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Developing proposals for the Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) programme

6 November 2014, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm, The Lancaster House Hotel, Lancaster

This seminar is one of a series organised by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Research Design Service for the North West (RDS NW) to highlight national funding opportunities for applied health and social care research.

We aim to give researchers a better understanding of funding priorities, application processes and future plans and an opportunity for dialogue with panel members and successful grant holders. For more details visit the [event website here](#).

The new EU Clinical Trials Regulation: how NHS research and patients will benefit

This publication outlines the key issues for NHS organisations arising from the new EU Regulation on clinical trials, which will replace the existing Directive from July 2016. The Regulation is directly applicable and the UK Clinical Trials Regulation 2004 will therefore be repealed. The European Commission's own figures show that from 2007 to 2011 the number of applications to carry out clinical trials in the EU fell by 25 per cent, while costs increased significantly and the delays for launching a clinical trial rose by around 90 per cent. Given the increasing importance of clinical research to the NHS, the [NHS Confed](#) worked closely with a range of stakeholders to bring about the changes, and believes these new rules are an important step in enabling the NHS to increase the delivery of high-quality research and bring clear benefits for patients.

The publication will be highlighted on the [NHS European Office's Clinical Trials webpage](#).

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

Funding opportunities

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

Closing date: 18 November 2014.

[Public Health Research \(PHR\) Programme - researcher-led](#)

Closing date: 11 December 2014.

[Health Technology Assessment \(HTA\) Programme - commissioned](#)

Closing date: 17 December 2014.

[Public Health Research \(PHR\) Programme - commissioned](#)

Closing date: 18 December 2014.

[Health Services and Delivery Research \(HS&DR\) Programme - commissioned](#)

Closing date: 18 December 2014.

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

Events and training

[CLAHRC NWC Evidence Synthesis Information event](#)

22 October 2014 – Leyland.

[Meeting of North West Clinical Trialists](#)

23 October 2014 – Preston.

[Getting started in research: moving from thoughts to action](#)

29 October 2014 – Manchester.

[National Cancer Research Institute Cancer Conference](#)

2 to 5 November 2014 – Liverpool.

Approaching funding deadlines

- [PGfAR](#) – stage one – 7 October 2014.
- [PDG](#) – 14 October 2014.
- [PGfAR](#) – stage two – 21 October 2014.
- [EME](#) – stage one – researcher-led – 30 October 2014.