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## Introducing 'From the RDS Desk'

'From the RDS Desk' is a new national Research Design Service (RDS) monthly blog featuring research funding insights, tips and experiences from RDS advisers around the country. Some posts will give you an overview of parts of the RDS service whilst others will focus on different research methodologies or key parts of any health or social care research funding application. We also hope to offer reviews of new research tools and alert you to new guidelines coming into place. With each blog post you'll also get to know our staff, putting a face and professional details to the names you might have heard. Each blog post will be launched in the NIHR funding e-bulletin and will be hosted as a [permanent collection](#).



## I Am Research

"I Am Research" gives patients, the public and health and social care research professionals a chance to shout about how fantastic research is. The NIHR aims to raise awareness of the benefits of research and the positive impact it has on people's lives.



Every year, more than half a million people help the NHS to improve healthcare and develop life-saving treatments by taking part in health research.

This year [the NHS is turning 70](#), the perfect opportunity to celebrate the role research plays in one of the nation's most loved institutions. The NIHR wants to recognise both the contribution of colleagues in the NHS and get your help in driving new and better care for all our futures. For more details visit the [NIHR website](#).

\* if intending to apply to a national competition, peer reviewed funding programme.

## One-to-one advice

We provide free, confidential, tailored advice to those intending to apply for research funding in applied health or social care\*.

One-to-one advice can be provided on any aspect of developing a funding application from Public Involvement, finding collaborators to advice on specific research methods.

We also provide advice on appropriate funding if you are not sure what funding is suitable for your research idea as well as offering critical reads. For more information visit the [about us](#) section of our website.

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

### Funding opportunities

#### [NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research \(PGfAR\) Programme - competition 27](#)

Closing date - 25 July 2018.

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

Closing date - 30 July 2018.

#### [PHR Programme - researcher-led](#)

Closing date - 31 July 2018.

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

Closing date - 1 August 2018.

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

Closing date - 21 August 2018.

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

### Events

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

28 June 2018 - Manchester - RDS NW event.

#### [Save-the-date - Developing funding proposals in applied health and social care: First grants](#)

11 October 2018 - Lancaster - RDS NW event.

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

12 to 14 May 2019 - Brighton.

### Approaching funding deadlines

[NIHR PDG](#) - competition 22 - 18 July 2018.

[NIHR RfPB](#) - competition 36 - 18 July 2018.

[NIHR HTA](#) - commissioned - 19 July 2018

[NIHR PHR](#) - commissioned - 24 July 2018

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