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Patient and public involvement and engagement progress across NIHR infrastructure

Every year, over 100 NIHR funded Centres, Facilities, Units, Schools and others provide an annual progress report to the NIHR. These reports are a source of valuable information that allows the NIHR to review performance, enable decision making on future funding requirements, answer Parliamentary Questions, prepare briefings for Ministers, and respond to other requests for information.

There is a patient and public involvement and engagement (PPIE) section in annual reports that asks for a brief summary of progress to date in implementing PPIE strategies.

For the last three years, the NIHR has extracted and compiled the [PPIE sections of annual reports](#) and made them publicly available. Their main aim in doing this is to support and promote the sharing of knowledge, learning and good practice across the NIHR and beyond.

[Click here to read the 2016/17 PPIE annual reports.](#)

Public Involvement Standards moves on to testing phase

By the end of March 2018, the Public Involvement Standards Development Partnership will publish a revised version of the standards that responds to the feedback gathered from a [consultation](#) carried out in 2017. From April 2018 to April 2019, the next stage in developing the standards is to make sure that they work in practice. [Find our more here.](#)

The RDS NW Public Involvement Fund

It is considered good practice to involve members of the public as early as possible in the research design process. Funding public involvement (PI) at the grant application stage can be challenging. The RDS NW 'PI Funds' aim to bridge that gap.

Funds are available to researchers to help facilitate PI in the development of research ideas and research grant applications. [Find out more here.](#)

Funding opportunities

[NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research \(PGfAR\) - Competition 26](#)

Closing date - 4 April 2018.

[NIHR Invention for Innovation \(i4i\) - Mental Health Challenge Award 2018](#)

Closing date - 4 April 2018.

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

Closing date - 10 April 2018.

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

Closing date - 25 April 2018.

[NIHR Health Services and Delivery Research \(HS&DR\) Programme - researcher-led and themed call](#)

Closing date - 26 April 2018.

Events

[Research Day - Colorectal Research and Trial Engagement](#)

14 March 2018 - Warrington.

[2018 Annual NHS R&D Forum](#)

14 and 15 May 2018 - Newport, Wales.

Approaching funding deadlines

[NIHR PHR - commissioned](#) - 20 March 2018.

[NIHR RfPB](#) - 21 March 2018.

[NIHR EME and PHR](#) - 27 March 2018.

[NIHR HTA](#) - 28 March 2018.

[NIHR PDG](#) - 28 March 2018.