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RDS Blog: The RDS Model of Support for Social Care Research

Social care has risen up the political agenda and there has been an injection of funds into social care research but there are some serious challenges faced by social care researchers. The RDSblog this month looks at those challenges and introduces a Research Design Service (RDS) model of support to help researchers engage and develop competitive and relevant social care applications. [The full blog can be read here](#). The blog was written by RDS North West's Hazel Morbey and Chris Hatton, and Caroline Norrie, Research Design Service Social Care Adviser from RDS London.

NIHR Research for Social Care: Information events

The NIHR Research for Social Care (RfSC) programme funds research of up to £350,000 to improve, expand and strengthen the way that adult social care is delivered for users of care services, carers, and the public. The RDS is hosting a series of information events for you to find out more about the upcoming NIHR RfSC call and the support that we provide.

You will see presentations from both the RfSC programme team and RDS, plus an opportunity to discuss the call specification and your research ideas.

- South East - 16 September 2020
- East of England - 21 September 2020
- South Central - 7 October 2020
- North East and North Cumbria - 21 October 2020
- East Midlands - 28 October 2020
- London - 18 November 2020

[Register and find out more about the RfSC information events here.](#)

Events and webinars

[Improving transparency and adequate reporting of adaptive randomised trials: introducing the Adaptive designs CONSORT Extension \(ACE\) guideline](#)
Webinar - Friday 18 September 2020 11.00–12.00

[RDS NW developing funding proposals in applied health and social care: NIHR Research for Patient Benefit \(RfPB\) programme](#)
Online event - 14 October 2020

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

More volunteers needed as vaccine registry grows

The NIHR recently launched a call for the public to join the NHS COVID-19 vaccine research registry. This registry will accelerate recruitment in vaccine studies over the coming months. The NIHR are delighted that more than 200,000 people have now signed up but still need more people to register. Researchers are looking for people with or without existing health conditions, from all backgrounds, ages and parts of the UK. People aged 65 and over, frontline workers and those from the black, Asian and ethnic minority communities are particularly invited to sign up. [Sign up to the vaccines registry here](#) and [read the vaccine registry article here](#).

NIHR news: Progress restarting research

Restarting research that was paused due to COVID-19 is complex and challenging, but progress is being made. Read the NIHR's latest update to find out more about the research that has restarted, the clinical academics returning from the frontline and lessons learned on how to restart research. [Read the full restarting research article here](#).

Funding opportunities

[NIHR Research for Patient Benefit – Competition 43](#)
Closing date: 1.00 pm on 11 November 2020

[20/86 Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme Researcher-led](#)
Webinar: 29 September 2020 12.00 noon to 1.00 pm
Closing date: 1.00 pm on 1 December 2020

Check with event organiser/funder for up-to-date information