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Review of NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research now available

Programme Grants for Applied Research: six competitions, 100 awards provides an overview of the programme and the application process and a review of the outcomes of the first six competitions. The review also features eight case studies from PGfAR-funded researchers who describe their programmes in detail to give a sense of the broad range of health research funded by PGfAR.

There is also a section in the review on Patient and Public Involvement, which features a case study and quotes from lay reviewers describing their experiences of participating in the programme to show the important role of PPI in the PGfAR assessment process.

Finally, the review features advice and guidance on applying to the programme from the Programme Director, Adrian Grant and a foreword from Professor Dame Sally C Davies, Chief Medical Officer and Chief Scientific Adviser to the Department of Health.

The review can be downloaded as a PDF from the following link: http://www.ccf.nihr.ac.uk/PGfAR/Documents/NIHR_PGfAR_review.pdf.

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

Funding opportunities

NIHR Health Services & Delivery Research Programme – Commissioned

Closing date: 17 May 2012

The Health Services & Delivery Research Programme invites research proposals to improve the quality, effectiveness and accessibility of the NHS. Proposals are sought in a number of topic areas.

[Further information...](#)

NIHR Research for Patient Benefit Programme

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 proposals 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...](#)

NIHR EME programme - Researcher-led work stream

Closing date: 17 July 2012

The Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) programme invites research proposals to evaluate clinical efficacy of interventions, add significantly to the understanding of biological or behavioural mechanisms and processes, explore new scientific or clinical principles, and develop or test of new methodologies.

[Further information...](#)

Events and training

Developing proposals for National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) programme: a support programme for applicants 17 May 2012, 14 June 2012 and 12 July 2012 – Liverpool

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Research Design Service for the North West (NIHR RDS NW) will be running a programme of 3 meetings for North West researchers planning to submit applications to the NIHR Research for Patient Benefit Programme (RfPB) in September 2012. The programme of meetings will be interactive and is designed to meet the particular needs of participants, with ongoing NIHR RDS NW support in between meetings. Participants are expected to attend all 3 meetings.

[Further information...](#)

Annual NHS R&D Management Forum

28 & 29 May 2012 – Birmingham

The Annual NHS R&D Management Forum is for everyone involved or interested in R&D management in the NHS. The event will be of benefit to anyone involved in planning, managing and delivering R&D in the NHS. Delegates are expected from NHS organisations, industry, research networks, research consortia, universities, and support units.

[Further information...](#)

8th Mixed Methods International Conference

18 to 21 June 2012 – Leeds

The conference will continue to provide a unique and supportive international forum for fostering ideas and will be structured around the usual three broad themes: philosophical and methodological considerations, real world applications and alternative approaches to mixing both art and science and science and social science. This collegial and collaborative approach has now taken root and mixed methods is an emergent international research force.

[Further information...](#)

Approaching funding deadlines

- [NIHR HTA - Clinical Evaluation and Trials - 2 May 2012 - details.](#)
- [NIHR HS&DR - Commissioned - 17 May 2012 - details.](#)
- [NIHR RfPB - 25 May 2012 - details.](#)