

## e-bulletin

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### Deadline soon: Research for Patient Benefit - a support programme for applicants

**Application deadline 5 December 2014, 5.00 pm.**

Are you planning to submit a Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) grant application in May 2015?  
Do you want advice from experts on topics such as research methods, patient and public involvement and costings?

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 27th 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 all researchers 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 are only 10 places available on the programme. Visit the RDS NW website for [more details and the application form](#).

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

### Funding opportunities

#### [Health Technology Assessment Programme \(HTA\) – researcher-led](#)

Closing date: 7 January 2015.

#### [HTA - commissioned](#)

Closing date: 15 January 2015.

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

Closing date: 21 January 2015.

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

Closing date: 5 February 2015.

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

Closing date: 10 February 2015.

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

Closing date: 3 March 2015.

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

### Events and training

#### [Using Social Media to Support Research](#)

27 January, 24 February and 21 April 2015 - Bolton.

#### [Society for Research in Rehabilitation Meeting](#)

3 February 2015 - Manchester.

#### [The NIHR School for Social Care Research's conference](#)

24 March 2015 - London.

#### [Royal College of Nursing annual international nursing research conference and exhibition 2015](#)

20 to 22 April 2015 - Nottingham.

### Approaching funding deadlines

- [PHR](#) - stage one - researcher-led - 11 December 2014.
- [HTA](#) - various - commissioned - 17 December 2014.
- [HS&DR](#) - stage one - commissioned - 18 December 2014.
- [PHR](#) - stage one - commissioned - 19 December 2014.