

## Developing funding proposals in applied health and social care: NIHR Research for Patient Benefit Programme

### An Online Event

**Wednesday 14 October 2020**

NIHR Research Design Service North West (RDS NW) is offering this online event for health and social care professionals and researchers who want to develop and submit an application to the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Research for Patient Benefit funding programme (RfPB).

The main event will take place in the morning with the option to book an appointment at the virtual marketplace session in the afternoon. This event is aimed at researchers in the NHS, public health and social care. Also, academics from universities across the North West of England.

Please see below for a full programme and biographies of our presenters and some notes about the event.

#### **Part I: Presentations and Discussion - 10.00 am to 12.30 pm**

This session will provide information on:

- details of the Research for Patient Benefit programme
- views from a successful applicant
- the application process and what funders are looking for in a submission
- the support that RDS NW can provide in the preparation of your application,
- advice about Public and Patient Involvement

#### **Part II: Virtual Marketplace - 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm**

Pre booked appointments with RDS NW advisers to provide initial guidance and information on how the Research Design Service can help with your proposal development to RfPB. Only available to researchers from the North West of England. Please note the virtual marketplace is now full but if you require research support contact us [here and complete an advice request form](#).

## Full Programme

- 10.00 am**      **Welcome and introduction**  
Prof Soo Downe, Research Design Service North West (RDS NW)  
Senior Methods Lead
- 10.10 am**      **An introduction to the Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) programme and top tips for applying**  
Prof Kevin Munro, Chair of the North West Regional Advisory Committee for NIHR RfPB
- 10.30 am**      **The experience of a successful applicant to RfPB**  
Craig Smith, Professor of Stroke Medicine, Division of Cardiovascular Sciences, University of Manchester
- 10.50 am**      **A live questions and answers session with Prof Downe, Prof Munro and Prof Smith**
- 11.10 am**      **Break**
- 11.20 am**      **How RDS NW can help you**  
Dr Paula Holland, RDS NW Adviser
- 11.40 am**      **Importance of patient and public involvement including the RDS NW Public Involvement Fund and Public Involvement in a pandemic**  
Dr Hazel Morbey, RDS NW Specialist Public Involvement Adviser
- 12.00 pm**      **Summary and final questions**  
Prof Soo Downe
- 12.30 pm**      **Close**
- 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm**      **Virtual Marketplace (by appointment only)**

## Presenter Biographies



### Prof Soo Downe

Soo worked as a clinical midwife, and then a clinical/research midwife between 1985 and 2000. In 2001 she joined the University of Central Lancashire where she is now the Professor of Midwifery Studies. Her main research focus is the nature of, and cultures around, normal birth. She is currently working with WHO on a range of maternity care guidelines, and has been an author on papers in three Lancet Series (Midwifery, Stillbirth, and Reducing Caesarean Section). Among other funding sources, she has been PI or CI on studies funded by RfPB, HTA, PHR and UKRI (ESRC). She has published over 160 peer reviewed papers, and has

undertaken research using a wide range of qualitative and quantitative methods. She has been involved with the RDS NW in a range of roles since the service was set up.

### Prof Kevin Munro

Kevin was brought up near Edinburgh where he studied Medical Sciences before going on to gain his MSc in Audiology (distinction) at the University of Southampton (in 1986), PG Dip Management Studies at Brunel University (in 1997), and PhD in Audiology at the University of Southampton (in 2002).

He is a state registered clinical scientist with experience in all areas of adult and paediatric assessment and rehabilitation. Before entering academia, he was an audiology healthcare professional and worked at a variety of locations across the UK including Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Southampton. He has spent extended periods of time at the University of Western Ontario, Canada, and the University of Auckland, New Zealand.



Kevin is Ewing Professor of Audiology, Director of the Manchester Centre for Audiology and Deafness (ManCAD), Deputy Director of the NIHR Manchester Biomedical Research Centre and theme lead for Hearing Health. He is an honorary Consultant Clinical Scientist at Manchester NHS Foundation Trust. Kevin is the only audiologist to be awarded NIHR Senior Investigator status, is Principal Fellow of the British Society of Audiology, Expert Advisor for the NICE Centre for Guidelines, and a member of the Scientific Advisory Group for the Australian National Acoustic Laboratories. He is Chair of the North West Regional Advisory Committee for NIHR Research for Patient Benefit.



### **Prof Craig Smith**

Craig is Professor of Stroke Medicine at the University of Manchester, with clinical work based at the Manchester Centre for Clinical Neurosciences (MCCN), Salford Royal Hospital. He trained in the North West of England, which included a Stroke Association Clinical Training Fellowship in Stroke Medicine/Neurology. He received his MD from the University of Manchester following a period of research in the field of inflammation and cerebrovascular disease. He leads the Manchester Stroke Research Group, which incorporates multi-disciplinary researchers from MCCN and University of Manchester. He is also a member of the British Association of Stroke Physicians Scientific Committee.

His translational research investigates the role of infection, inflammation and immune-responses in cerebrovascular disease. A major focus is how infection contributes to the risk, pathophysiology and clinical outcomes of stroke. Of particular interest is the diagnosis and prevention of stroke-associated pneumonia, including oral healthcare interventions. His research spans experimental stroke, clinical cohort studies, mixed methods, meta-analyses and clinical trials. [Read more about Craig here.](#)

### **Dr Paula Holland**

Paula is a Senior Lecturer in Public Health at Lancaster University and an RDS NW Case Manager. Her research focusses on the production of social inequalities in health, primarily through the relationship between work and health. Areas of interest and expertise include: social inequalities in the employment and financial consequences of disabilities and long-term conditions; experiences of working with a disability or long-term condition; interventions to support work retention and return-to-work; and the relationship between unemployment and health.



### **Dr Hazel Morbey**

Hazel is an RDS NW case manager with a professional background in mental health nursing and social work. She has special interest areas in public involvement and social care research, and has worked in the area of later life research since 1994 contributing to a number of academic research studies many of which have been concerned with older frailty and vulnerability, including: elder abuse, older homelessness, older family carers, end of life, care home residents, and dementia. She works largely with qualitative methodologies and has particular interests in inclusive, participating research approaches.



## Notes for Delegates

RDS NW is funded by the NIHR as part of a network of regional Research Design Services in England.

We provide advice on research design to researchers in the North West who are developing proposals for national, peer-reviewed funding competitions for applied health or social care research.

The aim of the service is to increase the number of successful applications for funding for applied people-focused health and social care research. To request advice, [please download our request form](#).

[For more information about RDS NW please visit our website.](#)

If you would like to find out about future events organised by RDS NW, please join our mailing list. [Provide your name and email address here](#). You can unsubscribe at any time.

All attendees are encouraged to share comments and images of the event via Twitter using the handle @NIHR\_RDSNW and the #MyResearchJourney #RDSNW

Please note this event will be recorded. The recording will be made public, for example on the RDS NW website, to allow a wider audience to benefit from the event. If you would like any further details relating to the recording, please email [rds-nw@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:rds-nw@lancaster.ac.uk) to discuss.

Presentations will be made available a few weeks after the event on the RDS NW website for delegates to download. [Visit here to access the presentations](#).

An evaluation form will be emailed to you after the event, please complete and return to us so that we can continue to improve our future events.

Thank you for your interest in the event, we look forward to working with you on developing your research proposal.

RDS NW

October 2020