

Dear all

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How the National Institute for Health Research network can support you on your Social Care Research Journey

Find out join this free event on **12th July (10:00 – 12:30)**

- Are you interested in social care research?
- Are you someone who uses, works in, or commissions social care?
- Do you have a good idea for a research project but don't know where to begin?

If so, then this free online event is for you.

Run by the NIHR Research Design Service (RDS) London and RDS South-East (Kent, Surrey, Sussex) with support from the NIHR Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) Kent, Surrey and Sussex, ARC South London and ARC North Thames, the NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) North-West London and CRN Kent, Surrey and Sussex, NIHR School for Social Care (SSCR) and Make Research Count,

This event will:

- Raise awareness of the support and funding available for social care research through the NIHR
- Share learning from successful collaborations and partnerships
- Offer an opportunity to network with people with shared interests, with a view to collaborating and building capacity in our regions.

Who should attend

- Researchers with an interest in social care or the interface between health and social care
- Social care practitioners
- Health professionals working in social care settings or with social care users
- Social care users and their informal carers
- Commissioners and providers of care.

Please [register via Eventbrite](#)

Latest funding calls

NIHR Palliative and End of Life Care Research Partnerships

The NIHR is keen to support the building of capacity and capability in palliative and end of life care. It wishes to ensure that NIHR research is conducted in the areas where the health and social care needs are greatest and to increase the evidence base to improve the delivery of palliative and end of life care services and outcomes for people who use services, carers of people in receipt of services, and/or working in the sector.

NIHR invites applications to establish and grow partnerships, networks and collaborations in palliative and end of life care through a two part call, with the expectation that activity in part one will result in submitted research proposals in part two of the call. The objective of part one of the call includes (but is not limited to) building capacity, exploring and establishing infrastructure, forming professional multiagency and multidisciplinary relationships across

health, social care, charities, voluntary and community organisations, and driving the enthusiasm and ability to carry out future research in new or less experienced sites.

Deadline for proposals: 02 September 2021

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR Evidence Synthesis Programme Grant

The NIHR Evidence Synthesis Programme Grant Scheme was established to provide high quality evidence synthesis and systematic reviews that will be of direct benefit to users of the NHS and social care services in England. Full applications are now invited for a new round of the scheme.

Grants will be awarded to support a programme of work that includes: new reviews; updating of existing reviews; a suite of methodologically complex reviews; and reviews that demonstrate meeting a clear NHS and/or social care need. Reviews on the integration between the NHS and social care services are highly encouraged.

Priority will be given to applicants who demonstrate an ability and willingness to collaborate with colleagues in order to improve efficiency. Applicants must demonstrate how they have prioritised their proposed topics, for example by completing a Priority Setting Partnership with the James Lind Alliance; or other recognised methodology to meet your requirements.

Deadline for proposals: 23 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

Orthopaedic Research UK: Research Fund

Orthopaedic Research UK want to drive breakthrough research to reduce the burden on individuals, on workplaces and the health system. It aims to support research capable of being translated into benefits for people. This is achieved by investing in academic and non-academic research within the following two areas: Diagnosis and Treatment.

Research should be aimed at enhancing the quality of life for those affected by debilitating bone, joint and muscle conditions. The goal is to identify challenging areas in diagnosis and treatment, understand the underlying mechanisms involved, and develop appropriate scientific, clinical or technological solutions to address them.

The following research grants are open for application:

- **The ORUK inspiration fund:** Designed to support innovative and patient engaging projects, addressing patients' unmet needs. Projects should aim to reduce MSK pain, improve function, decrease healthcare costs and improve quality of life
- **The Ronald Furlong fund for startups:** Designed to support entrepreneurs accelerate innovative and commercially viable ideas to solve the unmet needs of society around bone, joint and muscle wellbeing.

Deadline for expressions of interest: 11 June 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Kidney Research UK: Research Project and Innovation Grants

Kidney Research UK is the largest charity dedicated to kidney research in the UK. In line with Kidney Research UK and the Stonygate Trust's shared strategic interest in improving the lives of people with kidney disease, Kidney Research UK is pleased to invite expressions of interest for research proposals that match the theme of transforming treatments.

The following grant are open for application:

- **Research project grants:** Funds innovative standalone research projects that will advance our knowledge of kidney disease and refine current treatments or lead to new ones.
- **Innovation grants:** Funds stand-alone research studies to investigate innovative new hypotheses around kidney disease that lack any significant existing research prior to a full research project.

Deadline for proposals: 14 June 2021

Find out more [here](#)

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The ORUK early-career research fellowship is designed to support the brightest and best academic talents interested in advancing MSK research in the UK.

Deadline for expressions of interest: 11 June 2021

Find out more [here](#)

Dunhill Medical Trust and British Geriatrics Society: Doctoral Training Fellowship

The purpose of the fellowship is to support front-line health professionals with an interest in developing a research career. The focus of the research must be aligned to understanding and treating age-related diseases and frailty, with an emphasis on projects that have the potential to prevent, delay or reduce future health and social care requirements and to improve older people's functional ability. Proposals related to COVID-19 will be accepted. There is a particular interest in research with the potential to improve the health and social care of older people within 5 years of the end of the grant.

Deadline for proposals: 16 July 2021

Find out more [here](#)

News and updates

Health Research Authority: A more streamlined service for new drug trials

The HRA has been working with various partners to provide a more efficient service for new drug trials. Participants who would like to submit a Clinical Trials of Medicinal Products (CTIMPs) application via the new combined review service (formerly known as Combined Ways of Working) would benefit from reading the updated guidance. By January 2022 this new service will be the only way to apply.

Find out more [here](#)

Health Research Authority: Faster ethics reviews

The HRA fast-track ethics review aims to provide an ethics opinion for global clinical trials and first-in-human studies of medicines in half the time of a usual review. The fast-track research ethics review provides a rapid research ethics review for global clinical and phase I trials for any disease area. HRA are working to incorporate the fast-track ethics review into the combined review with MHRA for certain types of study.

Find out more [here](#)

Blogs and articles

NIHR blog: Reimagining the Current Paradigm in Clinical Trials

Dr Esther Mukuka, NIHR Head of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) writes about the importance of EDI in research and why clinical trials need more diversity.

Find out more [here](#)

NIHR blog: A new vision for Public Health Research

Professor Brian Ferguson, Director of the NIHR Public Health Research (PHR) Programme outlines his strategic vision for the PHR programme and reflects on the challenges the research community must overcome.

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/>

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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