

The Research Design Service



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Research Design Service North West

Provides advice on research design to researchers to develop high quality research proposals for national, peer-reviewed funding competitions for applied health or social care research.



Example of funders where we can advise

- National Institute for Health Research.
- Medical Research Council.
- Economic and Social Research Council.
- Charities.



Funding needs to be national and peer reviewed.
Research needs to be in applied health or social care.

Our expertise

- Methodology including but not limited to:
 - Quantitative, including statistical
 - qualitative
 - mixed methods
 - health economics
 - health psychology and behaviour change
 - specialist methodologies.
- Specific funding programme application advice.



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We can also help with

- Identifying appropriate funding.
- Finding collaborators and building an appropriate team.
- Involving the public.
- Formulating the research question.
- “Grantsmanship.”
- Signposting to specialised support.
- Ethical and governance issues.
- Getting the narrative right.
- A critical read of your proposal.
- And much more.



Some of the other things we do

- Developing Funding Proposals in Applied Health and Social Care events.
- Pre-submission panels, three a year - open to clients.
- Newsletters - see resources and events on website.
- E-bulletin.
- Videos.
- Self-help resources.



Find all our resources at - www.rds-nw.nihr.ac.uk

Sign-up for information and news - www.rds-nw.nihr.ac.uk/about-us/rds-nw-mailing-list

What happens when you contact us

Complete an advice request form



If eligible you will be allocated a case manager and/or you will be signposted to other sources of help



Case manager will provide advice and/or other advisers will provide advice

Depending on your requirements, you will be advised face-to-face via email, video conference or telephone.

What we cover in your initial advice meeting

Depending on your needs we may cover:

- expectations
- importance of the question
- existing research / literature review
- potential funding streams
- study design
- feasibility of recruitment strategy
- track record of team
- Public Involvement.



RDS clients

“Support from the RDS has been invaluable in guiding us through the complexities of the application process.

The blend of structured meetings and one-to-one support was very helpful.

The team also had excellent contacts with relevant expertise that could support our proposal.”

Consultant Clinical Psychologist

Hear from our clients at www.rds-nw.nihr.ac.uk/our-clients

How to access the service



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