about Hospital Episode Statistics (HES), one of the most frequently requested datasets.

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**When:** 11:00-14:00 on 28 June 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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