

# Targeting the right funding+ stream?



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- Applying to the right funding stream is key to all successful applications
- Different funding streams support different types of projects.

# Small/first grant funding stream examples

- NIHR
  - Research for Patient Benefit
  - Fellowships
- Charities
  - Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC) – searchable ‘members directory’
  - Diabetes UK, Cancer Research UK, British Heart Foundation etc.
  - Wellcome Trust: Seed Awards, Open Research Fund, Starter Grants
- Research councils
  - MRC, The British Academy, ESRC, EPSRC

# Research for Patient Benefit

- Regional funding stream.
  - North-west £2,500,000 per year.
  - Three funding rounds per year.
  - Two-stage process
    - 1<sup>st</sup> stage – broad overview of proposal.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> stage – full application.
  - Limit £350,000 for full study, £250,000 for feasibility work, £150,000 High risk studies.
  - NHS led (chief investigator), funding paid to NHS not academic institution.
  - Assess proposed new treatment/intervention against TAU.
  - Requires strong public/patient involvement.
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# Health Technology Assessment

- Demonstrate that new intervention/treatment is better than TAU.
  - Promote health.
  - Prevent and treat ill-health.
  - Improve rehabilitation and long-term care.
- Require economic evaluation.
- Often like internal pilot studies to be included.
- Clinical trials.
- Researcher led, commissioned and theme/commissioned calls.
- Open to Academic research groups as well as NHS.

# Fellowships

- PhD, Post Doctoral and senior Lectureships/Professorships.
- Emphasis is on training and development of individual.
- Aim is to identify research leaders.
- Need a good training plan, visit other institutions (world leaders).
- Place, needs strong research reputation.

## Other NIHR funding streams

- Health Service and Delivery Research.
- Research that is focused on service and delivery of service
- Public Health Research
- Studies being undertaken outside the NHS

# Other NIHR funding streams

- Invention for Innovation (i4i)

Development of devices and other tools

- Programme Grants for applied research
- Large projects that often involve 3/4 related packages.