

13/93 Social and Emotional Wellbeing in Early Years

Research Question(s)

What are the effective* and cost-effective interventions to promote social and emotional wellbeing among children aged under 2 years?

- **Population:** Children aged under 2 years. Researchers to specify and justify.
- **Intervention (non-NHS):** Proportionate universal interventions to support social and emotional wellbeing. We are particularly interested in interventions which investigate the most effective ways that fathers, grandparents and others who informally care for children, can promote social and emotional wellbeing. Home-based interventions are not included in this call due to on-going research.
- **Comparator:** Non provision/usual practice.
- **Outcomes:** Measures of social and emotional wellbeing of children. Researchers to specify and justify.
- **Duration of follow up:** Researchers to specify and justify. Researchers should also indicate how medium to long term impact might be assessed.
- **Impact on inequalities:** Research should consider the impact of the intervention on health inequalities.
- **Design:** Primary research. Researchers to specify and justify.
- **Setting:** Community settings, such as children's centres, or other relevant setting. Home-based interventions are not included in this call due to on-going research.
- **Public engagement:** Proposals should incorporate a mechanism for public involvement.

*'Effectiveness' in this context relates not only to the size of the effect, but it also takes into account any harmful/negative side effects.

Background to commissioning brief:

Social and emotional wellbeing is important as it provides the basis for future health and life chances. Poor social and emotional capabilities increase the likelihood of antisocial behaviour and mental health problems, substance misuse, teenage pregnancy, poor educational attainment and involvement in criminal activity.

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has highlighted the need for research in order to improve the evidence relating to interventions to promote social and emotional wellbeing among, children aged under 5 years. We are interested in interventions for children under 2 years of age, or for part of this age range.

Remit of Call:

All proposals submitted under this brief must fall within the remit of the Public Health Research programme. Please go to www.nets.nihr.ac.uk/programmes/phr/remit for details.

General Notes:

The PHR programme evaluates public health interventions, providing new knowledge on the benefits, costs, acceptability and wider impacts of non-NHS interventions intended to

improve the health of the public and reduce inequalities in health. The scope of the programme is multi-disciplinary and broad, covering a range of interventions that improve public health delivered in a non-NHS setting.

Notes to Applicants

The NIHR Public Health Research programme is funded by the NIHR, with contributions from the CSO in Scotland, NISCHR in Wales, and HSC R&D, Public Health Agency, Northern Ireland.

Researchers in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are eligible to apply for funding under this programme.

Applicants are recommended to seek advice from suitable methodological support services, at an appropriate stage in the development of their research idea and application. It is advisable to make contact at an early a stage as possible to allow sufficient time for discussion and a considered response.

The NIHR Research Design Service

(www.nihr.ac.uk/infrastructure/Pages/infrastructure_research_design_services.aspx) can advise on appropriate NIHR programme choice, and developing and designing high quality research grant applications.

Clinical Trials Units are regarded as an important component of any trial application and can advise and participate throughout the process from initial idea development through to project delivery and reporting. NETSCC CTU Support Funding (www.nets.nihr.ac.uk/programmes/ctu) provides information on the units receiving funding from the NIHR to collaborate on research applications to NIHR programmes and funded projects. In addition UKCRC CTU (www.ukcrc-ctu.org.uk) provides information and searchable information resource on all registered units in the UK.

Transparency agenda

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