

## e-bulletin

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### NIHR Surgery Themed Call: Now open

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is issuing a call for research on the evaluation of technology-driven implanted or implantable medical devices, surgical procedures or surgical devices.

This call is a key component of the NIHR response to recognition of the need for an increase in research-based evidence related to surgical productivity and to patient outcomes, through:

- Supporting capacity building across a wide range of surgical disciplines and;
- Increasing the volume of high-quality research on the effectiveness, delivery and organisation of surgery and surgical services.

For more information and to see which NIHR funding programmes are participating please visit the NIHR [Surgery call information page](#).

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

### Funding opportunities

#### NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme – Commissioned calls

**Closing date: 24 April 2012**

The Health Technology Assessment (HTA) programme invites research proposals about the effectiveness, costs and broader impact of healthcare treatments. Primary Research proposals and Evidence Synthesis research proposals are sought on a number of topics.

[Further information...](#)

#### NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme - Clinical Evaluation and Trials

**Closing date: 02 May 2012**

Researchers are invited to submit outline proposals for evaluation studies within the remit of the Health Technology Assessment (HTA) programme. Proposals addressing any health problem in areas not otherwise well covered the HTA portfolio is welcome.

[Further information...](#)

#### NIHR Research for Patient Benefit: Competition 18

**Closing date: 25 May 2012**

The NIHR Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) Programme invites applications for applied research projects to provide benefit for NHS patients and other users of health and social care services. RfPB is a nationally co-ordinated funding stream for regionally commissioned research. Projects are funded to a maximum of £250k for up to 36 months.

[Further information...](#)

#### NIHR Surgery Research Call

**Closing date: 25 May 2012**

The NIHR is inviting research proposal on Applied Health Research in Surgery to evaluate technology-driven implanted or implantable medical devices, surgical procedures or surgical services.

Six of the NIHR managed research programmes will be participating. Research proposals must be within the remit of one of the participating programmes, and applications based on innovative study designs are particularly welcome.

[Further information...](#)

### Events and training

#### NIHR Research for Patient Benefit Seminar 15 March 2012 – Liverpool

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...](#)

#### A New Approach to Mental Health 22 March 2012 - Manchester

At “A New Approach to Mental Health” expert speakers will explore the government’s vision and discuss how the mental health strategy can be implemented to best ensure outcomes are successful. Delegates will have the chance to challenge, discuss and debate the key issues and gain relevant insight applicable to their professional roles.

[Further information...](#)

#### NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research Seminar 29 March 2012 – Liverpool

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### Approaching funding deadlines

- [NIHR PDG - 05 March 2012 - details](#).
- [NIHR PGfAR - comp. 11 – stage 2 - 12 March 2012 - details](#).
- [DH PRP - 13 March 2012 - details](#)
- [NIHR PGfAR - comp. 12 – stage 1 - 19 March 2012 - details](#).