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New HRA public involvement guidance for research applicants

The Health Research Authority (HRA) has issued new guidance to help researchers applying for ethical review better identify how their proposed study has been shaped by the involvement of patients, carers, service users or members of the public. To analyse and monitor the impact of the guidance, the HRA is looking for organisations which regularly submit applications for ethical review to become 'Test Beds' for the new guidance by systematically using it for all of their applications for six months.



The invitation is open to organisations in any area of health and social care research, and for any type of study that needs ethical review by an NHS Research Ethics Committee.

Please contact the HRA's Public Involvement team at hrapublicinvolvement@nhs.net to find out more.

Read more about the [new guidance on the HRA website](#).

Latest RDS blog

Putting the quality into qualitative research

Quality in qualitative research, why is this an issue? Why is this important?

Our blog this month highlights the common NIHR panel feedback issues around qualitative research, showing you how to navigate them whilst making the most of the variety and vast number of methods qualitative research has to offer.

[View the latest RDS blog here.](#)

RDS NW public involvement fund

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 RDS '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. [Find out more here.](#)

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

Funding opportunities

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

Closing date - 29 August 2018.

[NIHR HTA - researcher-led](#)

Closing date - 29 August 2018.

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

Closing date - 6 September 2018.

[NIHR HS&DR Programme - themed call](#)

Closing date - 6 September 2018.

[NIHR HS&DR Programme - commissioned](#)

Closing date - 13 September 2018.

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

Events

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

11 October 2018 - Lancaster - RDS NW event.

[International Perspectives on Evaluation of Patient & Public Involvement in Research](#)

15 to 16 November 2018 - Newcastle University

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

12 to 14 May 2019 - Brighton.

Approaching funding deadlines

[NIHR PHR](#) - 30 and 31 July 2018

[NIHR HTA](#) - commissioned - 1 August 2018

[NIHR EME](#) - 21 August 2018

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