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## NIHR themed calls

The NIHR regularly runs themed funding calls, funding opportunities focussing on a particular research area in which all NIHR programmes participate.

The current NIHR themed calls are: **frailty, chronic pain and mental health**. Frailty and chronic pain are the latest NIHR themed calls. Webinars are being held to support these calls. Frailty will be on 22 November 2018 and chronic pain on 26 November 2018.

For further details visit the [themed call website here](#).

## Latest RDS blog

**Another day, another tip for a social care (and beyond) research proposal**

So as NIHR sets its sights on funding research ideas from the social care front-line what does this mean for researchers?

Read the [latest Research Design Service \(RDS\) blog](#) and pick up some great tips on how to focus your application and think about the impact it will have on services, recipients and their careers.



## Do feasibility studies contribute to, or avoid, waste in research?

NIHR's Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) programme asked this question of the feasibility studies it has funded up to 2016.

[Read the review in PLoS One.](#)

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

## RDS myth busting

Think you know about the RDS, then what we are now Tweeting may come as a surprise. We are currently running a Twitter campaign highlighting common myths about the RDS and what we offer. Follow @NIHR\_RDS on Twitter and search for #RDS #RDSmythBusting. Please retweet.



## Funding opportunities

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

Closing date - 5 December 2018.

### [NIHR Public Health Research \(PHR\) Programme - rapid funding scheme](#)

Closing date - 31 December 2018.

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

Closing date - 10 January 2019.

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

Closing date - 16 January 2019.

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

## Events

### [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.

### [UK Clinical Research Facilities 15th Annual Conference](#)

27 to 28 June 2019 - Nottingham.

## Approaching funding deadlines

[NIHR PHR](#) - 13 November 2018.

[NIHR EME](#) - 20 November 2018.

[NIHR PGfAR](#) - 28 November 2018.

[NIHR PDG](#) - 28 November 2018

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