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Nursing Workforce Standards

The RCN workforce standards have been created to explicitly set out what must happen within workplaces to ensure the delivery of safe and effective patient care.

[Read the standards](#)



Nursing careers resource

This RCN web resource is designed to provide you with a range of ideas about the varying roles that you can enjoy throughout your health career. The resource includes a research section.

Women's health

The Department of Health and Social Care is seeking views to help inform the government's women's health strategy. This call for evidence is open to individuals and organisations.

[Find out more](#)[Submit by 13 June](#)

Dementia research

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) invites proposals for dementia research to address important health and social care questions. 11 NIHR programmes are involved in this call, with varying closing dates.

Evidence based resources

The latest collection from NIHR Evidence aims to make sense of the evidence on multiple long-term conditions (multimorbidity). It draws on research funded by the NIHR, as well as highlighting ongoing research.

[Find out more](#)[View the collection](#)

Research findings

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is the world's first health research funder to publish comprehensive accounts of its funded research within its own publicly and permanently available journals. Recent publications include:

- [A peer-led intervention to promote sexual health in secondary schools.](#)
- [Theory and practical guidance for effective de-implementation of practices across health and care services.](#)
- [The Family Nurse Partnership to reduce maltreatment and improve child health and development in young children.](#)
- [Non-pharmacological interventions to reduce restrictive practices in adult mental health inpatient settings.](#)

- A complex intervention to reduce avoidable hospital admissions in nursing homes.

You can read all the latest publications and find out about research being published in the future on the NIHR journals library website.

[Discover more](#)

Care left undone

A recent publication by the RCN strategic research alliance team at the University of Sheffield looks at the association between care left undone and temporary nursing staff ratios in acute settings.

[Read the article](#)

Research participation

The NIHR campaign, Your Path in Research, recognises that everyone providing or supporting care in the NHS uses clinical research, but not everyone is aware of how to use it on a daily basis.

[Find out more](#)

Celebrating excellence

Entries are open for the 2021 Nursing Times awards. There are 24 categories, including clinical research nursing.

[Submit by 4 June](#)

Cancer research

The National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) festival takes place online 8-12 November, and abstracts are invited.

[Submit by 13 June](#)

Career development

The following fully-funded PhD opportunities are available to suitably qualified health care professionals.

- [Delegation in ward nursing teams: developing an intervention for effective and safe delegation](#), University of Surrey. Apply by 26 May.
- [Applied dementia care PhD \(Wendy Baxter scholarship\)](#), University of the West of Scotland. Apply by 28 May.
- [A service to support parents and families who experience perinatal loss](#), Edinburgh Napier University. Apply by 31 May.
- [Factors influencing the recruitment, integration and retention of overseas nurses in the UK](#), University of Huddersfield. Apply by 1 June.
- [Preparing and supporting young people with asthma to engage in their health care and self-manage into adulthood](#), University of Leeds. Apply by 14 June.

Alternatively, view many more opportunities via the FindaPhD website.

[Find a PhD](#)

Clinical research nurses

In this blog, Dr Sharon Barrett, Dr Catherine Henshall and Jennifer Allison, the NIHR Clinical Research Network's Associate Directors of Nursing, reflect on how they have adapted to the challenges of the past year and how research nurses have responded to the global pandemic.

Research support

The NIHR Research Design Service (RDS) provides support to health and social care researchers across England on all aspects of developing and writing a grant application, including research design, identifying funding sources and involving patients and the public.

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