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## Our campaign to help NHS staff in the North West on their research journey

RDS NW has launched a campaign to help address some of the common issues and barriers that staff encounter at the start of their research journey across all of the NHS Trusts in the North West. The campaign follows a report and work by RDS NW NHS Engagement Officers and began in September 2019, there are three phases and it runs until March 2020.

The goal is to raise the profile of RDSNW and encourage more NHS staff members at Trusts in the North West to use our free and confidential service for researchers. NHS staff can have a different perspective to an academic researcher, resulting in different types of research that will benefit the public and patients. However, it is recognised that there are many challenges for a prospective researcher to overcome, such as refining their research idea, time, money, building a team and some methodological skills.

The campaign will highlight the impact that research can have on public health, a researcher's career path and contribution to achieving NHS Trusts' strategic objectives. Communication with NHS staff groups will be achieved through email and Twitter, drop in events and articles with real life NW examples. To find out more visit our website and follow RDS NW on Twitter @NIHR\_RDSNW #MyResearchJourney

### Increasing diversity in design to accelerate research into practice

The hallmark of NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research is supporting interrelated research projects that develop and test complex interventions. But Programme Director Elaine Hay wants to encourage more varied and novel research designs in research proposals submitted to the programme. [Read her article here.](#)

### NIHRtv

In his [update on YouTube](#), Director of the NIHR HTA programme Hywel Williams talks about the James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships.

### Success for Join Dementia Research

Over 20,000 study participants have been involved in vital research thanks to Join Dementia Research. The innovative service allows anyone to register their interest in dementia research so that they can be matched to potential studies they may be eligible to take part in.

This is wonderful news, and an important milestone for Join Dementia Research. Launched back in February 2015 in response to the Challenge on Dementia, the service has made it easier than ever for people living in the UK to take part in dementia research.

[Read the full report here.](#)

### Events

#### [NIHR RfPB social care funding roadshow events](#)

14 October – London – hosted by RDS London  
17 October – York – hosted by RDS YH  
22 October – Birmingham – hosted by RDS WM

#### [Webinar to support applications to Public Health Research Programme funding opportunities 19/106 & 107](#)

25 October 15:00-16:00

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

30 October 2019 – Burnley  
LAST FEW PLACES REMAINING

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

### Approaching funding deadlines

#### [Research for Patient Benefit Programme – Comp 40](#)

Closing date - 20 November 2019

### Funding opportunities

#### [Health Technology Assessment Programme Researcher-led](#)

Closing date - 8 January 2020

#### [Research for Social Care – Competition 2](#)

Closing date - 22 January 2020

#### [Public mental health interventions](#)

Closing date - 17 March 2020

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