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### How can the NIHR RDS NW help with Patient and Public Involvement (PPI)?

The NIHR RDS NW provides advice on all aspects of writing a research proposal including PPI. Our expert advisers, supported by our PPI specialist advisers will provide you with advice on PPI at all stages of your proposal development. If you are being advised on a project, you may also be eligible for a NIHR RDS NW PPI bursary. This bursary scheme aims to support the costs of involving patients and the public in the early stages of research. Please ask your adviser for more details. The NIHR RDS NW also provides an increasing number of PPI self-help resources in the [PPI section of its website](#). This includes an interactive, "[How To Guide](#)", which takes you through the process of including PPI at all stages of research.

[Download the NIHR RDS NW advice request form here.](#)

### Events and training

#### NIHR RDS NW RfPB workshops

**10 May 2011, 7 June 2011 and 19 July 2011 - Liverpool**

The NIHR RDS NW is running a programme of workshops for North West researchers planning to apply for the NIHR Research for Patient Benefit Programme (RfPB). The workshops are interactive and designed to meet the particular needs of participants with ongoing RDS support. The workshops are to be held in Liverpool. Participants must attend all three workshops. For more information and to register please visit the [NIHR RDS NW website here](#).

#### 2011 NHS R&D Forum Conference

**16-17 May 2011 - Bristol**

This annual NHS R&D Forum event is for everyone involved or interested in R&D management in the NHS...

[Further information...](#)

#### HSRN and SDO Network Annual Conference

**7-8 June 2011 - Liverpool**

HSRN / SDO Network annual conference will provide the chance to hear about the latest research on health services and systems and debate crucial healthcare questions...

[Further information...](#)

#### Clinical Trials Methodology Conference 2011

**4-5 October 2011 - Bristol**

This interactive meeting has been sponsored by the MRC Network of Hubs for Trials Methodology Research and it will provide opportunities to discuss issues and innovation in trials methodology research...

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### Funding announcements

#### NIHR Dementia Themed Call

**Closing date: 20 May 2011**

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) will issue a call for research on dementia in March 2011. The call will extend across the translational pathway, covering the fields of cause, cure and care, including prevention. This early advance notice of the intention to call will allow adequate time for the dementia research community to prepare high quality applications. Seven of the NIHR managed research programmes will be participating.

[Further information...](#)

#### NIHR Research for Patient Benefit competition 15

**Closing date: 20 May 2011**

Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) is a national, response-mode programme established in 2006 to generate high quality research for the benefit of users of the NHS in England.

[Further information...](#)

### Approaching funding deadlines

- [NIHR](#) Programme Grants for Applied Research competition 9: Stage 2 - **21 March 2011** - [details](#).
- [NIHR](#) Programme Development Grants competition 5 - **28 March 2011** - [details](#).
- [NIHR](#) Public Health Research - Commissioned Research - **3 May 2011** - [details](#).
- [NIHR](#) Health Technology Assessment (HTA) - **3 May 2011** - [details](#).

