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Call for Public Reviewers for RDS NW Pre-submission Review Panels

As part of the support that it provides to researchers, the RDS NW has recently set up pre-submission review panels for grants being submitted for NIHR funding or nationally competitive medical research charity funding. As patient and public involvement is a key element of NIHR research, we are searching for two public reviewers for the pre-submission panels. Reviewers should have experience as a public contributor to research and possibly as a public member of a grant review panel but not be a current member. Support will be given, if you would like to know more, please contact Suzanne Parsons, Specialist Public Involvement Adviser for Greater Manchester on Suzanne.parsons@manchester.ac.uk or telephone 0161 276 6614. [Visit our website for more information on how to become a public reviewer.](#)

New NIHR Website and NIHRtv

The NIHR has a new website which is built around its key audience groups. The site is less cluttered and has an improved search functionality which extends across the whole NIHR portfolio. Find the [website here](#). Also, why not subscribe to NIHRtv? It is a collection of videos and includes useful information about funding programmes. Hywe Williams, Director of NIHR, has been filmed recently talking about feasibility studies in the researcher led work stream of the HTA Programme. [Subscribe to the YouTube channel here.](#)

How to be a good Chief Investigator

The MRC funded HTMR Network is holding a workshop for newly funded Chief Investigators of randomised clinical trials. The training event, on 19 November 2019 in Liverpool, will include presentations from chief investigators, clinical trial unit directors, trial funders and trial methodologists. For more information see [the MRC's flyer here](#).

This workshop is free to shortlisted applicants, but spaces are limited. The event is available on a first come first served basis, deadline for applications 6 September.

Health Research Authority: New Participant Identification Centres model agreements

As part of the new UK Local Information Packs, research organisations can benefit from the HRA's model agreements for NHS or HSC Participant Identification Centres - known as PICs - Participant Identification Centres.

PICs are NHS or HSC organisations that identify potential research participants. Model PIC agreements have now been published and are available on [IRAS Help](#) alongside guidance. [Find out more here.](#)

Events

[NHS England Health and Care Innovation Expo 2019](#)

4 and 5 September 2019 - Manchester

[Public Health England Annual Conference 2019](#)

10 to 11 September 2019 - Coventry

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

06 to 09 October 2019 - Brighton

[RDS NW - Developing Funding Proposals in Applied Health & Social Care: NIHR Funding Programmes](#)

30 October 2019 - Burnley

[MRC: How to be a good Chief Investigator Workshop](#)

19 November 2019 - Liverpool

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

Funding opportunities

[NIHR & BASP Funding Call – Stroke Research](#)

Closing date – 20 September 2019

[Health Technology Assessment: New Commissioned Calls](#)

Closing date – 25 September 2019

[The Nuffield Foundation Strategic Fund](#)

Applications open – 1 October 2019

Approaching funding deadlines

[Health Services & Delivery Research Programme](#)

Closing date – 5 September 2019

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