



Clinical innovation

Applications are now open for the 2018 clinical entrepreneur programme. Co-designed by NHS England and Health Education England, the programme is designed to support health professionals, including nurses and midwives, who are developing clinical innovations and enterprises to improve patient care and support service redesign.

[Apply by 31 March](#)

RCN research conference

The RCN 2018 International Nursing Research Conference takes place 16-18 April 2018 in Birmingham, England. Join us at this flagship event and hear from leading researchers about the exciting developments in nursing research. The preliminary programme is now available, with details of keynote speakers, concurrent and symposia sessions, and poster presentations.

[Register today](#)

Research advice



Early career researcher

The University of Nottingham are recruiting early career researchers to participate in a five day workshop, taking place 11-15 June 2018, in Brazil. Funded by the British Council, the workshop, *Identifying and addressing shared challenges in conducting health and social care research for older people*, will provide a unique opportunity for sharing research expertise and networking.

[Apply by 26 March](#)

Practice development

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Research Design Service (RDS) London are holding a workshop, *Applying for a NIHR fellowship - information session*, on 25 April 2018 in London.

[Find out more](#)

The Foundation of Nursing Studies (FoNS) practice development school, *Developing person-centred, safe and effective cultures through practice development*, takes place 23-27 July 2018 in East Sussex.

[Find out more](#)

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. PSPs that are currently seeking your input include:

- [broken bones of the upper limb in people over 50](#)
- [health care associated infections](#)
- [idiopathic intracranial hypertension](#)
- [living with and beyond cancer](#).

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

Patient and public involvement

Researchers and members of the public in Northern Ireland may be interested in attending a free workshop, *Involving the public in the design and conduct of research: building research partnerships*, which takes place in Belfast on 19 April 2018.

[Register soon](#)

Research event

The Research Design and Conduct Service (RDCS) South East Wales is hosting a one-day "*Ideas!*" event, on 16 April 2018 in Cardiff, Wales. The event is aimed at those in the health and social care sector who have early stage ideas for research projects.

[Register today](#)

Older people research

Call for abstracts

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.

Apply by 11 May

The Guidelines International Network 2018 conference, *Why we do what we do: the purpose and impact of guidelines*, takes place 11-13 September 2018 in Manchester, UK.

Submit by 11 April

Musculoskeletal services

A new guide, compiled by the Oxford Academic Health Science Network (AHSN), showcases the extensive range of programmes being delivered by AHSNs across England to improve clinical services in the areas of musculoskeletal falls, fractures and frailty.

Download the guide

Workforce supply

The RCN report, *Left to chance: the health and care nursing workforce supply in England*, contains new figures which show that the number of applications for the next academic year has fallen by a third since the same point in 2016, and by 13% since last year.

Read the report

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