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Addressing barriers to research for NHS and social care staff

There are many barriers to NHS and social care staff taking part in research. Lack of time, lack of funding, lack of knowledge, skills and confidence and lack of support are some of the issues. RDS NW can help with lack of time, by assisting potential researchers in finding collaborators and building a dream team to take on research tasks. The assistance we provide researchers in writing their funding proposal can also save time.

Building your dream research team is one of the topics covered at our next training event “Developing funding proposals in applied health and social care: NIHR funding programmes.” The event will be held at the University of Central Lancashire’s Burnley Campus on 30 October, booking details will be available soon. Please save the date!

RDS Blog – Cost it right!

The whole business of submitting applications is to obtain funding to carry out your research, so you need to make sure your bid is properly costed. This month's blog guides you through all the aspects you will need to consider, where to look for guidance and tools that will help you get the right result. The blog has been written by Niesha Doyle, Business and Operations Manager at RDS North East and North Cumbria. You can read the blog [here](#).

Be Part of Research campaign

The UK Clinical Trials Gateway has been rebuilt to make it easier to use. Now called “Be Part of Research” the site has details of over 3,000 research studies taking place across the UK and a comprehensive search function. Researchers can use the site to find participants. The wider campaign promotes the benefits of taking part in research, what’s involved and how research studies are designed.

Currently the front page features baby Harry and research he took part in at Burnley General Teaching Hospital. Find the [site here](#).

NIHR Twitter account changes

The NIHR twitter account has been restructured into five accounts, to focus on different content for each of its distinct audiences.

@NIHRresearch for the latest news and information

@NIHRcommunity for everyone working on or supported by NIHR research

@NIHRtakepart for ways patients and the public can be involved in research

@NIHR_Industry for pharma, med tech and the life sciences

@NIHRvidence for the best evidence from NIHR and others

Events

[2nd International Implementation Science Research Conference](#)

18 July 2019 - London

[Clinical Trial Training for Investigators](#)

16 to 20 September 2019 – Liverpool

[5th International Clinical Trials Methodology Conference](#)

06 to 09 October 2019 – Brighton

[HTMR Network - How to be a good Chief Investigator](#)

19 November 2019 - Liverpool

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

Funding opportunities

[Public Health Research Programme: Researcher-led](#)

Closing date – 23 July 2019

[Research for Patient Benefit Programme – Comp 39](#)

Closing date – 24 July 2019

[Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme – Researcher-led](#)

Closing date- 28 August 2019

Approaching funding deadlines

[Programme Development Grants – Comp 25](#)

Closing date – 17 July 2019

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