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## Staffing levels survey

The RCN is encouraging members to complete its latest UK safe staffing survey, which seeks to gather the experiences of nurses working on the frontline. The survey closes on 16 February.

[Complete survey](#)



## Missed nursing care

Work undertaken by the RCN's strategic research alliance partner has highlighted evidence relating to missed nursing care in primary and community settings. The review found that missed nursing care inhibits patient education and relational care and that some sections of our communities, such as older people, are particularly vulnerable.

## Research funding analysis

A recently published report delivers the most comprehensive analysis of UK health research funding ever compiled. Bringing together data from 146 charity, professional and public sector organisations, the UK health research analysis 2018 found that in 2018 these funders contributed £4.8 billion to support research to improve human health.

[Read more](#)[Read the report](#)

## Clinical academic careers

Nurses and midwives who wish to develop careers that combine clinical research and research leadership are eligible to apply for pre-doctoral clinical academic fellowships (PCAF). The scheme is run by Health Education England (HEE) and the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR).

[Apply by 26 March](#)

## Research participation

Theo Tomlinson writes about how a conversation with his mental health support worker inspired him to participate in research studies. He encourages other health care professionals to take the next step in their research career, in his blog published as part of the NIHR's Your Path in Research campaign.

[Read the blog](#)

## Research funding opportunities

The following research funding opportunities are relevant for nurse or midwife researchers. Closing dates for March 2020 include the following grants.

- [PhD health studentship](#), Health and Care Research Wales, closes 4 March.
- [Travel grant](#), Society for Endocrinology, closes 11 March.
- [Harry Keen intermediate clinical fellowship](#), Diabetes UK, closes 16 March.
- [Small pilot grants \(Grampian\)](#), Tenovus Scotland, closes 20 March.
- [Grants, fellowships, studentships](#), Alzheimer's Society, closes 27 March.

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

[Find funding](#)

## Research support

The NIHR Research Design Service North West (RDS NW) is holding an event on 11 March in Liverpool for NHS and social care staff, and people working with them, to provide advice and support in the development of their first grant.

[Register soon](#)

## Research for patient benefit

Competition 41 of the NIHR Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) programme is now open. Applications are invited for research proposals that are concerned with the day-to-day practice of health service staff. Apply by 18 March.

[Find out more](#)

## PhD fellowships

THIS Institute invites applications from UK universities for doctoral fellowships in the area of improvement in health care quality and safety.

[Apply by 18 March](#)

## Public involvement

The NIHR has released new standards for public involvement, designed to improve the quality and consistency of public involvement in research.

[Read more](#)

## 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.

- [New insights into how ethnicity and culture affect maternal mental health.](#)
- [Getting hospital patients up and moving shortens stay and improves fitness.](#)
- [Goal-setting can help people with early-stage dementia improve function.](#)
- [Smartphones may help people with diabetes manage their condition better.](#)
- [Centralising stroke services can save lives.](#)

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

**Further examples**

## Cancer research

The NIHR Clinical Research Network Eastern cancer research conference takes place on 19 March in Cambridge. The day is open to anyone working in cancer research within the eastern region.

**Register**

## Research training

Bangor University is hosting the health services research summer school from 6 to 10 July. It offers participants a unique opportunity to gain access to experts in a range of topic areas.

**Find out more**

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