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Save the date

The RCN 2021 international nursing research conference takes place 7-9 September 2021 in Bristol, UK.

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Education grants

The RCN Foundation grants scheme is now open. Up to £5,000 is available to support your educational and professional development.

[Apply by 16 October](#)

Qualitative research

The fifth world conference on qualitative research takes place online 20-22 January 2021. Submit your abstract by 11 October.

[Find out more](#)

Research support

Nurses and midwives in Wales are encouraged to apply for the NHS research time award. The scheme aims to build research capacity and capability in the NHS by offering staff the opportunity to apply for protected time to engage in research activity.

[Apply by 23 October](#)

Research training

Research Capacity Building Collaboration (RCBC) Wales is pleased to announce funding for First into Research (FiR) fellowships in nursing, midwifery, pharmacy and the allied health professions. Eligibility check forms must be returned by 14 October 2020.

[Find out more](#)

Research findings

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Evidence website presents high quality summaries of findings from health and care research, making research informative, accessible, relevant and ready for use for all. Recent examples include.

- A nurse-led intervention did not reduce post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms in critical care patients.
- Adults who are more active live longer.
- A less healthy lifestyle increases the risk of dementia.
- Taking blood pressure medications at night seems best.
- Holistic services in advanced lung disease can help people cope better with breathlessness.

Visit NIHR Evidence to read more alerts, highlights and themed reviews.

[Further examples](#)

Quality improvement

The Health Foundation has opened its grant funding programme, Q Exchange, which will this year focus on one theme: embedding positive changes emerging through new collaborations or partnerships during COVID-19.

[Find out more](#)

Public health research

In this blog, Janine Bestall from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Research Design Service (RDS) Yorkshire and Humber, discusses working in partnership to develop public health research.

[Read the blog](#)

Research impact

Applications are invited from health care professionals with the relevant experience and expertise to become members of Medical Research Council (MRC) boards and panels from April 2021. MRC is seeking to fill up to 26 vacancies across four research boards and 29 vacancies across its panels.

[Apply by 5 October](#)

Health care innovation

The NHS Innovation Accelerator (NIA) initiative supports individuals with evidence-based innovations that are ready to scale for patient, population and NHS benefit. The themes for this year are the NHS response to COVID-19, mental health, and supporting the NHS workforce. Apply by 16 October.

[Find out more](#)

Innovation case studies

The Academic Health Science Networks (AHSN) Atlas is a platform for the very best examples, from across the 15 AHSNs in England, of how to spread high impact innovation across the health and care system.

- Diagnostic tests trialled in community hospital ease winter pressure and increase efficiency.
- Thousands more pregnant women benefit from test to rule out pre-eclampsia.
- Providing remote monitoring for health care teams and supporting admission avoidance.
- A delivery model for spirometry training in primary care.

Alternatively, visit the AHSN Atlas website to search the full range of projects.

[View more projects](#)

Research toolkit

The NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) has published the health services research toolkit. It is designed to bring together ideas, guidance and support together in one place, to help you deliver the high quality health services research that the NHS and health and social care settings needs.

[Find out more](#)

Research voices

Heather Willis, a research nurse at Good Hope Hospital, has been working on the frontline, delivering urgent public health research during the COVID-19 pandemic. The experience has reinforced her views that research makes a real difference to patients' lives and is best delivered as part of a team.

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