

Developing proposals for Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB)

A support programme for applicants

organised by

The Research Design Service North West

A series of three meetings on

3 September 2014, 20 October 2014, 3 December 2014

**Seminar Rooms, Jean McFarlane Building, University Place, University of Manchester,
Oxford Road, M13 9PL**

Are you planning to submit a RfPB grant application in January 2015?

Do you want advice from experts on topics such as research methods, patient and public involvement and costings?

[Research Design Service North West](#) (RDS NW) is providing a programme to support people applying to the RfPB programme for research funding.

For those planning to submit an RfPB proposal in the 26th funding round (final submission deadline to be confirmed) we will provide a facilitated support programme for applicants involving three half-day meetings, individual advice, mutual feedback and referral to experts where needed. The aim is to maximise your chances of success in securing RfPB funding and to ensure your project is robust, well designed and properly supported.

- The programme is open to staff in all universities and NHS organisations across the North West.
- There is no charge for the programme.
- It is a requirement that participants commit to taking part in all three meetings and to working on their RfPB grant proposal between meetings.

There will only be 10 places available on the programme. If it is oversubscribed we will prioritise those most likely to benefit from the support it provides. Others will be encouraged to access individual RDS NW support.



Programme overview

The programme will consist of a series of three interactive meetings at which participants and facilitators will discuss and develop RfPB grant proposals.

The programme facilitators include:

- Andy Vail, RDS NW, University of Manchester
- Mary Tully, RDS NW, University of Manchester
- Adam Garrow, Medicines Evaluation Unit, Wythenshawe Hospital
- Ailsa Donnelly, North West People in Research Forum member; lay reviewer, RfPB.

We plan to bring into the meetings other contributors to advise on project costing, financing, patient and public involvement, health economics and other research methodologies as appropriate.

How to apply for the programme

If you would like to apply for a place on the programme, or have any queries, please contact: Gwen Alvey, RDS NW Greater Manchester local team via email:

rds-nw-gm@manchester.ac.uk or Tel: 0161 306 8009

You will be asked to complete a short application form asking for details which include:

- your name, post and contact details
- the title and a plain English summary of your planned RfPB project, maximum 400 words, covering the key points of your proposal and avoiding all technical terms
- brief details of what research grants you have held or what research projects you have been involved in.

Applications will be reviewed using the following criteria:

- successful applicants will be those whose proposals most closely fit the criteria for RfPB, and are deemed to be most likely to benefit from the added support of the programme series
- the person applying to attend the support programme meetings should be a leading member of the bid team able to contribute fully to the sessions.

Application forms must be received by 5.00 pm, 10 July 2014. Applicants will be informed of whether they have secured a place by 18 July 2014.

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