



The NIHR Research Design Service for the East of England

Applying for NIHR Funds for Research in Healthcare A programme of two day-workshops to be held in November 2010

10am – 4.30pm on 8th November and 22nd November 2010
Venue: University of Essex.

In this set of two full-day interactive workshops we look at the most important aspects of putting together an application for research funding. The days are centred on the range of funding programmes made available by the National Institute of Health Research. The overall aim of these training days is for participants in the workshops to develop the skills they need to put together a high quality research bid with a genuine chance of success in a highly competitive field.

The Programme will be delivered by Dr Charlie Davison and topics will include:

- *The research topic and methodology*
 - Ensuring that the research question and the proposed methods fit together in terms of quality, practicality and feasibility
 - Describing research plans in adequate scientific terms
 - Describing research plans for a non-technical audience
 - Methods and costs
- *Stakeholders, partners and supporters*
 - Addressing the patient/community involvement agenda
 - The role of academic partners and research sponsors?
 - The peer review process
- *Handling and managing an application for funds*
 - The NIHR funding structure: programmes, dates, documentation and decisions
 - 'Hoops and hurdles' – The crucial steps and permissions that all research plans need to comply with?
 - Getting work plans, time budgets and finances right.
 - The particular issues involved in applying for a whole 'research programme'

The Facilitator: Charlie Davison is an independent healthcare researcher and training consultant based in Colchester, Essex. He is a Fellow of the School of Health and Human Sciences at the University of Essex. Charlie trained in the 1980's as a Medical Anthropologist and has gained wide experience in the UK and internationally in the field of social science research methodologies applied to the practical problems of primary care, public health and community involvement. He has been a regular contributor to PCT and Research Network training programmes in Essex, Eastern Region and London since 1997. In 2009 Charlie was the principal applicant (with Ewen Speed of the University of Essex and Caroline Gunnell of NHS West Essex) in a successful bid for research funding from the National Institute for Health Research "Research for Patient Benefit" programme.

The cost of the workshop is £100.

To book a place please contact Ms Adwoa Date-Bah as soon as possible as places are limited; Tel 01223 725461 or adwoa.date-bah@cambridgeshire.nhs.uk .