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## NIHR rapid funding call on Mental Health Research in Northern England launching 1 June 2021

An [NIHR rapid funding call](#) is launching 1 June 2021 targeting research in populations in the North West, Yorkshire and Humber and the North East and North Cumbria.

The call is for research to better understand and manage the health and social care consequences of mental health conditions. Applications can be for either the NIHR [Research for Patient Benefit](#) (RfPB) or NIHR [Research for Social Care](#) (RfSC) funding calls. This is a rapid call with a one-stage application with a **deadline 22 June 2021**, and an expression of interest stage with a **deadline 15 June 2021**.

Receive free, expert, one-to-one advice on your funding application to this call. We can provide advice on all aspects of developing the application. [Request advice](#) as early as possible.

## RDS Blog: Platform trials: full steam ahead?

Clinical trials provide the highest quality evidence on the benefits and harms of new healthcare interventions. Nevertheless, the cost of conducting clinical trials is high, and increasing.

New approaches for designing, conducting and analysing clinical trials are playing an important role in improving their efficiency, which means reducing the cost and time taken without compromising level of evidence provided. One way to do this is through combining (what used to be) several clinical trials testing related questions into a single platform trial.

Find out more in the [May RDS blog](#).

## NIHR launches innovative searchable database of global clinical trials

The [NIHR Innovation Observatory](#) has launched a comprehensive database of clinical trials, medical devices, diagnostics and digital applications approved by the U.S. FDA.

[ScanMedicine](#), a free resource which draws from the world's leading clinical trial databases, provides researchers and clinicians with up-to-date information about the research in progress in their area, as well as new medicines, devices and diagnostics on the horizon.

### Other events and webinars

#### [NIHR UK Implementation Science Research Conference](#)

15 to 16 July 2021 - Online.

#### [9th International Festival of Public Health](#)

19 to 23 July 2021 - Online.

#### [Making Implementation Happen through Capacity and Capability Building: A Virtual Collaborative Learning Event](#)

21 September 2021 - Online.

Check with event organiser/funder for latest information.

### NIHR funding opportunities

#### [NIHR Research for Patient Benefit](#)

Closes: 14 July 2021 - Competition 45.

#### [NIHR PHR Programme](#)

Closes: 12 August 2021 - calls including:

- [21/48 Dementia research call](#)
- [21/41 Public Health Research Programme researcher-led](#)
- [21/42 Continuing priority research topics of interest](#)

[Get expert advice](#) from the RDS NW on your application to any of these funding programmes.