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Research Design Service (RDS) Blog: Working in partnership to develop public health research: An RDS perspective

Public Health Research aims to generate evidence on issues that determine population health such as genetic, environmental, and social factors. The objective is then to use this knowledge to propose interventions and policies, to help improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities. Find out what the RDS is doing to support this effort and how in turn we can help you apply for funding. This month's blog was written by Janine Bestall, Deputy Director and Senior Research Fellow Applied Health Research, RDS Yorkshire and Humber. [Read the full blog here.](#)

NIHR stands by Black Lives Matter

The NIHR has released a statement recognising the problem of racism and structural barriers to minority communities in the research system. "We stand in solidarity against racism and anti-blackness and we acknowledge that as a research organisation we have more to do. We need more black voices within our leadership, in our committees, in our institutions and in the cohorts of people we fund. We must oppose racism in all its forms." [Read the full statement here.](#)

New phase of COVID-19 research funding

The NIHR and UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) have announced an evolution in their funding of COVID-19 research.

As the UK moves through the first wave of the COVID-19 outbreak, the nature of the questions that need to be addressed, the proof-of-concept data available and the need to link with existing activity are changing. In addition, in order to better understand and assess the impacts of this new disease, funding for longer than 12 months is desirable.

The NIHR has launched a new Recovery and Learning funding call to better understand and manage the health and social care consequences of the global COVID-19 pandemic beyond the acute phase. This call is for research proposals of up to 24 months' duration. [Read about it here.](#)

Events & Webinars

RDS NW developing funding proposals in applied health and social care: NIHR RfPB programme
Online event - Save the Date: 14 October 2020

[THIS Space 2020](#) – provides a focus for knowledge sharing in healthcare improvement
Online event - Save the Date: 25 November 2020

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

Pre-Call Announcement: NIHR Clinical Academic Research Partnerships

Details: In 2019 the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) in partnership with the Medical Research Council (MRC) ran two pilot rounds of the Clinical Academic Research Partnerships (CARP) scheme. This scheme offered a new mechanism for clinical staff at consultant level with a PhD or MD who were not currently research active to participate in collaborative high-quality research partnerships with established leading biomedical researchers.

To find out more about the scheme please see the CARP pilot webpage. The scheme is open to clinical staff at consultant level or equivalent with a PhD, or MD (or equivalent postgraduate qualification) who are not undertaking any substantive research activity but, wish to develop their research interests through collaborative high-quality research partnerships with established leading biomedical and health researchers. The potential advert date will be 7 August 2020. The deadline for proposals will be 29 October 2020. [More information here.](#)

Royal College of Nursing: Resource for research nurses

The Royal College of Nursing has produced a web resource informing nurses of the various roles that they can enjoy throughout their health career. The resource includes a section about pursuing research as a nurse. [Find the resource here.](#)

Funding Opportunities

[NIHR HS&DR 20/56 Community pharmacies](#)
Closes: 13:00 on 25 September 2020

[NIHR Cystic Fibrosis, multi programme funding call](#)
Potential advert date: late December 2020

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