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Save the date – Developing funding proposals in applied mental health and social care: NIHR Research for Patient Benefit Programme

10.00am, Thursday 21 October 2021 – An online event

The NIHR Research Design Service North West (RDS NW) is offering an online event for health and social care professionals and researchers who would like to submit a mental health-focussed application to the NIHR Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) funding programme.

The RfPB programme is currently inviting proposals for mental health research in Northern England [via a highlight notice against RfPB competition 46](#) (closing date 1pm, 10 November 2021).

The free event is aimed at researchers in the NHS, public health, social care and universities across England.

Following the event, virtual one-to-one sessions with RDS advisers will be available to participants who are based in North West England.

More information, including registration details, will be advertised on the [RDS NW website](#) next month.

New NIHR RfSC funding calls into mental health and dementia

The NIHR Research for Social Care (RfSC) programme is inviting proposals for studies to address mental health and dementia.

The [RfSC Mental Health call](#) invites applications from research teams to better understand and manage the social care consequences of mental health conditions in populations in Northern England.

A [webinar providing more information and support available](#) around the call will be held on 8 September 2021.

The [RfSC Dementia call](#) aims to strengthen dementia research in less supported areas, better understand the needs of under-served populations and social care needs, and identify best practice in relation to critical points, such as diagnosis, hospitalisation, and end-of-life care.

Deadline for submissions is 1pm, 19 October 2021. Receive free, expert, one-to-one advice on your funding application. We can provide advice on all aspects of developing the application. [Request advice as early as possible.](#)

RDS Blog: Raising the Public Involvement standards in the RDS: A tale of one RDS hub

Julie Hedayioglu, Public Involvement Lead, and Julie Wright, Public Contributor, Research Design Service South East (RDS SE) share their reflections on changes to improve patient and public involvement within the service, and the crucial role of public contributors as part of this process.

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

NIHR Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) Programme online information session

1.00pm, Wednesday 29 September 2021 – An online event

Hosted by the NIHR Research Design Service (RDS), this event will provide researchers and health and social care professionals with an opportunity to hear from the HS&DR programme team and the funding panel about what a competitive application looks like.

Advisers from the RDS will also outline the advice and support available for people who are developing research funding applications to the programme.

The HS&DR Programme aims to produce rigorous and relevant evidence to improve the quality, accessibility and organisation of health and social care services.

The event will cover:

- an overview of the HS&DR programme and the practicalities of applying
- what key elements the funding panel look for in applications
- RDS in supporting applicants
- Public Involvement in research.

[Register for the event here.](#)

i4i funding seminars

The Research Design Service East Midlands will be hosting two online events in September and October around the NIHR's Invention for Innovation (i4i) funding programme.

Introduction to translational research and NIHR's i4i funding stream 22 September 2021, 1.00pm to 2.30pm

This seminar will provide an overview of the i4i programme and help you gain insights into what translational research entails and what funders are looking for in applications.

[View the programme and register here.](#)

i4i funding seminar, three sessions 6, 13 and 20 October 2021, 1.00pm to 2.30pm

These seminars will provide deeper insights into aspects of the i4i project development and highlight which organisations you will need to consult during the design process.

[View the programme and register for the seminar series here.](#)

Other events and webinars

[Starting Research Workshop – RDS South Central](#)
15 September 2021 – Online.

[Managing Multimorbidity](#)
5 October 2021 – Online

[NIHR INCLUDE Stakeholder Event](#)
7 October 2021 – Online

Check with event organiser/funder for latest information.

NIHR funding opportunities

[NIHR Programme Development Grants – Competition 31](#)
Closes: 1 September 2021

[NIHR Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme – researcher-led workstream](#)
Closes: 7 December 2021

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