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Welcome to the second bulletin from the NIHR Research Design Service for the East of England. In the Bulletin you will find regular updates for Researchers, R&D staff and Research Advisors alike. This issue includes:

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What can the RDS do for you?

Thinking of applying for research funding? If so, the RDS EoE can advise on all aspects of preparing grant applications and building collaborative research teams. If you have any questions, or indeed a research proposal that you would like to discuss, we can be contacted on 01206 874856. For further information, visit us at: www.RDS-oe.nihr.ac.uk

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Local Research Events

- Essex and Hertfordshire CLRN Annual Conference, to be held on Wednesday 3rd February 2010 at The Stansted Centre, Takeley, in Essex.
Conference chair: Greg Wood - BBC Journalist
Guest speaker: Professor Rick Kaplan - Associate Director of NCRN
Attendance is free. To reserve your place, and find out more about the conference programme, please register and book on-line by clicking on the following link:
<http://www.profbriefings.co.uk/ehclrn2010/>

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Training Opportunities

- RDS EoE Health Economics Workshop at the University of Essex, 20th January 2010. To book: please contact Ms Adwoa Date-Bah; 01223 725461 or adwoa.date-bah@cambridgeshire.nhs.uk. Priority will be given to Health and Social Care practitioners and service users with an interest in research
- RDS EoE sponsored Research for Patient Benefit 2 day workshop: 22nd February 2010 and 22nd March 2010 at the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital. For further information or to reserve a place, please first telephone Adwoa Date-Bah on 01223 725461 or e-mail: Adwoa.date-bah@cambridgeshire.nhs.uk

- The Centre for Applied Medical Statistics are running a number of statistical training courses, details of which can be found at <http://www.phpc.cam.ac.uk/cams/courses.htm> For enquiries and bookings, please contact Mrs Marianne Blanc on 01223 330335 or e-mail cams@medschl.cam.ac.uk

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Research Funding

- **NIHR Research for Patient Benefit [RfPB] Programme**

<http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/default.cfm>

Nationally co-ordinated funding stream for regionally commissioned research in health services research and public health. Projects within scope will study way NHS services are provided and used; evaluate whether interventions are effective and provide value for money; examine whether alternative means for providing healthcare would be more beneficial in terms of cost and effectiveness; and/or formally assess innovations and developments in healthcare which will benefit patients. Grants are funded up to 36 months in duration with a total maximum cost of £250k.

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Registration of intention to submit deadline	11 December 2009, 5 PM
Submission Deadline	22 January 2010, 5 PM
Declaration and Signatures deadline	29 January 2010, 5 PM
Submission Outcome	July 2010

Competition 12

Registration of intention to submit deadline	09 April 2010, 5 PM
Submission Deadline	21 May 2010, 5 PM
Declaration and Signatures deadline	28 May 2010, 5 PM
Submission Outcome	November 2010

- **Programme Grants for Applied Research**

<http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/programmes/programmegrants/default.cfm>

Programme Grants for Applied Research are prestigious awards of up to £2m over a period of three to five years, directed towards leading researchers who can demonstrate an impressive track-record of achievement in applied health research. Each programme will fund a series of related projects which form a coherent theme in an area of priority or need for the NHS.

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Competition launch	12th January, 2009
Stage 1 Application submission deadline	16th March 2009, 5:00pm
Notification of outcome of Stage 1 Application	Mid May, 2009
Full Application submission deadline	12th October, 2009, 5:00pm
Notification of outcome of Full Application	Late March, 2010

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Competition launch	1st June, 2009
Stage 1 Application submission deadline	5th October 2009, 5:00pm
Notification of outcome of Stage 1 Application	Early December, 2009
Stage 2 Full Application submission deadline	22nd March 2010, 5:00pm

