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## Attributing the costs of health & social care Research & Development (AcoRD)

The Department of Health and the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC) have announced the publication of new guidelines for attributing the costs of health and social care research and development (AcoRD).

AcoRD establishes a mechanism for the Department to meet some of the costs of charity-funded research in the NHS, for charities that are members of AMRC. The agreement recognises the unique contribution medical research charities make to excellent research in the NHS – of the over 3,000 clinical studies conducted in the NHS in 2009-10, 37 per cent were funded by AMRC member charities and charities spend more than £1bn on research each year...continue reading on the [Department of Health website here](#).

Download the [AcoRD publication from here](#).

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

## Funding opportunities

### Invention for Innovation (i4i) programme - product development

**Closing date: 13 June 2012**

The NIHR Invention for Innovation (i4i) programme invites research proposals to develop new healthcare technologies for the benefit of patients. Product Development Awards support the development of innovative healthcare technologies including medical devices, active implantable devices and in vitro diagnostic devices, as well as the development of techniques or technologies that could have a potential impact if applied in a healthcare setting.

[Further information...](#)

### NIHR Health Technology Assessment programme – commissioned calls

**Closing date: 02 July 2012**

The programme supports research that is immediately useful to clinical practice and policy/decision makers. HTA research is undertaken when there is evidence to show the technology is efficacious but there is uncertainty around its clinical and cost effectiveness in a real life NHS setting in comparison to the current best alternative(s). There may also be uncertainty around its place in the existing care pathway.

[Further information...](#)

### NIHR Knowledge Mobilisation Fellowships

**Closing date: 4 July 2012**

The NIHR Knowledge Mobilisation Fellowships are open to individuals with significant NHS and/or academic experience and who can demonstrate that they have the potential to mobilise research-derived knowledge within healthcare settings.

[Further information...](#)

### NIHR Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) programme - researcher-led

**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

### i4i Life Sciences Accelerator programme

**Please follow link below for details of dates and venue**

The i4i Life Sciences Accelerator programme is an exciting new i4i initiative that has been designed to help health researchers maximise their chances of success when applying for funding and investment.

The programme has been developed by i4i along with experienced medtech industry experts, to equip researchers with the skills and knowledge required to put together robust business plans and strong funding applications that will satisfy funding panels, investors and external experts.

[Further information...](#)

### Health Services Research Network Symposium

**19 & 20 June 2012 - Manchester**

The HSRN Symposium (formerly the HSRN SDO annual conference), now in its fifth year, is the field's premier knowledge event. The event features presentations and discussion at the leading edge of health services research.

This year, for the first time, the Symposium is followed by the NHS Confederation Annual Conference and Exhibition.

[Further information...](#)

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

**21 June 2012 - Manchester**

This seminar is one of a series organised by the NIHR Research Design Service for the North West (RDS NW) 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...](#)

## Approaching funding deadlines

- [NIHR HS&DR](#) - commissioned - **17 May 2012** - [details](#).
- [NIHR Surgery research call](#) - **25 May 2012** - [details](#).
- [NIHR RfPB](#) - **25 May 2012** - [details](#).