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RDS NW Public Involvement Funds

It's considered good practice to involve members of the public as early as possible in the research design process. Funding public involvement at the grant application stage can be challenging. The Research Design Service 'Public Involvement Funds' aim to bridge that gap. Funds are available to researchers to help facilitate public involvement in the development of research ideas and research grant applications.

Who is eligible?

Researchers in the North West who are:

- developing proposals for national, peer-reviewed open call funding competitions for applied health or social care research
- in receipt of advice from RDS NW for the same research project to which the public involvement fund applies.

How much researchers can ask for?

This would usually be up to a maximum of £350 per project.

For full details of the public involvement fund scheme, how to apply and to check if your proposed activities are eligible please see the [public involvement fund scheme summary here](#).

How to apply

Please complete the application form which is available from the RDS NW coordinating office or your RDS NW adviser and send the completed form to the [RDS NW co-ordinating office by email](#).



Involving the public

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

Funding opportunities

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

Closing date - 1 November 2016.

[EME Programme - researcher-led](#)

Closing date - 1 November 2016.

[NIHR Research for Patient Benefit \(RfPB\) Programme - competition 31](#)

Closing date - 23 November 2016.

[NIHR Health Technology Assessment \(HTA\) Programme - research-led](#)

Closing date - 30 November 2016.

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

Closing date - 5 December 2016.

[HTA Programme - commissioned](#)

Closing date - 7 February 2017.

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

RDS NW events

[NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research Information Events](#)

24 November 2016, Manchester - other venues/dates available.

External events

[Clinical trial training for investigators](#)

19 to 23 September 2016, Manchester.

[Building a research career - A guide for aspiring clinical academics](#)

22 September 2016, Preston.

[Suicide Bereavement: Working together to make a difference](#)

28 September 2016, Manchester.

Approaching funding deadlines

[NIHR HTA](#) - commissioned - 15 September 2016.

[DH PRP](#) - 11 October 2016.