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Call for Clinical Research Group Proposals 2013

The Mental Health Research Network (MHRN) provides a national infrastructure for large-scale research in mental health. The Network currently involves eight research hubs which coordinate the recruitment of patients, participants or clinical teams for the large-scale research studies hosted by the Network. The MHRN is currently seeking proposals to set up a number of new Clinical Research Groups. The purpose of Clinical Research Groups (CRGs) is to turn research ideas into funded studies suitable for running on the MHRN portfolio.

CRGs may consist of five to twenty senior researchers (at senior lecturer level or above) who have a research track record in the topic covered by the group. The researchers should be from at least three academic disciplines and no less than three academic institutions. A CRG will ideally have representation from Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland. CRGs should be able to demonstrate input from service users and carers who have shown an interest in research in the topic covered by the group. Each CRG must have a convenor who will accept responsibility for organising CRG meetings and for liaising with the MHRN. CRGs are open to members of existing MHRN clinical research groups and hubs. The CRG does not have to include members from the MHRN hubs though hub involvement is encouraged.

For more information, please see [the call document](#).

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

Funding opportunities

DH Policy Research Programme

Closing date: 19 March 2013

The Department of Health's Policy Research Programme invites applications in a number of areas.

[Further information.](#)

Programme Development Grants

Closing date: 19 March 2013

Applications are invited for Programme Development Grant funding. Programme Development Grants are designed to increase the rate and number of successful applications for a full Programme Grant by supporting the completion of the necessary preparatory work to suitably position the research team to submit a competitive Stage 2 Programme Grant application.

[Further information.](#)

Programme Grants for Applied Research

Closing date: 19 March 2013

The NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research programme invites Stage 1 research proposals to develop individual programmes. Research funded through a Programme Grant typically consists of an interrelated group of high quality projects focused on a coherent theme and hence require multidisciplinary approaches, including clinical, health economics, statistics, qualitative and behavioural sciences, to ensure that research objectives can be met.

[Further information.](#)

NIHR Public Health Research (PHR) Programme

Closing date: 25 March 2013

The programme invites applications to its researcher-led workstream. In particular the programme would welcome applications in the following areas:

- Air Quality & Public Health
- Walking & Cycling.

[Further information.](#)

Events and training

Surgical innovations: Changing ideas into reality

28 February 2013 - London

This meeting aims to give surgeons the tools to take an innovative idea through from initial development to implementation.

[Further information.](#)

NICE Annual Conference 2013

14 - 15 May 2013 - Birmingham

By May 2013, the Health and Social Care Act will be in full force. The NICE Annual Conference 2013 is well timed to provide you with the guidance and knowledge you need to commission and deliver high quality care, foster relationships across different sectors and encourage innovation.

[Further information.](#)

2013 Annual R&D Management Forum

22 - 23 May 2013 - Solihull

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.

[Further information.](#)

NIHR Health Technology Assessment conference

9 - 10 October 2013 - London

The NIHR Health Technology Assessment (HTA) programme is holding a milestone conference.

[Further information.](#)

Approaching funding deadlines

- [NIHR](#) Health Services and Delivery Research - **7 February 2013** - [details](#).
- [NIHR](#) Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation - **18 February 2013** - [details](#).
- [NIHR](#) Programme Grants (stage 2) - **12 March 2013** - [details](#).