



Research Excellence Framework

The quality of research undertaken within UK universities is periodically assessed in order to determine its quality and the impact that it has. This exercise is known as the Research Excellence Framework (REF). Nominations in respect of potential panel members are being sought, and the RCN is a nominating body. If you would like to be considered for nomination for panel membership by the RCN, you will need to fill in the form and return to us by 28 November 2017.

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Research funding

Sands charity funds research focusing on understanding the causes of stillbirth and neonatal death, identifying and improving care for pregnancies at risk of perinatal deaths, and improving bereavement care. Nurses are welcome to apply.

[Apply by 27 November](#)

Child health information



Evidence into practice

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) are recruiting for their latest round of fellows. Are you an experienced leader in health and social care? Could you build an influential network that helps implement NICE guidance?

[Apply by 15 December](#)

Clinical benchmarking

The Professional Record Standards Body (PRSB) has published a new standard for sharing child health information, intended to help professionals provide quality care, by ensuring that everyone involved in a child's care has access to the right information.

[Find out more](#)

The RCN has updated its benchmarking guidance for nursing staff working with children and young people. Clinical practice benchmarking is a quality improvement tool. It facilitates, structures and formalises how best practice is compared, shared and developed.

[Read the guidance](#)

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) funds research through its nine programmes, which include Efficacy and Mechanisms Evaluation and Health Services and Delivery Research.

- [Physical exercise for depression in adolescents](#), closes 30 November 2017
- [Perinatal mental health services](#), closes 4 January 2018
- [Secondary falls and fracture prevention services](#), closes 4 January 2018
- [Treatments for women with recurrent stress urinary incontinence after failed primary surgery](#), closes 28 January 2018

Alternatively, visit the [NIHR web page](#) for a complete list of current NIHR funding opportunities.

Venous leg ulcers

This *Evidently Cochrane* blog for nurses, on venous leg ulcers, is one of a series of evidence reviews written by Sarah Chapman during 2017.

[Read now](#)

Gerontology conference

The call for abstracts for the British Society of Gerontology annual conference, taking place from 4-6 July 2018 in Manchester, UK, is now open.

[Abstracts by 24 January 2018](#)

Mobilising knowledge

This project, funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), is about how people working in health and

Workplace resilience

This event, taking place on 16 November in London, brings together experts on resilience in healthcare and nursing

social care share knowledge with one another. A range of materials and resources have been produced.

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practitioners to argue for a more critical, psychosocial and systemic perspective on resilience at work.

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Want to know more about National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) funding programmes? Have a look at the following information events, run by the NIHR Research Design Service.

- [NIHR Public Health Research programme](#), 23 November 2017, Newcastle
- [Applying for an NIHR fellowship](#), 24 November 2017, Exeter
- [Equal partners in research workshop](#), 25 January 2018, Cambridge
- [Grant writing workshop](#), 31 January 2018, Hull

Alternatively, see what's available at your local [NIHR Research Design Service](#) – there are ten regional centres across England.

Older people research

Research project grants from Dunhill Medical Trust fund research relating to improving the effectiveness and efficiency of health services and social care delivery for older people. Applications are welcomed from nurse researchers.

[Apply by 5 January 2018](#)

Kidney research

Professor Jane Noyes is one of the speakers at the Wales Kidney Research Unit annual meeting, which takes place on 29 November 2017 in Cardiff, Wales. Students are invited to submit poster abstracts, with a deadline of 22 November.

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