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## ***NIHR RESEARCH DESIGN SERVICE FOR THE EAST OF ENGLAND***

### ***ELECTRONIC BULLETIN***

Welcome to the 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-eoe.nihr.ac.uk](http://www.RDS-eoe.nihr.ac.uk)

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#### ***Training Opportunities***

- Monday 10 May. **Health Economics Workshop in Cambridge.** Please e-mail [Adwoa.Date-Bah@cambridgeshire.nhs.uk](mailto:Adwoa.Date-Bah@cambridgeshire.nhs.uk) for information or to book a place.
- Tuesday 18 May. Workshop: **Politics and Practice of Participant Engagement.** A workshop organised by the University of Essex and the Essex and Hertfordshire Comprehensive Local Research Network covering the following topics:
  - Exploring the challenges of engaging and working with the public at each stage of the research process
  - Delivering research in a safe environment: an NHS perspective
  - Delivering research in a safe environment: a perspective from patients and the public
  - Recruitment and retention of participants in diverse research designs
  - Maximising engagement: open floor debate

Free places are available for NHS staff contributing to the NIHR studies and initiatives and service users— please apply directly to the Essex and Hertfordshire CLRN. For further information and to book a place, contact Josie Storey at the following address [clrn@northeastessex.nhs.net](mailto: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>

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- Monday 7 June & Monday 5 July – **Research for Patient Benefit**. Venue: University of Hertfordshire. Facilitator: Dr Charlie Davison. This interactive workshops centres on the NHS “Research for Patient Benefit” programme, although the topics covered are also highly relevant for those planning to apply to other funding streams and agencies. The aim of these training days is for participants to develop the skills needed to put together a high quality research bid with a genuine chance of success in a highly competitive field. To book a place, please e-mail: [Adwoa.Date-Bah@cambridgeshire.nhs.uk](mailto:Adwoa.Date-Bah@cambridgeshire.nhs.uk)

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## **Research Funding**

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

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

Grants are funded up to 36 months in duration with a total maximum cost of £250k.

### **Competition 12**

Registration of intention to submit deadline	09 April 2010, 5.00 pm
Submission deadline	21 May 2010, 5.00 p.m.
Declaration and signatures deadline	28 May 2010, 5.00 p.m
Submission outcome	November 2010

### **Competition 13**

Registration of intention to submit deadline	13 August 2010, 5.00 pm
Submission deadline	24 September 2010, 5.00 p.m.
Declaration and signatures deadline	01 October 2010, 5.00 p.m
Submission outcome	March 2011

- NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research**

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

### **Competition 9**

Competition launch 7th June, 2010

Stage 1 Application submission deadline 11th October 2010, 5:00pm

Notification of outcome of Stage 1 Application Late December, 2010

Stage 2 Full Application submission deadline 21st March 2011, 5:00pm

Notification of outcome of Full Application Late July, 2011

### **Competition 10**

Competition launch 6th December 2010

Stage 1 Application submission deadline 14th March 2011, 5:00pm

Notification of outcome of Stage 1 Application Late May 2011

Stage 2 Full Application submission deadline 24th October 2011, 5:00pm

Notification of outcome of Full Application Late March 2012

- NIHR HTA - physical or psychological rehabilitation following major trauma.**

This call will be open from 28 April and is part of the researcher-led Clinical Evaluation and Trials funding stream for proposals concerning people needing physical or psychological rehabilitation following trauma in a military or civilian context. The interventions should relate to longer term management i.e. at least a year after the injury.

Cut-off date: 1pm on 1 July 2010. Funding pages:

<http://www.hta.ac.uk/funding/clinicaltrials/index.shtml>

- **NIHR HSR / INVOLVE joint funding call: Public involvement in research**

This is a joint funding call about public involvement in research funded by NIHR through INVOLVE and delivered by NIHR HSR programme. Anticipate funding a range of studies in both size and duration using different approaches and within a variety of areas of NHS, public health and social care research. Three key aims of call are to collect evidence on:

Impact: to increase knowledge and understanding of the impact of public involvement in research

Evaluation: to identify methods of evaluating public involvement in research

Implementation: to identify effective ways of involving the public in research

Submit outline by 1pm on Thursday 6 May 2010

[http://www.hsr.nihr.ac.uk/funding/joint\\_INVOLVE\\_call.asp?utm\\_source=NIHR&utm\\_medium=email\\_link&utm\\_campaign=INVOLVE\\_call](http://www.hsr.nihr.ac.uk/funding/joint_INVOLVE_call.asp?utm_source=NIHR&utm_medium=email_link&utm_campaign=INVOLVE_call)

- **The Invention for Innovation (i4i) Programme**

i4i is positioned at the upstream part of the innovation process, close to ideas generators. It funds translational research, extending between basic research and pre-clinical trials or health technology assessments. To accommodate innovation from different sources, i4i is divided into following four funding streams:

- Stream 1 - i4i feasibility study

- Stream 2 - i4i initial product development

- Stream 3 - i4i commercial viability study

- Stream 4 - i4i collaborative product development

[Tabulated summary of i4i funding streams](#)

- **NIHR Fellowships**

<http://www.nihrtcc.nhs.uk/nihrfellow/>

Open to those who wish to undertake health research to benefit patients and NHS healthcare.