- **National Institute for Health Research [NIHR] - Central Commissioning Facility [CCF] Future Product Development – Stream 3a: i4i [invention for innovation]**
<http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/callsproposals/i4i/default.cfm>
Costs can be no more than £100k in total and a maximum of 75% funding is available.
Multiple closing dates, see website.
- **DH PRP - Evaluation of NHS Health Checks**
Project Title: DH PRP - Evaluation of NHS Health Checks
As part of a programme of monitoring and evaluation, full proposals are now invited for the following two studies.
(a) Evaluation of the NHS Health Checks programme - Exploring implementation
Research is required to explore the implementation of the NHS Health Check programme at PCT level and understand the context behind different models of provision.
(b) Evaluation of the NHS Health Checks programme - Analysing trends
Using existing data sets, analyses of trend data on key outcome and intermediate indicators are required. This will provide a backdrop to other evaluation activity. Analyses should have a specific focus on inequalities in health.
Link to page: [Details of the calls, including guidance notes and the application forms](#)
The deadline for full applications is 5.00 pm on Monday 15 February 2010.
- **Diagnosing Cancer Earlier: Evidence for a National Awareness and Early Diagnosis Initiative**
Details: The National Awareness and Early Diagnosis Initiative (NAEDI) was initiated by the Department of Health in England and is being developed as a UK-wide initiative to promote earlier diagnosis of cancer and thereby improve survival rates and reduce cancer mortality.
Link to Page: [Read more](#) Closing Date: 29/01/2010
- **Commissioned call for proposals**
Applicants are invited to submit outline proposals on the following commissioning briefs:
 - Regeneration programmes. (ref 09/3006)
 - Relationship between reduction in alcohol availability and measures of community alcohol health related harm and/or consumption. (ref. 09/3007)
 - Community engagement approaches to improve health and reduce health inequalities. (ref. 09/3008)To find out more about how to apply and download the full commissioning briefs visit the Public Health Research programme's website
<http://www.phr.nihr.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/commissioned.asp>
The deadline for submitting proposals to these commissioning briefs is Wednesday 14 April 2010, before 1pm.
- **Joint obesity themed call now open**
The cut-off date for submitting outline proposals to the obesity themed call is Wednesday 20 January 2010, before 1pm. Potential applicants should visit NETSCC's website for details of this call: http://www.netfcc.ac.uk/funding/obesity_themed_call.asp
- **Sir Halley Stewart Trust - Research Grants**
<http://www.sirhalleystewart.org.uk/socpriority.html>
Open Date Scheme. Funding available for social and educational research. Grants are usually given in the form of a salary.
- **Nuffield Foundation 'Open Door' research proposals**
http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/go/grants/opendoor/page_115.html

Open Date Scheme. Projects that lie outside their main programme areas - particularly interested in projects that identify changes or interventions which have practical implications for policy or practice. Current topics include financial circumstances of older people and economic planning for later life, including pensions and employers perspectives of the ageing workforce. Also poverty and disadvantage including incomes and work, and the intergenerational transmission of wealth, opportunity and life chances.

- **Breast Cancer Campaign Small Pilot Grants**

<http://www.breastcancercampaign.org/whatwedo/smallpilotgrants/>

Open Date Scheme. Small pilot grants if it can be clearly identified that support is for a new direction of research for established researchers to test hypotheses for up to a year to provide sufficient data for a full application to Breast Cancer Campaign. Funding Available: Up to £20,000

- **Wellcome Trust Biomedical Science Project Grants**

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Research-support/WTD004411.htm>

Open Date Scheme. Biomedical Science Project Grants for up to three years between £100,000 and £300,000

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How to Obtain Help

The National Institute of Health Research, Research Design Service for the East of England (RDS EoE) is an active and dynamic network offering free research advice and support across the region. The RDS EoE will help turn innovative research ideas into strong research proposals to attract funding.

To access an RDS EoE Research Advisor relative to the expertise required and your geographical location, please contact the Central Coordinators on 01206 874856 or by e-mail to: rdseo@essex.ac.uk

Please forward this email to anyone who has an interest in health research in the East of England. If you would like to unsubscribe from these bulletins please email rdsc@essex.ac.uk



Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year to all our readers

