

## e-bulletin

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### **Developing proposals for Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) – A support programme for applicants Application deadline 10 July 2014**

Are you planning to submit a NIHR RfPB grant application in January 2015? Do you want advice from experts on topics such as research methods, patient and public involvement and costings? NIHR RDS NW is providing a programme to support people applying to the NIHR RfPB programme for research funding.

For those planning to submit an NIHR 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 NIHR RfPB funding and to ensure your project is robust, well designed and properly supported. For more information visit the [RDS NW website here](#).

### **Research Design Service (RDS) patient and public involvement (PPI) handbook**

The [RDS PPI Handbook](#) has been created for researchers as a guide to help in the planning, managing and implementation of PPI activities. Demonstrating PPI and the continued involvement of patients and members of the public is a very important part of developing a successful grant application and is often a marker of quality research. This handbook offers a firm foundation in PPI, providing insights into the contributions that patients and members of the public can make; the practical aspects of where to find people to involve, as well as considerations on costs.

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

### **Funding opportunities**

#### [The Policy Research Programme](#)

Closing date: 12 August 2014.

#### [NIHR Knowledge Mobilisation Research Fellowships](#)

Closing date: 14 August 2014.

#### [Research for Patient Benefit Programme](#)

Closing date: 17 September 2014.

#### [Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme - commissioned](#)

Closing date: 7 October 2014.

#### [Programme Development Grants](#)

Closing date: 14 October 2014.

#### [Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme – researcher-led](#)

Closing date: 30 October 2014.

More event and funding information on our [website here](#).

### **Events and training**

#### [The seventh international disability studies conference](#)

9 September 2014 – Lancaster.

#### [Improving Health By Improving Trials](#)

15 to 19 September 2014 – Manchester.

#### [NHS R&D Conference: Let's Talk Research](#)

24 September 2014 – Bolton.

#### [INVOLVE conference](#)

26 to 27 November 2014 – Birmingham.

### **Approaching funding deadlines**

- [i4i](#) – stage one – 9 July 2014.
- [HTA](#) – researcher-led – 16 July 2014.
- [PHR](#) – researcher-led – 4 August 2014.
- [i4i](#) – challenge awards – stage two – 6 August 2014.
- [HTA](#) – commissioned – 14 August 2014.