- **NIHR Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) programme**

<http://www.eme.ac.uk/>

EME programme is broadly aimed at supporting science driven studies with an expectation of substantial health gain. The clinical studies are likely to be mostly randomised controlled trials but other forms of evaluation appropriate for the intervention under study will also be supported. The EME programme is an ongoing research funding opportunity. Applicants are welcome to submit a preliminary application at any time, however there are three submission deadlines each year. The submission deadline for consideration in the next round is Monday 12 July 2010 (before 1pm). <http://www.eme.ac.uk/>

- **NIHR SDO Programme - Research into promising innovations in healthcare delivery in the NHS**

The SDO NHS Evaluations Panel aims to fund projects that contribute to the national focus on innovation arising from the Darzi report *High Quality Care for All* (2008).

[10/1009 Research into promising innovations in healthcare delivery in the NHS](#) (pdf, 52.4kb)

The process of commissioning will be in **two stages** and applicants should submit **outline proposals** via the SDO website by **1pm on Thursday 10 June 2010**.

- **The Wellcome Trust**

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/investigator-awards/index.htm>

Senior Investigator Awards for fully established world-class researchers and Investigator Awards to fund best recently appointment researchers [awards open to researchers who are in salaried posts]. Deadline 30/07/2010

- **Medical Research Council (MRC)**

Programme Grants for larger, long term (five years) and renewable programmes in Neuroscience and Mental Health. Deadline: 16/12/2010. Closing dates of 21 April, 29 July and 16 December.

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Grants/Programmegrant/index.htm>

- **Children in Need**

Deadline: 15/10/2010. Grants for projects that support disadvantaged children and young people (18 years and under) living in UK. This includes work with children and young people who are experiencing illness, distress, disability, behavioural or psychological difficulties or living in situations of deprivation. Not-for-profit organisations including schools, local authorities and universities can apply for funding. Small Grants (£10,000 or less) and Main Grants (over £10,000) are available. Closing dates for 2010 are 15 April, 15 July and 15 October. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/>

- **National Obesity Forum & Weight Watchers**

Obesity Management Grants. Deadline Date: 20/06/2010. Funding for health care professionals to undertake research into obesity management, in either children or adults (prevention of obesity is beyond the scope of the award). The National Obesity Forum is offering a £16,000 grant in partnership with Weight Watchers. Any health care professional with day-to-day contact with patients can apply. Research mentorship is also offered as part of the award. <http://nationalobesityforum.org.uk/awards-mainmenu-126/504-research-award-p16000-for-2010.html>

- **The Wellcome Trust**

Investigator Awards. Deadline Date: 30/07/2010. Senior Investigator Awards for fully established world-class researchers and Investigator Awards to fund best recently appointment researchers – both open to researchers who are in salaried posts. Applications can be submitted from October 2010; first awards made May 2011. <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/investigator-awards/index.htm>

- **National Institute of Health**

Reducing risk behaviours by promoting positive youth development (RO1). Deadline Date: 05/10/2010 Project grants for research. Positive youth development defined as promotion of healthy physical, intellectual, psychosocial and emotional development in youths and adolescents. Research is needed to increase knowledge of what makes youth development programmes effective; how to develop, implement and evaluate new programmes; and evaluation of existing successful programmes. Closing dates in 2010 are 5 June and 5 October. <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-241.html>

- **Breast Cancer Campaign**

Small Pilot Grants. Open Date Scheme. For established scientists to investigate and develop new ideas in the field of breast cancer research. Scientific innovation forms the framework for all Campaign's research; small pilot grants therefore will be awarded if it can be clearly identified that support is for a new direction of research for researchers to test hypotheses for up to a year to provide sufficient data for a full application to Breast Cancer Campaign. Funding up to £20,000. <http://www.breastcancercampaign.org/whatwedo/smallpilotgrants/>

- **Wellcome Trust**

Biomedical Science Project Grants. Open Date Scheme. Funding for hypothesis-driven projects, in basic and clinical sciences, relevant to human and animal health. Support can be requested for up to three years. Funding between £100,000 and £300,000. <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Research-support/WTD004411.htm>

## ***Job Opportunity***

New RDS post: PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN RESEARCH ADVISOR.

For further information and to apply for this post, please visit our website: [http://gs12.globalsuccessor.com/fe/tpl\\_essex01.asp?newms=jj&id=50328](http://gs12.globalsuccessor.com/fe/tpl_essex01.asp?newms=jj&id=50328)

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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: [rdseoe@essex.ac.uk](mailto:rdseoe@essex.ac.uk)

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