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NIHR Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) competition 17 application available

Application for competition 17 of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) RfPB programme is now available. The deadline for submission of completed applications is 20th January 2012, 17:00. Scrutiny panel decisions will be known mid-March 2012 with funding announcements being made late July 2012. Funding outcomes for competition 16 are due late March 2012.

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.

It funds regionally-derived applied research projects in health services and social care. Its main purpose is to realise, through evidence, the huge potential for improving, expanding and strengthening the way that healthcare is delivered for patients, the public and the NHS.

The NIHR RDS NW advice service offers research design advice on all aspects of developing a proposal for the RfPB programme. Please apply for advice early.

To apply for NIHR RDS NW advice, download the [NIHR RDS NW advice request form here](#).

Funding opportunities

DH Policy Research Programme

Closing date: 09 January 2012

The Department of Health's Policy Research Programme (PRP) invites research proposals to inform the Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition's Risk Assessment on Vitamin D and Health in a number of areas.

[Further information...](#)

NIHR School for Social Care Research

Closing date: 16 January 2012

The NIHR School for Social Care Research (SSCR) invites research proposals against a framework of specific questions to improve adult social care practice in England. SSCR is seeking innovative, high quality research proposals in response to one or more of these questions with a clear element of originality, which demonstrate relevance for, and potential to improve, adult social care practice in England.

[Further information...](#)

NIHR Health Technology Assessment - commissioned calls

Closing date: 09 February 2012

The NIHR Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme invites outline research proposals in a number of topics.

[Further information...](#)

NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research

Closing date: 19 March 2012

Competition 12 launches on 5th December 2011.

NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research (PGfAR) were established in 2006 to produce independent research findings that will have practical application for the benefit of patients and the NHS in the relatively near future.

[Further information...](#)

NIHR Public Health Research – Commissioned Research

Closing date: 23 April 2012

The NIHR Public Health Research (PHR) programme invites research proposals in the following areas: Creative enterprises in open access settings, Newly licensed drivers.

[Further information...](#)

Events and training

The funding landscape for infectious disease researchers' workshop

09 December 2011 - London

This one-day workshop on what money is out there and how to get it with talks from the major contributors to UK infection research, including the Medical Research Council, Wellcome Foundation, the National Institute of Health Research, European Commission and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

[Further information...](#)

The NIHR Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) research programme seminar

17 January 2012 - Lancaster

This seminar is one of a series organised by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Research Design Service for the North West (NIHR RDS NW - <http://www.rds-nw.nihr.ac.uk/>) to highlight national funding opportunities for applied health and social care research. We aim to give researchers a better understanding of funding priorities, application processes and future plans and an opportunity for dialogue with panel members and successful grant holders.

[Further information...](#)

Population health - methods and challenges

24-26 April 2012 - Birmingham

The conference covers topics including: Natural experiments and RCTs of complex population level interventions; New approaches to evidence synthesis; Making best use of routine data; Improving causal inference from observational studies; Measuring and understanding behaviour; Evaluating mediators of change; and many more...

[Further information...](#)

Approaching funding deadlines

- [NIHR i4i](#) – 3rd call – outline - **07 December 2011** - [details](#).
- [NIHR CRF's](#) - **14 December 2011** - [details](#).
- [DH PRP](#) - **05 January 2012** - [details](#).
- [NIHR RfPB](#) - **20 January 2012** - [details](#).