

NIHR RESEARCH DESIGN SERVICE FOR THE EAST OF ENGLAND

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

Welcome to the third 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-ee.nihr.ac.uk

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Local Research Events

- 11th May 2010. East Anglia DeNDRoN & VOWNnet Conference. Venue: John Innes Conference Centre, Norwich. Chair: Graham Lennox, Addenbrookes, Cambridge
A detailed programme and booking form will soon be available on the conference website at www.dendron.org.uk/rn/ea_conference_2010.html For further information please contact Jackie Watson by e-mail: jackie@wolvercott.co.uk or tel: 01603 261951
- Wednesday 14th April 2010 from 12.00 until 5.30pm. The **Essex Biomedical Sciences Institute (EBSI)** based in the Department of Biological Sciences, University of Essex, will be holding its first **Annual Conference** at the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Colchester Hospital. This event will highlight successful ongoing collaborations between academics and clinicians in the EBSI and will showcase emerging research areas where future collaborations could be formed. For further details and the programme visit: http://www.essex.ac.uk/bs/ebsi/ebsi_seminars.htm

To register for this event please e-mail Dr. Beverley Wilkinson (Research Administrator, Biological Sciences) (bwilk@essex.ac.uk) with the following details:
***Name,*Position/Department, *Short line outlining research interests.**
***If you would like to present a poster on a clinically-relevant topic during the poster session please provide a provisional poster title.**
Registration for this event will close on 24th March.

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Training Opportunities

- 10th March 2010. **Developing Complex Interventions for Trial Evaluation.**
Venue: Cambridge Professional Development Centre. Facilitator: Prof. Kinmouth & Wendy Hardeman. For further information or to reserve a place, please contact Adwoa Date-Bah by e-mail: Adwoa.date-Bah@cambridgeshire.nhs.uk
- 20 April 2010. **PPI in Research Workshop.** Venue: Cambridge Professional Development Centre, Foster Road, Trumpinton, Cambridge. To book a place, please contact Adwoa Date-Bah by 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
- **Workshops: Engaging People with NIHR Research**
A joint programme of workshops organised by the University of Essex and the Essex and Hertfordshire Comprehensive Local Research Network combining academic rigour with direct practical application.

Friday 9 April 2010. Workshop 2: **Delivering Research in a Safe Environment**
Venue: University of Essex

- The underlying basis for an ethical and governance framework for research involving humans
- How does the NHS provide a safe research environment
- A perspective from patients and the public

Tuesday 18 May 2010. Workshop 3: **Politics and Practice of Participant Engagement.** Venue: University of Essex

- Building recruitment and retention of participants into research design
- Using Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) to enhance participant engagement in research
- Exploring recruitment and retention of research participants in Random Control Trials, Quantitative Survey Research and Qualitative Research

Cost: for each workshop is £100. Places for NHS staff contributing to the NIHR studies and initiatives are free of charge – please apply directly to the Essex and Hertfordshire CLRN. For further information and to book a place, contact Shelley Snaith at the following address clrn@northeastessex.nhs.net

- Thursday 29 April 2010. Faculty of Health Professional Development Course. **Workshop on User Involvement in Research.** Venue: Council Chamber, UEA

This study day is open to health and social care professionals and research students who are involved in research.

Cost: A full day study day is currently £158 unless funded by your Trust through the Strategic Health Authority (SHA) Post Registration Contract. Please refer to our website to find out if you are eligible for one of the SHA-funded and Trust Supported places <http://www.uea.ac.uk/ahp/courses/Short+Courses>

For further details please contact Sandra Horn, Senior Administrative Assistant, University of East Anglia, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Edith Cavell Building, Norwich, NR4 7TJ. E-mail: s.horn@uea.ac.uk Tel: 01603 597118 Fax: 01603 97019

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Research Funding

- **Main webpage to access all NIHR funding opportunities**

<http://www.nihr.ac.uk/proposals/Pages/default.aspx>

- **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. Grants are funded up to 36 months - maximum £250k.

