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Share your research

The RCN Northern Ireland Research and Quality group (NIRAQ) conference is coming to Belfast in October. If you've made a difference to safety or quality in the last eighteen months, submit an abstract to share your work.

[Submit by 22 June](#)



Travelling fellowships

Applications are now open for the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust 2019 travelling fellowships. The fellowship funds you to travel for 4-8 weeks abroad, researching a topic of your own choice that can make a difference to your community or profession when you come back home. Nurses have a great track record in applying for these, and nursing is a category this year.

Research conference

Videos of the four keynotes delivered at this year's RCN annual international nursing research conference are now available to view from the conference repository website. If you were unable to attend or want to listen to them again, you can watch the recordings and download the slides from Davina Allen, Michael Traynor, Janet Davies and Anita Charlesworth.

Apply by 18 September

Watch again

Sharing knowledge

Contact, Help, Advice and Information Network (CHAIN) is an online mutual support network for people working in health and social care. It gives people a simple and informal way of contacting each other to exchange ideas and share knowledge.

Join today

Scoliosis research

The British Scoliosis Research Foundation offers research grants to appropriately qualified health care professionals, including nurses. Applications are welcome for small exploratory grants, new investigation grants, and major research grants.

Apply by 1 August

Research findings

The National Institute for Health Research Dissemination Centre (NIHR DC) critically appraises the latest health research to identify the most reliable, relevant and significant findings. Recent examples include:

- [treatments for reducing menopausal hot flushes are ranked for effectiveness](#)
- [silk clothing for children does not reduce objective measures of eczema severity](#)
- [delayed umbilical cord clamping reduces hospital mortality for preterm infants](#)
- [low-dose sedative reduces sudden confusion after major surgery in older adults](#)
- [giving oxygen routinely after a stroke does not improve outcomes.](#)

Visit the [NIHR DC website](#) to read more signals, highlights and themed reviews.

Co-production

INVOLVE has recently published guidance on co-producing a research project. This is an approach in which researchers, practitioners and the public work together, sharing power and responsibility from the start to the end of the project, including the generation of knowledge.

[Read the guidance](#)

Midwife care

Research by the NIHR Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC) South London's maternity theme has informed the Government's plans to introduce continuity of midwife care - where women are cared for by the same midwife or group of midwives - by 2021.

[Read more](#)

Research event

The NIHR Research Design Service North West (RDS NW) is organising an event, *Developing funding proposals in applied health and social care: NIHR Research for Patient Benefit programme*, on 28 June 2018, in Manchester. The event is for health and social care professionals and researchers in the north west of England who want to develop and submit an application to the programme.

[Register soon](#)

Learning disability nursing

The Foundation of Nursing Studies (FoNS) is leading on a collaborative project to develop a new narrative for learning disability (LD) nursing. This project aims to challenge the current perceptions of learning disability nurses and nursing, working with policy makers, educators, employers and people using services to demonstrate the unique and important contribution LD nurses make.

[Find out more](#)

Identifying research priorities

The James Lind Alliance (JLA) brings patients, carers and clinicians together in Priority Setting Partnerships (PSPs) to identify and prioritise the Top 10 uncertainties, or unanswered questions, about the effects of treatments. The aim of this is to make sure that health research funders are aware of the issues that matter most to patients and clinicians. Recent areas in which research priorities have been identified include:

- [common conditions affecting the hand and wrist](#)
- [diabetes \(Type 2\)](#)
- [pessary use for prolapse](#)
- [teenage and young adult cancer.](#)

Alternatively, visit the [James Lind Alliance website](#) for a complete list of priority setting partnerships.

Public involvement in research

A set of national standards designed to improve the quality and consistency of public involvement in research has been launched. The standards aim to provide people with clear, concise benchmarks for effective public involvement alongside indicators against which improvement can be monitored.

[Find out more](#)

Research evidence

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Dissemination Centre (DC) has produced a resource, looking at how commissioners use research evidence. The findings provide some practical pointers for researchers to make their work more accessible and relevant to commissioners and managers.

[Find out more](#)

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