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Opportunity to become a public contributor for the Research Design Service North West

We would like to invite you to join the Research Design Service North West (RDS NW) Public Involvement specialist team as a public contributor.

We are looking to recruit two people for a two-year period to provide advice and a public perspective on its activities, and to support the team to promote public involvement throughout the North West region.

Deadline to apply is 9 November 2020 – Find out [more about the public contributor opportunity here](#).

Nursing and Midwifery Research Careers Advisory Service – launching 3 November

Do you want to take a first step into an academic research career as a nurse or midwife?

Do you want a role where you can continue to work clinically as well as pursue your own academic work?

If you have already started your clinical academic career would you like the opportunity to explore how to make your next move along the clinical academic career pathway?

Would knowing how to apply for and increase your chances of successfully securing NIHR research fellowship funding help?

A new Nursing and Midwifery Research Careers Advisory Service is being piloted in three Research Design Service regions:

- North West
- East Midlands
- South East

Find out [more about the advisory service here](#).

New guidance for planning virtual public and patient involvement activities

Following the social distancing measures introduced by the UK Governmental bodies in response to the Covid-19 pandemic the use of virtual platforms, for example Zoom and Microsoft Teams, to deliver patient and public involvement activities has increased.

In light of this trend, the Research Design Service North West (RDS NW) Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) team has developed [guidance to assist those planning virtual platform-based PPI activities](#).

RDS Blog: Innovative research design in action: how the RDS can help

A big push in research is to increase the efficiency and pace of studies. Innovative design methods can play a role in that by allowing multiple questions to be answered in a single study.

Find out more about what you could use in your study and how the RDS can help you navigate the challenges in the [October RDS Blog](#).

Events and webinars

[Webinar: Creative problem solving](#)

4 November 2020 - Online.

[Webinar: Maximising your impact in online communications](#)

11 November 2020 - Online.

[NIHR Research for Social Care workshop 2020](#)

18 November 2020 - Online.

[Using health and social care datasets in research](#)

25 November 2020 - Online

Check with event organiser/funder for latest information.

Funding opportunities

[NIHR Public Health Research](#)

Closes: 7 January 2021 - commissioned call.

[NIHR Advanced Fellowship](#)

Closes: 14 January 2021 - this is a new single stage application.

[NIHR Doctoral Fellowship](#)

Closes: 21 January 2021 - this is a new single stage application.

[NIHR Health Services and Delivery Research](#)

Closes: 4 February 2021 - evidence synthesis - researcher-led.

[NIHR Research for Patient Benefit](#)

Closes: 10 March 2021 - competition 44.

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