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

Competition 13

Registration of intention to submit deadline	13 August, 5 PM
Submission Deadline	24 September 2010, 5 PM
Declaration and Signatures deadline	01 October, 5 PM
Submission Outcome	March 2011

- NIHR Invention for Innovation (i4i) Programme invites project proposals for Funding Stream 1 - feasibility study to determine whether a piece of prior basic research or an innovative use of an existing technology could provide a solution to an existing or emerging healthcare need. Funding to a total of £100K is available for up to 1 year.

Closing date 5 March 2010.

<http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/callsproposals/i4i/default.cfm>

- NIHR Programme Grant for Applied Research award, of up to £2m over a period of three to five years. Each programme grant funds a coherent series of related projects to tackle high priority health issues. Proposals should comprise health services research and/or innovation (e.g. introduction of new technologies), where there is potential gain for patients within the relatively near future, i.e. 'near market' research with application in the NHS within 3-5 years of the end of the funding period. Potential applicants are required to complete a stage 1 grant application form

summarising their proposed research programme (in stage 2, full applications will be invited from those meeting the assessment criteria and shortlisted at stage 1).

The deadline for submission of stage 1 applications is 15 March 2010.

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

- EME programme funded by MRC and managed by NIHR. The EME programme is broadly aimed at supporting science driven studies with an expectation of substantial health gain. Clinical studies are likely to be mostly randomised controlled trials but other forms of evaluation appropriate for intervention under study will also be supported. Applicants are welcome to submit a preliminary application at any time, however there are three submission deadlines each year. **Deadline for next round is Tuesday 16 March 2010 (before 1pm).**<http://www.eme.ac.uk/>

- SDO programme invites research proposals in three main areas:
 - Follow-on studies to existing SDO or NIHR HTA research
 - Evidence synthesis (which draw on past primary research within the SDO programme and/or on research funded elsewhere)
 - Scoping reviews for future research needs (aimed at identifying and tackling major topic areas)

Projects will be funded up to 24 months duration and up to £300,000 in cost. **Closing date for outline proposals 18 March 2010.**

http://www.sdo.nihr.ac.uk/10_1008.html?utm_source=NIHR_JAN&utm_medium=web_posting&utm_campaign=10_1008_call

- SDO programme invites proposals on aspects of patient safety in following topic areas:

- translating knowledge about patient safety into service delivery
- patient/user involvement in safety improvement
- financial costs and benefits and trade-offs in patient safety
- boundaries between care processes, services and organisations.

Approximately £2 million funding is available. **Closing date for outline proposals 24 March 2010.**

http://www.sdo.nihr.ac.uk/101007.html?utm_source=NIHR_JAN&utm_medium=web_posting&utm_campaign=10_1007_call

- NIHR Cochrane Collaboration Programme Grant scheme invites applications to provide high quality systematic reviews that will be of direct benefit to users of NHS in England. Grants will be between £140,000 and £420,000 spread over three years (ie up to £140,000 maximum per year), and about 10 grants are likely to be awarded to institutions in England. **Closing date 26 March 2010.**

http://www.netscc.ac.uk/funding/cochrane_programme_grants.asp

- Office for Life Sciences invites applications from NHS/academic centres that are interested in forming part of Therapeutic Capability Clusters in two key areas: Inflammatory Respiratory Diseases and Joint and Related Inflammatory Diseases.

Open Meeting is being held on 3 March 2010 to provide more information. **Deadline 29 March 2010.**

http://www.nihr.ac.uk/about/Pages/Office_for_Life_Sciences_call.aspx

- NIHR Public Health Research programme (PHR) invites research proposals in following areas:
 - Regeneration programmes.
 - Relationship between reduction in alcohol availability and measures of community alcohol health related harm and/or consumption.
 - Community engagement approaches to improve health and reduce health inequalities.

Closing date for applications 14 April 2010, 1.00 pm

<http://www.phr.nihr.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/commissioned.asp>

- **NIHR Fellowships**
Open to all people who wish to do health research to benefit patients and NHS healthcare. Next anticipated launch date late October 2010, closing date scheduled for early January 2011
<http://www.nihrtcc.nhs.uk/nihrfellow/>

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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

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