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New contract awarded by the NIHR to provide the RDS for a further five years

A new contract of more than £50 million from the [National Institute of Health Research](#) (NIHR) has been awarded to 10 NHS organisations and higher education institutions, with proven expertise in research methodology and design, to provide the [Research Design Service](#) (RDS).

10 regional Research Design Services (RDS) will together form a national network, liaising with each other to develop a consistent service to the research community.

The funding will allow the [Research Design Service North West](#) (RDS NW) to continue offering free and confidential advice to health and social care researchers on funding applications to national, peer-reviewed funding competitions for a further five years from 1 October 2018

HRA GDPR webinars

The Health Research Authority (HRA) is running a series of webinars to support researchers and research organisations in understanding their responsibilities in relation to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) within health research in the NHS.

The webinar will provide a review of the requirements of the GDPR (and UK Data Protection Bill, currently under parliamentary review), before looking at the practical application within research, and the activities that sponsors, researchers and host NHS sites need to undertake to be compliant.

Dates still available are 17 and 22 May at various times. [Register here](#). More dates are planned.

RfPB social care competition launched

The Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) Social Care Competition has now launched.

This initiative seeks to fund high quality research ideas which come from the front line of social care, and to support partnerships between social care researchers and practitioners. This applies across a wide spectrum of topic areas for research, which has the potential to improve adult social care practice.

It will be open to universities, local authorities and NHS bodies or other providers of NHS services in England with individual project awards up to to £350,000 available. The call will close at 1pm on 04 July 2018.

[All information relating to the call and how to apply can be found here](#).

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

Funding opportunities

[NIHR Research for Patient Benefit \(RfPB\) - social care call](#)

Closing date - 4 July 2018.

[RfPB Programme - competition 36](#)

Closing date - 18 July 2018.

[HTA Programme - commissioned](#)

Closing date - 19 July 2018.

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

Closing date - 24 July 2018.

[PHR Programme - themed call](#)

Closing date - 24 July 2018.

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

RDS Events

[Developing funding proposals in applied health and social care: NIHR Research for Patient Benefit programme](#)

28 June 2018 - Manchester.

[Research Design Service: Residential Grant Development and Writing Retreat](#)

10 to 12 September 2018 - Canterbury

Approaching funding deadlines

[NIHR HTA](#) - commissioned – 24, 25, 30 May 2018.

[NIHR i4i](#) - 6 June 2018.

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