What is the Research Design Service?

Research Design Service (RDS) North West

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Role of the Research Design Service

“To increase the number and proportion of high quality applications for funding …”

“of clear relevance to NHS services, clinicians and users”

www.rds.nihr.ac.uk
Purpose of the Research Design Service

- The Research Design Service (RDS) provides advice on research design to researchers who are developing proposals for national, peer-reviewed funding competitions for applied health or social care research.

- RDS helps people design and develop high quality research proposals.
Funding stream examples

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  • NIHR.
  • MRC.
  • ESRC/EPSRC.
  • Charities.
  • Etc.
RDS North West (RDS NW) expertise

- Methodology including:
  - statistics
  - health economics
  - qualitative
  - health psychology & behaviour change
  - research synthesis
  - and specialist methodologies.
- Specific application advice for schemes.
- Public involvement (PI).

See [www.rds-nw.nihr.ac.uk/about-us/expertise-a-z](http://www.rds-nw.nihr.ac.uk/about-us/expertise-a-z) for more examples
Support we offer

• Face to face meetings, email and phone.
• Developing suitable research questions.
• Getting into scope for the funding stream.
• Research design.
• Developing collaboration: ‘building a dream team.’
• Advice on research methods and analysis.
• Public Involvement Fund, up to £350.
• Critical read-through of your proposal.
• Come to us early!
What happens when you contact the RDS NW

Depending on your needs you may be:
• provided with information on first contact with the service
• directed to our online resources for information
• directed to another source of help
• eligible for our advice service if you are looking for support with proposal development to apply for funding from a national open peer-reviewed competition scheme.
Research Design Service North West

Providing design and methodological support to health and social care researchers in the North West of England to develop grant applications to the NIHR and other open national peer-reviewed funding programmes.

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Video: RDS NW How we provide you with advice

Latest RDS NW videos

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Research and Innovation for Global Health Transformation (RIGHT) - Call 1
7 June 2019
New funding to focus on key areas where a relatively small investment can result in a transformative impact.

INVOLVE: Guidance on co-producing a research project
27 March 2018

How to disseminate your research
21 March 2018

Developing funding proposals in applied health and social care: NIHR Research for Patient Benefit programme
28 June 2018, Manchester
This NIHR Research Design Service North West (RDS NW) event is for health and social care professionals and researchers in the North West of England who want to develop and submit an application to NIHR Research for Patient Benefit.

Research Design Service: Residential Grant Development and Writing Retreat

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Individualised support

• You will be asked to complete an advice request form which gathers information needed to assess your needs.
• Your case will be assessed and if eligible you will be allocated a case manager, one of our frontline advisers.
• As appropriate, your case manager will provide advice or they will make contact with other advisers or seek our specialists’ advice.
• Advisers will then provide the support needed to develop your proposal.
Initial meeting with the RDS NW

Assessment:

- importance of the question
- existing research
- potential funding streams
- study design – is it a trial?
- clinical area
- feasibility of recruitment strategy
- track record of team
- Public Involvement (PI)
- Costs - research, treatment, excess treatment.
RDS NW Public Involvement Fund

• Need to be receiving RDS NW advice on your project.

• Access to around £350 to fund Public Involvement activity pre-submission of funding application.

• Outline of study plans and engagement activities.

• Assessed by two Public Involvement team members
Patient and Public Involvement How-to Guide

www.rds-nw.nihr.ac.uk/public-involvement/how-to-guide

Dr Sue Hinder (RaFT Consulting) and Dr Tracey Williamson (Former RDS NW Adviser, University of Salford) had significant input into producing the content of the guide and providing feedback.
Testimonial

• “Support from the RDS has been invaluable in guiding us through the complexities of the application process.

• The blend of structured meetings and one-to-one support was very helpful.

• The team also had excellent contacts with relevant expertise that could support our proposal.”

• Consultant Clinical Psychologist
How to access the service in the North West

Access the service through our Regional Co-ordinating Centre:

- via our telephone helpline: 01524 593209
- via email: rds-nw@lancaster.ac.uk
- via our website: www.rds-nw.nihr.ac.uk/request-advice.