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## RDS Blog – Don't let your research sit on the shelf!

This month's blog has been written by Louise Halbert, Business Manager of RDS East Midlands. The blog talks about how to use your dissemination plans wisely throughout your research project to raise awareness, reach influencers and build your network. There are links and tips to resources in the blog.

Applied health and social care is all about finding better ways to prevent ill health, treat diseases and improve services, with the ultimate goal of influencing changes in practice. This blog suggests ways of disseminating your research findings as an important part of the research process. [Read the full blog here.](#)

## New toolkit launched to support delivery of health services research

The NIHR has launched a new toolkit for researchers, to help them deliver the high quality health services research that the NHS needs. The [Health Services Research Toolkit](#) is a national resource which brings together ideas, guidance and support in one place. Launched by the [NIHR Clinical Research Network](#), the HSR toolkit provides researchers with the practical support they need to clinical studies happen in both the NHS and the wider health and social care environment.

## Report of the Research Participant Experience Survey 2018/19

In order to understand the experience of patients taking part in clinical research, the NIHR Clinical Research Network has worked on ways to collect and understand patient feedback. During 2018/19 a patient survey was carried out by our Local Clinical Research Networks across England and core feedback was collated and analysed nationally. It is based on sampling of 8,507 participants and includes recommendations for improving participant experience in NIHR supported studies. Read the [full report here](#).

## The Health Foundation: The Social and Economic Value of Health Research Programme

The latest funding opportunity from the charity, The Health Foundation, opens on 13 June. This is a researcher-led open call for outline proposals supporting original research that will generate new knowledge on the ways in which the physical and mental health of a population shapes their social and economic outcomes. Researchers are initially invited to submit outline proposal applications for review, the deadline is 12:00 on 25 July. An information call is being held on 25 June. [More details here.](#)

### Events

[NWCTC: Clinical Trial Training for Investigators](#)  
16 to 20 September 2019 – Liverpool

[5<sup>th</sup> International Clinical Trials Methodology Conference](#)  
06 to 09 October 2019 – Brighton

[RDS NW Developing Funding Proposals in Applied Health & Social Care: NIHR Funding Programmes](#)  
Save the date! 30 October 2019 – UCLan, Burnley

[HTMR Network - How to be a good Chief Investigator](#)  
19 November 2019 - Liverpool

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

### Funding opportunities

[Global Health Policy & Systems Research Development Awards](#)

Closing date – 31 July 2019

[Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme](#)

Closing date- 28 August 2019

[Health Services & Delivery Research Programme](#)

Closing date – 5 September 2019

### Approaching funding deadlines

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

Closing date – 24 July 2019

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