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NIHR Dissemination Centre

The new NIHR [Dissemination Centre](#) has been set up to make health research evidence easier to reach for those who need it. Each week we publish three or four new 'Signals' – short summaries of health research that has appeared recently in peer-reviewed journals.

Abstracts of research are turned into Signals by specialist writers based at [Bazian](#), the partners in the centre. Signals are then published on the Dissemination Centre's portal '[Discover](#)'. This is a free, open access site and is fully searchable. Anyone can [sign up on our website](#) to receive a monthly update of all Signals that are published or can choose to receive Signals in particular categories.

The Dissemination Centre editorial team uses the insight of patients, carers, health professionals and academics to help them decide which abstracts will make the most useful Signals. Each week they ask a group of these people to read and 'rate' research abstracts in their area of interest. They also write a short piece of advice about why the abstract should – or should not – get written up.

The Dissemination Centre welcomes professionals and members of the public to visit its website and sign up as a rater; raters make an invaluable contribution. Public raters are offered an honorarium of £5 for each rating they complete. People who are interested in this opportunity can find [more information here](#). Please note that at present, NIHR staff are not eligible to register as raters as we want to build up our pool of front-line evidence users. There are currently just over 900 raters in the pool but more are always needed. For more information visit the [Dissemination Centre website here](#).

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

Funding opportunities

[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.

[NIHR Invention for Innovation \(i4i\) - Obesity Themed Call](#)

Closing date - 6 April 2016.

[NIHR Health Services and Delivery Research Programme - Obesity Themed Call](#)

Closing date - 6 April 2016.

[NIHR Public Health Research Programme - Obesity Themed Call](#)

Closing date - 6 April 2016.

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

Please always check with the event organiser or funder for up-to-date information

Events and training

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

11 February 2016 - Liverpool.

[3rd #CountMeIn! Scientific Meeting: Supporting children's participation – evidence and interventions](#)

6 to 7 April 2016 - Plymouth.

[Improving Health by Improving Trials](#)

25 to 29 April 2016 - Liverpool.

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

23 to 24 May 2016 - Stratford Upon Avon.

Approaching funding deadlines

[NIHR PDG](#) - 8 March 2016.

[NIHR EME](#) - commissioned - 15 March 2016.

[NIHR EME](#) - researcher-led - 15 March 2016.