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Research you may have missed
126 oral and poster presentations from
this year's RCN annual international
nursing research conference are now
available to view on the conference
repository website.

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Professor Anne Marie Rafferty, RCN President, has been involved in two decades of vital nursing workforce research. She explains how the evidence could help us achieve safe staffing.

[Find out more](#)

Apply for funding

The RCN Foundation education grants are now open for applications. Are you a current/former nurse, midwife, nursing support worker, student or nursing associate looking to develop your practice? Apply now for a professional development or student grant.

[Apply by 18 October](#)

Public and patient involvement

Northern Ireland Health and Social Care is holding an involvement conference on 21 November in Belfast. They are seeking examples of projects and/or initiatives to share experience and best practice through a workshop, and are inviting submissions.

[Find out more](#)

Research dissemination

The Health and Care Research Wales (HCRW) conference takes place on 3 October in Cardiff. The conference theme is partnership and collaboration.

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Research funding

The Florence Nightingale Foundation scholarship scheme is open. Applications for the research, leadership and travel scholarships close on 30 September.

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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.

- [Aerobic exercise is an effective treatment for depression.](#)
- [Reviewing inhaler technique for older people with COPD can improve disease control.](#)
- [Lifestyle changes may be more important than drugs for mild hypertension.](#)
- [A reflective group activity supports health care staff in England.](#)
- [Training programme to improve communication between staff and patients with dementia in hospital shows promise.](#)

Visit the NIHR DC website to read more signals, highlights and themed reviews.

[Further examples](#)

A research portfolio

NHS England has launched a collection of research studies that demonstrate the impact and contribution that nursing, midwifery and care staff can make to transforming health and care.

[Find out more](#)

Diversity in health innovation

The Academic Health Science Network has launched a new publication, Diversity and innovation: a celebration of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) innovators and our pledges to do more.

[Read the report](#)

Supporting co-production

Patient and public involvement

Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) has updated their web resource, Making events and meetings accessible. It is a practical handbook to make any event inclusive, so that everyone can take part in the way that best suits them.

[View the resource](#)

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, taking place in Belfast on 17 October.

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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.

- [Oral and dental health.](#)
- [Bleeding disorders.](#)
- [Hyperhidrosis.](#)
- [Paediatric lower limb surgery.](#)
- [Safe care for adults with complex health needs.](#)
- [Nutritional screening and malnutrition.](#)

Alternatively, visit the James Lind Alliance website for a complete list of priority setting partnerships.

[Research priorities](#)

[Care homes research](#)

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The Health Foundation has issued a briefing, Emergency admissions to hospital from care homes: how often and what for? It includes national analysis of emergency hospital use by care home residents and evaluations of four local sites where the NHS is working in partnership with care homes to step up the support they receive.

[Read the briefing](#)

The International Practice Development Journal (IPDJ) is an open access, peer reviewed publication which provides a vehicle to share research, debate and reflection on issues relating to person-centred care and practice development. The journal is keen to support novice writers to publish, including practitioners and students.

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