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Clinical research nurses

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is calling on research nurses to complete a survey to help build a better picture about this key part of the research workforce.

[Complete the survey](#)

Celebrating innovation

Chris Wamsley has won the title of RCN Northern Ireland Nurse of the Year 2018. Details of his innovation, as well as information about all the finalists, are now available.

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Demonstrating value masterclass

Learn how to demonstrate the value of your service and make well-informed decisions about the sustainability, development and the transformation of services.

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Sexual and reproductive health

This RCN report, based on the findings of a survey of nurses working in sexual and reproductive health, looks at the impact of funding and service changes in England since 2012.

[Read the report](#)

Research funding opportunities

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

- [research project grants](#), Dunhill Medical Trust, closes 31 August 2018
- [dissemination grants](#), Alzheimer's Society, closes 31 August 2018
- [research grants](#), Healthcare Infection Society, closes 1 September 2018
- [quality of life awards](#), Brain Tumour Charity, closes 3 September 2018.

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

PhD scholarships

The University of Huddersfield is offering scholarships for four doctoral candidates to develop their careers as researchers within the School of Human and Health Sciences. Applications are invited across a range of research themes.

Spreading innovation

The West Midlands Academic Health Science Network annual conference, *Meridian LIVE*, takes place on 13 July 2018 in Birmingham. This free event offers the chance to network and share best practice.

[Apply by 7 July](#)

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Quality and safety

Did you know the RCN also produces a fortnightly quality and safety bulletin? It highlights the professional work of the RCN as well as all the latest news on the following: quality improvement, patient safety, evidence-based practice, patient and staff-focused care and eHealth.

[Sign up here](#)

Improve NHS decision making

The NIHR Dissemination Centre (DC) produces *Signals*, which are timely summaries of important research. Raters help to decide which research findings are worth sharing, and the NIHR DC is particularly keen to encourage more nurses to get involved.

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NIHR funding streams

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) funds research through its nine programmes, which include Health Technology Assessment (HTA) and Health Services and Delivery Research (HSDR).

- [Behavioural intervention to treat anxiety in adults with autism and moderate to severe learning disabilities](#), closes 1 August 2018.
- [Mental health themed call \(HSDR\)](#), closes 6 September 2018.
- [Pre-hospital pain management](#), closes 19 September 2018.
- [Frail older people in primary care](#), closes 26 September 2018.

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

The Whitehouse report

This report is the culmination of a Florence Nightingale Foundation travel scholarship. Claire Whitehouse investigated research nursing and midwifery structures and strategies across adult, mental health, community, secondary care and paediatric services. It contains the first model for developing clinical research nursing and midwifery teams.

[Read the report](#)

Research funding support

The Research Design and Conduct Service, South West Wales (RDSCS) is organising a two day workshop, *Developing key sections of your research application*. It takes place 13-14 September 2018 in Swansea, Wales. This workshop is for anyone who works in the NHS or social care in Wales, who has a research idea and is planning to apply for funding.

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