



The voice of nursing in the UK

Safe staffing campaign

Safe staffing means having enough nursing staff with the right skills and knowledge, in the right place, at the right time. The RCN is calling for safe and effective care to be enshrined in law in each UK country.

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Involving NHS staff in research

A new report from the Healthcare Improvement Studies (THIS) Institute highlights the valuable role of NHS staff in research and explores how the full potential of their involvement could be better realised.

[Read the report](#)

Research funding

The Health Foundation has launched a funding programme, *Advancing Applied Analytics*, aimed at improving analytical capability in support of health and care services. Applications must be received by 26 February.

[Find out more](#)

Parkinson's funding

Applications for senior research fellowships and clinician researcher training fellowships from Parkinson's UK are now being invited. They are keen to receive applications from researchers working across all fields of Parkinson's research.

[Apply by 6 March](#)

Research support

Developing funding proposals is a one-day event for researchers in the north west of England who want to develop and submit an application to the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) funding programme.

[Register](#)

Case studies demonstrating the value of nursing

The RCN is committed to demonstrating the value of nursing and building the capacity and capability of nurses to apply the principles of economic assessment in practice.

Recent case studies include:

- [an economic assessment to evaluate the Bradford telemedicine service provided by the metabolic medicine team at Salford Royal Hospital](#)
- [economic evaluation of the role of the non-medical approved clinician](#)
- [demonstrating the value of an acute learning disabilities liaison service within Hywel Dda University Health Board.](#)

Visit the [demonstrating value website](#) to discover over 30 case studies.

Jargon buster

King's Improvement Science (KIS) has produced a glossary of terms used in improvement and implementation. The

Research for patient benefit

Competition 38 of the NIHR Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) programme is now open. Proposals that address the

glossary contains over 200 terms including some terminology from evaluation, research, health economics and patient and public involvement (PPI).

[View the glossary](#)

management of chronic pain, and improving the outcomes of health and social care for frail people and their carers are particularly encouraged.

[Apply by 20 March](#)

RCN ExpertTeas: Thinking of doing a PhD?

Date: 27 February 2019



Time: 2pm - 4pm



Location: London



Information: [See the website](#)



Join us for this free informal session on the process of doing a PhD. Dr Dawne Garrett, RCN Professional Lead for Care of Older People, achieved her PhD in 2018. Drop in to ask your questions; whether it is about the ideas stage, funding bids, undertaking your research, writing your thesis, preparing for your viva – or anything else PhD related. Tea and scones will be available.

Clinical research

Innovation funding

Jade Cole, critical care research nurse at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff, talks about her journey into the world of clinical research in this Health Care Research Wales blog.

[Read Jade's story](#)

UCLPartners is offering innovators and adopters across its partnership the opportunity to bid for a share of £50,000 to help spread and implement innovations to improve patient safety.

[Apply by 11 March](#)

Research funding opportunities

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

- [Suicide prevention in high risk groups](#) – closes 19 March.
- [Programme development grants \(competition 24\)](#) – closes 27 March.
- [Pain relief strategies for dressing change in chronic wounds](#) – closes 3 April.
- [Care planning intervention for people with dementia who do not have regular contact with an informal carer](#) – closes 3 April.

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

Innovation projects

23 projects have been selected to receive a total of £1.65 million in funding from the Health Foundation's innovating for improvement programme. The projects address pressing issues, from staff fatigue in the NHS to meeting the needs of

Scholarship

The Foundation of Nursing Studies (FoNS) 2019 Richard Tompkins nurse development scholarship is open for applications. This scholarship is open to practitioners who are working clinically in any health or social care setting UK-wide,

people addicted to non-prescription medicines bought online.

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and is targeting in particular, those at ward sister level or equivalent.

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