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

Trudi Simmons, Senior Manager from the Research and Development Finance and Programmes team at the Department of Health will talk about how the costs of research are attributed, with a focus on treatment costs. She will also talk about approaches to securing funding for treatment costs. This seminar is open to health research colleagues and National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and NHS partners in the region, and will be followed by a networking opportunity.

This event will be held on Thursday 11th October, 12.00pm – 2.00pm at the Manchester Central Convention Centre.

To reserve your place or for further information please email: rds-nw@lancaster.ac.uk or telephone: 01524 593209.

Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment

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

Funding opportunities

ESRC/NIHR - Dementia: Prevention, Intervention and Care

Closing date: 11 September 2012

The Prime Minister has announced plans to tackle what he is calling a 'national crisis' posed by dementia, including a doubling of research funding into dementia to £66 million per annum by 2015. As part of this initiative, the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) are providing up to £13 million funding for social science research on dementia, and invite research proposals in a number of areas.

[Further information...](#)

Research for Patient Benefit - Competition 19

Closing date: 21 September 2012

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.

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.

[Further information...](#)

Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme - Researcher-led workstream

Closing date: 13 November 2012

The NIHR EME programme - researcher-led workstream, invites research proposals for clinical trials and evaluative studies in patients, which: evaluate clinical efficacy of interventions (where proof of concept in humans has already been achieved), add significantly to our understanding of biological or behavioural mechanisms and processes, explore new scientific or clinical principles, include the development or testing of new methodologies.

[Further information...](#)

DH Policy Research Programme - Suicide Prevention

Closing date: 13 November 2012

The Department of Health's Policy Research Programme (PRP) invites research proposals to support the implementation of the National Suicide Prevention Strategy, focussing on a number of areas.

[Further information...](#)

Events and training

Auxetics Technology in Improving Healthcare

4 September 2012 - Bolton

The Universities of Bolton and Bristol are working in a number of areas relevant to improving healthcare including wound management, medical implants and patient comfort. The event will showcase these current areas of research to a targeted regional audience with a view to the dissemination nationally and encourage discussion as to other areas within healthcare that could benefit from auxetic technology.

[Further information...](#)

Disability Studies Conference

11 to 13 September 2012 - Lancaster

The Lancaster disability studies conferences have brought together researchers, practitioners, policy makers and activists from around the world, to share and debate research, ideas and developments in disability studies.

[Further information...](#)

i4i Life Sciences Accelerator programme

16 to 18 October 2012 - London

This 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.

[Further information...](#)

INVOLVE Conference

13 to 14 November 2012 - Nottingham

INVOLVE's national conferences bring together people with a common interest in public involvement in NHS, public health and social care research. This includes members of the public, service users, researchers, research commissioners and representatives of voluntary sector organisations.

[Further information...](#)

Approaching funding deadlines

- [NIHR](#) i4i Product Development Awards - 31 August 2012 - [details](#).
- [NIHR](#) HTA - Clinical Evaluation and Trials - 3 September 2012 - [details](#).
- [NIHR](#) PHR - Commissioned - 5 September 2012 - [details](#).
- [NIHR](#) HS&DR - Commissioned - 13 September 2012 - [details](#).