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## RDS NW over the holiday period

This is just a quick message to let you know that you can continue to contact the RDS NW over the holiday period, however there may be a delay in response to advice requests or queries during the period, 24 December 2015 to 3 January 2016 inclusive. The best way to contact us over this period is to email us at [rds-nw@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:rds-nw@lancaster.ac.uk). Please continue to [submit your advice requests](#).

We would like to wish you all a happy holiday and a happy new year.

## NIHR Obesity Themed Call open for applications

The NIHR has issued a call for research into the evaluation of interventions or services for the prevention and treatment of obesity in adults and children.

Issues of particular importance for this call include the prevention of type 2 diabetes and increasing levels of physical activity.

This call is an initiative by the NIHR in recognition of the need for further research-based evidence to underpin the prevention and management of overweight and obesity in adults and children. More details can be found on the [themed call website here](#).

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

### Funding opportunities

#### [NIHR Programme Development Grants \(PDG\)](#)

Closing date: 8 March 2016.

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

Closing date: 15 March 2016.

#### [NIHR EME - researcher-led](#)

Closing date: 15 March 2016.

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

Closing date: 23 March 2016.

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

Closing date: 4 April 2016.

#### [NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research \(PGfAR\) Programme - Obesity Themed Call](#)

Closing date: 6 April 2016.

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

### Events and training

#### [Being a Clinical Health Researcher: Career Advice from the Front Line](#)

9 February 2016 - London.

#### [Developing proposals for the renewed NIHR Research for Patient Benefit \(RfPB\) programme seminar](#)

11 February 2016 (morning) - Liverpool.

#### [Developing proposals for the renewed RfPB programme - support afternoon for applicants](#)

11 February 2016 (afternoon) - Liverpool.

#### [Annual R&D Forum Conference 2016](#)

23 to 24 May 2016 - Stratford Upon Avon.

### Approaching funding deadlines

[NIHR HS&DR](#) - researcher-led - 14 January 2016.

[NIHR i4i](#) - 13 January 2016.

[NIHR Fellowships](#) - 20 January 2016.