

NIHR Research Design Service

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NIHR Research Design Service for the
East of England

Research Design Service (RDS)

- Part of the NHS National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) family of organisations
- Regionally based - one of ten Research Design Services across England
- Free consultancy service to support clinicians, academics and private sector develop strong bids for NIHR research funding

RDS East of England

A network of research advisers based at Universities and NHS Trusts across the Eastern region

Universities	NHS Trusts
Essex	
Hertfordshire	
Cambridge	Cambridge University Hospitals
East Anglia	Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital
Bedfordshire	



NIHR funding programmes

- Invention for Innovation Program(i4i)
 - Product Development Awards
 - Challenge Awards
 - i4i Connect
- Research for Patient Benefit
- Health Technology Assessment
- Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation
- Health Services Delivery Research
- Public Health Research
- Programme Grants

Our agenda

- Increasing the number of applications submitted to NIHR funding programmes
- Increasing the proportion of applications that are successful

How we work

Initial enquiry to central administration team at Essex University

Key research adviser appointed - face-to-face meeting with client

Early stage guidance on NIHR funding programmes, application process, design, patient involvement etc.

Specialist research advisers provide advice on health economics, statistics, patient and public involvement etc.

Ongoing support to through to stage 1 of the application process

Further support to stage 2 or debrief and support with resubmission

Expertise available

- NIHR funding programmes' scope
- Pitching your project
- Quantitative and qualitative methods
- Clinical trial design
- Systematic reviews
- Health economics
- Statistics
- Ethical issues
- Collaboration and building research teams (Clinical Trials Units etc.)
- Patient and public involvement (PPI)
- The application process

Facilitating collaboration

NHS Trusts

Universities

Clinical Trials Units

Health Enterprise East

Clinical Research Network (CRN)

Eastern Academic Health Science Network

Not-for-Profit sector/charities

Involve the RDS early

client enquiry form @

www.RDS-ee.nihr.ac.uk



Any questions?