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Is my study research?

A web based tool which helps you decide whether your study is research is available from the [Medical Research Council](#) (MRC) and [NHS Health Research Authority](#) (HRA).

This tool provides a decision tree which helps you decide whether or not your study is research. It is based on the [Defining Research](#) leaflet produced by the HRA.

The tool presents you with a short series of “Yes” or “No” questions which, once answered, will let you know if your study is research.

There is also a glossary available to help you with terminology.

Access and start using the [tool here](#). Also access a similar tool to help you decide if your project [needs ethical approval here](#).

NIHR showcases the clinical research that could bring hope to the nation's dementia sufferers

To mark the start of World Alzheimer's Month, the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is showcasing some of the cutting-edge clinical research that could bring new hope to dementia patients and their families.

Over the past two years, the National Institute for Health Research has put millions of pounds of extra investment into supporting clinical research into dementia, which affects 800,000 people in the UK – a figure that is expected to rise to one million people by 2021.

Now, as part of World Alzheimer's Month, the National Institute for Health Research has launched www.FocusOnDementia.nihr.ac.uk. Aimed at the general public, the online showcase highlights some of the pioneering work supported by the NIHR, which could lead to better treatments for dementia sufferers, and improvements in the quality of life for those with the condition.

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

Funding opportunities

Health Technology Assessment Programme - Antimicrobial Resistance Themed Call

Closing date: 30 October 2013

The Health Technology Assessment Programme is participating in the NIHR call for research on preventing the development and spread of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). This call is for research into the evaluation of public health measures, health care interventions and health services to reduce the development and spread of antimicrobial resistance and consequent morbidity.

[Further information.](#)

Public Health Research Programme - Researcher-led

Closing date: 19 November 2013

The Public Health Research Programme is accepting applications to its researcher-led workstream.

[Further information.](#)

Public Health Research Programme - NIHR Antimicrobial Resistance Themed Call

Closing date: 19 November 2013

PHR Programme is now accepting applications in response to the NIHR Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Themed Call. Please check the AMR Themed Call website for further information.

[Further information.](#)

Public Health Research Programme - Commissioned Research

Closing date: 18 December 2013

The NIHR Public Health Research (PHR) programme invites outline research proposals in: interventions to maintain or increase physical activity in adolescents, interventions to prevent elder abuse and social and emotional wellbeing in early years.

[Further information.](#)

Events and training

Mobile technology and mental health

11 September 2013 - Manchester

This conference has a number of key objectives including: raising the awareness about the use of mobile technology for enhancing social inclusion, monitoring symptoms and well-being of service users.

[Further information.](#)

Developing proposals for Health Technology Assessment and Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation 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 - **10 September 2013** - [details](#).
- [NIHR](#) HS&DR - commissioned - **12 September 2013** - [details](#).
- [NIHR](#) RfPB - **18 September 2013** - [details](#).