



RCN Research Society

Applications are still being accepted to various RCN forum steering committees, including the Research Society, but you'll have to be quick, as the closing date is 4.30pm on 26 July 2017. The Research Society steering committee provides research leadership and expertise to support the RCN's strategic intent to influence the development of practice and policy from an evidence base.

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Senior investigators

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) has launched the latest round of this competition. Senior investigators provide research leadership to the NIHR faculty, promoting clinical and applied research in health and social care.

[Apply by 23 August](#)

Using co-production in research

Ray Poll, nurse consultant at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals, and Dan Wolstenholme used the principles of co-



Public involvement (PI)

The public involvement standards development partnership are developing a set of core standards for PI that can be used by organisations, research projects and individuals. The draft standards are now open to consultation.

[Comment by 1 September](#)

Communities of practice

In June 2014, National Voices set out to explore and test how communities of practice could facilitate the spread of

production in a research project aimed at improving access to a hepatitis C clinic. Outputs included posters for use in other organisations, and two videos produced to demonstrate the service innovations.

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large-scale change across England's voluntary sector working for health and wellbeing. The reflections of their project are shared in the publication *Enabling change through communities of practice*.

[Read now](#)

Research impact award

Whether it's evidence that has changed practice in the NHS, public health, social care, or novel treatments that have been clinically tested and accepted, the judges want to hear about research that has made a significant and measurable impact. The award is part of the *South Wales Argus* health and care awards 2017.

[Submit by 25 August](#)

Demonstrating value

This one day RCN masterclass is aimed at senior managers who would support their staff applying the principles of economic assessment in practice, and academic staff aiming to incorporate it in improvement programmes. It provides an understanding of the principles and how the outputs can inform service transformation and improvement.

[Takes place on 13 October](#)

The following research funding opportunities are relevant for nurse or midwife researchers. Closing dates for August and September include the following grants:

- [PhD studentship](#), Diabetes UK, closes 31 August
- [Leadership scholarships](#), Florence Nightingale Foundation, closes 11 September
- [Pre-doctoral research bursary](#), Cancer Research UK, closes 12 September
- [Research awards](#), Crohn's and Colitis UK, closes 22 September

You can see more opportunities like these including fellowships and help to attend conferences on our [research funding web page](#).

Supporting hydration care

Naomi Campbell, a nurse innovator, has developed a hydration risk tool, which

Help shape cancer research

The National Cancer Research Institute are currently recruiting new members to

allows a carer to assess a person's reliance on others to help them eat and drink. The tool has been evaluated by the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Academic Health Science Network.

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their various clinical studies groups. They are recruiting across all disciplines, but would particularly welcome applications from senior research nurses in haematological oncology.

[Apply by 31 July](#)

Care for older people

This free conference, *Communicating complex needs across the interfaces of care: enabling safe and timely transfers of care for older people*, takes place on 19 September in Durham. Poster abstracts of examples of best practice and innovative approaches are invited.

[Submit by 31 July](#)

Palliative care research

The inaugural University College London Marie Curie palliative care research seminar takes place on 13 September in London. Join Jane Seymour, professor of palliative and end of life care, University of Sheffield, who will talk about palliative sedation for cancer patients.

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