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NIHR pre-election period notice

As part of the NIHR, the RDS NW is under temporary restrictions regarding promoting NIHR funding opportunities during the pre-election period.

The NIHR encourages you to “get digital”!

The NIHR Let's Get Digital Competition has been running for over a month and the NIHR has received some great entries so far - but they want more people to get involved.

The competition is designed to recognise those people involved in NIHR research using video, photography, websites, infographics and online communities to promote research.

The competition has five categories: video, photography, online community, website and infographic. Entries are expected to demonstrate how exciting and interesting NIHR research is. Winning entries will be used to help spread the word about how vital research is to the development of new and better treatments in the NHS.

The competition is open until **Friday 30 June 2017**. Winning entries will be promoted across the NIHR's communications channels and the winning applicants will be invited to a special training session at Google's headquarters in London to learn about all things digital.

Each category has specific eligibility requirements. Visit www.nihr.ac.uk/getdigital for more details and to download the guidance notes. [You can watch a short video about the competition here](#). #NIHRgetdigital



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

INVOLVE at 21

INVOLVE's national conferences bring together people with a passion in public involvement in health, public health and social care research. This includes members of the public, service users, researchers, research commissioners, public involvement leads and representatives of voluntary sector organisations. The INVOLVE conference has a proud tradition of attracting both national and international delegates.

As INVOLVE turns 21 this year, the conference will celebrate successes, demonstrate how we can learn together from challenges and barriers, share good practice and energise the public involvement community to strive to the next level. The conference will highlight INVOLVE's new national leadership areas identified by "Going the Extra Mile," and be led by the launch of the public involvement standards.

In direct response to feedback from the last conference, this year's event has been designed to be focused and impactful, with an intimate feel that lends itself to networking and collaboration. In order to showcase some of the strongest public involvement examples there will be 12 parallel sessions and 30 posters available on the day. Additional opportunities to share good practice will be made available via our website and communications.

The conference will be held on 28 November 2017, at Church House, Westminster, London. For more information visit the [conference website here](#).