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**Research for Patient Benefit competition 22 launch**

**Submission deadline: 1pm, Wednesday 18 September 2013**

The Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) competition 22, which will include applications for the Primary Care Interventions Research Call, has now gone live for applicants to apply to the programme.

Below is a list of the main changes that have come into place with the launch of this competition that people should be aware of:

- this competition, similarly to the previous competition, is also included in the Primary Care Interventions Research Call. The specification document for this call can be found within the full guidance for applicants document available through the research management system when applying or via our website
- contextual help guidance has been strengthened around conducting an appropriate review of the existing literature and referencing the existing evidence to explain how the evidence has informed the application. The contextual help guidance also details that reference to current on-going trials should be made
- the “Guidance for applicants document” has an additional appendix (appendix three) which details further guidance on applying for feasibility studies. This includes clear definitions between feasibility and pilot studies as well as detailing that feasibility studies are expected to cost less than £250,000
- the “Guidance for applicants document” has an additional appendix (appendix four) covering the National Institute for Health Research Guidance on adding value in research. This covers ensuring that all primary research is informed by a review of the existing literature and ensuring that all National Institute for Health Research funded research is published and publically available
- to make the online form more consistent, the Lead applicant is required to input his/her role on the application and percent FTE within the same section as the co-applicants (Co-applicant Details)
- contextual help guidance has been strengthened around which file types, and the size of these files, should be uploaded for the Gantt Chart, References and Supporting Documentation. It is also detailed that the References document should not contain its own page numbering
- some minor changes have been made to the contextual help throughout based on feedback from applicants, Committee members or the Research Design Service as in previous competitions.

Applicants should be following the online contextual help guidance and using the [full guidance for applicants document](#) to complete their application.

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

**Funding opportunities**

**Health Services and Delivery Research Programme - Commissioned  
Closing date: 12 September 2013**

The Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme invites research proposals in the following areas: organisation, quality and cost-effectiveness of psychiatric liaison services in acute settings; assessing alternatives to face-to-face contact with patients.

[Further information.](#)

**Health Services and Delivery Research Programme - Researcher-led  
Closing date: 3 October 2013**

The Health Services and Delivery Research Programme invites research proposals which aim to produce rigorous and relevant evidence on the quality, accessibility and organisation of health services, and improve the quality, effectiveness and accessibility of the NHS. This includes both primary research and evidence syntheses, depending on the existing research and the most appropriate way of responding to important knowledge gaps.

[Further information.](#)

**Programme Development Grants**

**Closing date: 15 October 2013**

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.](#)

**Events and training**

**The National Institute for Health Research Health Technology Assessment (HTA) and Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) Funding Programme Seminar**

**4 October 2013 - Liverpool**

Presentations to include information on applying to the HTA and EME programmes and how the RDS NW can help you to apply.

[Further information.](#)

**NIHR Health Technology Assessment conference**

**9 October 2013 - London**

The emphasis of the conference will be to: examine the impact, nationally and internationally, of the programme in clinical effectiveness research (CER) and to consider the influence of the programme within the NHS and on UK clinical research particularly.

[Further information.](#)

**Approaching funding deadlines**

- [NIHR](#) PHR - commissioned - **6 August 2013** - [details](#).
- [NIHR](#) HTA - primary research - **29 August 2013** - [details](#).
- [NIHR](#) i4i - product development awards - **4 September 2013** - [details](#).