

## e-bulletin

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### **INVOLVE guidance on the use of social media to actively involve the public in research**

INVOLVE have published new guidance on the use of social media to actively involve the public in research.

This guidance provides examples of ways in which different types of social media are currently being used to involve the public in research, the benefits, challenges, risks and ethics of using social media for involvement, and some top tips and things to think about. To download the guidance visit the [INVOLVE website here](#).

### **Health Technology Assessment (HTA) programme expression of interest application form**

The HTA Programme has launched a pilot for a new Expression of Interest (EoI) application form, which is designed to replace the outline application form. Eols prioritised by the HTA Programme's panels will proceed to a funding board, with any short-listed applications invited to proceed directly to a full proposal.

HTA hosted a webinar on 13 November 2014 presented by Dr Peter Davidson and Dr Martin Ashton-Key, introducing the new Expression of Interest form. You may find this helpful when preparing for your application. [Watch the webinar here](#).

**RDS NW would like to wish all our readers and clients a Happy New Year.**

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

### **Funding opportunities**

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

Closing date: 3 March 2015.

#### **[Programme Grants for Applied Research \(PGfAR\)](#)**

Closing date: 3 March 2015.

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

Closing date: 10 March 2015.

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

Closing date: 2 April 2015.

#### **[Public Health Research Programme - commissioned](#)**

Closing date: 21 April 2015.

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

Closing date: 12 May 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.

#### **[Improving trials by improving trials for patients](#)**

15 April 2015 - Liverpool.

### **Approaching funding deadlines**

**[RfPB](#)** - competition 26 - 21 January 2015.

**[HS&DR](#)** - researcher-led - 5 February 2015.

**[EME](#)** - stage one - commissioned - 10 February 2015.