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## Research proposal pre-submission review panels

Eleven draft research funding applications were considered at RDS NWs first research proposal pre-submission review panel in February. Chaired by Associate Director, Professor Andy Vail, a panel of senior RDS NW Advisers provided research design advice on the applications that were being planned for submission to a range of funding programmes. Feedback was then provided to clients who had submitted their proposals for review, which many reported as being extremely helpful. The next panel will be held in June 2019. Email [rds-nw@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:rds-nw@lancaster.ac.uk) for more information.

## INVOLVE launch “Learning for Involvement” website

Do you want to develop your knowledge and skills for public involvement? This new site from NIHR INVOLVE allows you to search for and recommend learning resources and publication. If you are involved in health or social care research you can see what training is happening locally, get help to find providers and add details of your own training events.

[Visit the site here.](#)

## THIS Institute report explores how NHS staff can get involved in research

The latest report from [The Healthcare Improvement Studies \(THIS\) Institute](#) explores how and why NHS staff get involved in research, the impact they have when they do get involved, and what it could all mean for the future of research. It also details some of the barriers that prevent NHS staff from engaging with research, and the mechanisms that enable them to get involved.

[Read the full report here.](#)

## New visual identity for NIHR

The NIHR has introduced a new visual identity to reflect their growing maturity as an organisation, the breadth of their work across public health and the nation’s health and care system, and the research they now undertake to benefit international development. Professor Chris Whitty, Chief Scientific Adviser for the Department of Health and Social Care, said “The new NIHR identity reflects that wider UK health landscape and also research the NIHR is funding to improve the health of the most vulnerable people in low and middle-income countries.”

RDS NW now has its own logo and our website has been updated to the [new branding](#).

### Events

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

20 March 2019 - Liverpool

[NIHR School for Social Care Research: annual conference 2019](#)

11 April 2019 - London

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

12 May 2019 - Brighton

[Clinical Trail Training for Investigators](#)

16 to 20 September 2019 - Liverpool

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

### Funding opportunities

[Programme Grants for Applied Research – Competition 29](#)

Closing date – 24 April 2019

[Invention for Innovation\(i4\) Product Development Awards](#)

Closing date – 24 April 2019

[NIHR Health Services & Delivery Research Programme](#)

Closing date – 25 April 2019

### Approaching funding deadlines

[NIHR Programme Development Grant – Competition 24](#)

Closing date - 27 March 2019

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