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Our barriers to research campaign continues

This month we continue to inspire people in the NHS to use the Research Design Service through our [barriers to research campaign](#). Our latest Tweet aims to encourage clinicians to use our service. If you haven't seen the Tweet yet, [take a look at the Tweet here](#).

Please retweet to help us promote our services to as many clinicians in the North West as possible. Look out for further campaign Tweets in the coming weeks. Follow us [@NIHR_RDSNW](#)



RDS Blog: Social care research – a heated debate.....?

Claire Rosten, Research Methodologist from RDS South East, has written [this month's RDS blog](#).

Social care research is a priority area for NIHR funding with many new opportunities for social care practitioners and researchers. But where do things stand regarding robust research methodologies that can be used to build an evidence-base for effective social care practice? Do we need to have a heated debate.....?

Rethinking your CPD: Transform your learning – join a virtual community

NIHR Learn's new Communities space is a dedicated virtual area for NIHR staff and the wider workforce – it's a great place to learn and develop, explains Tara-Sienna Hartman, Clinical Research Network Learning Community Coordinator at the NIHR and Tristian Marshall-Regan, Clinical Research Network Learning Content Curator. This blog is part of the NIHR's Rethinking your Continuing Professional Development series. Read the [full blog here](#).

NIHR announces Senior Investigators for 2020

The NIHR has announced the appointment of 45 NIHR Senior Investigators in its 2020 round of awards. These individuals are among the most prominent and prestigious researchers funded by the NIHR and the most outstanding leaders of patient and people-based research within the NIHR research community and beyond. Read the [full article here](#).

The North West is well represented with three researchers from The University of Manchester. Two researchers from the University of Liverpool and University of Central Lancashire are also included in the list of reappointments and Emeritus Senior Investigators. [Full list here](#).

The 14th annual round of NIHR Senior Investigators appointments will be announced in summer 2020. Leading researchers funded by the NIHR and who are employed by a NHS Trust, university or charity based in England are encouraged to apply. Further details about the competition will be made available on the NIHR website.

Events and Webinars

[NHS R&D NW 'Lets Talk Research' Conference](#)

25 June 2020 – Gorton, Manchester

[RDS NW Developing funding proposals in applied health and social care: NIHR Programme Grants](#)

Save the date: 30 June 2020 – Manchester

[The North West Clinical Trials Collaborative: Improving Health by Improving Trials](#)

28 September to 2 October 2020 - Liverpool

[Comet VIII Meeting](#)

8 to 9 October 2020 – Liverpool

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

Approaching funding deadlines

[NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research – Comp 32](#)

Closing – 1 April 2020

Funding opportunities

[HS&DR Programme Researcher-led](#)

Closing – 23 April 2020

[PRP Qualitative Research on Women's Experiences of Urogynaecological Health Services](#)

Closing – 12 May 2020

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