

12/3070 Studies using pre-existing data

Research Need

The NIHR Public Health Research (PHR) programme wishes to commission a number of research projects to evaluate public health interventions by utilising pre-existing data collected by health services, local authorities, or other organisations, or pre-existing research data. Studies may include data linkage.

Research proposals should be within the overall remit of the PHR programme but may evaluate any intervention (or related set of interventions) within that remit. Proposals should include sufficient reassurance that applicants will be able to access the data they intend to use and that the data are of suitable quality.

- Proposals may also contain elements of supplemental primary data collection.
- The research should be designed to inform public health decision-makers in the UK.
- While some methodological development may be necessary, methodological development should not be the main focus of the proposal.

Studies should meet these criteria:

- **Participants:** Adults and/or children in whom the intervention might be of value.
- **Interventions:** Public health interventions. The PHR programme is particularly interested in research which may lead to a reduction in health inequalities.
- **Setting:** Any non NHS setting e.g. the wider community.
- **Study Design:** Researchers to specify and justify. The focus must be on the use of pre-existing data.
- **Outcomes:** Eligible studies should have health related outcomes. Cost effectiveness should be assessed if possible.

Remit of Call:

All proposals submitted under this brief must fall within the remit of the Public Health Research programme. Please go to <http://www.phr.ac.uk/> 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.

This call is focused on the evaluation of public health interventions by utilizing pre-existing data collected by health services, local authorities, or other organizations, or pre-existing research data. Eligible studies should have health related outcomes.

The Economic and Social Research Council has issued a call to deliver high impact policy and practitioner relevant research through the deeper exploitation of the major data resources created by the ESRC and other agencies. Further information about the ESRC Secondary Data Analysis Initiative can be found at:

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities/19214/secondary-data-analysis-initiative-phase-12012.aspx>

Please note that the PHR programme will not accept applications that are currently under consideration by another funding body.

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

(http://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 (http://www.netscc.ac.uk/supporting_research/CTUs) 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 (<http://www.ukcrc-ctu.org.uk>) provides information and searchable information resource on all registered units in the UK.

Transparency agenda

In line with the government's transparency agenda, any contract resulting from this tender may be published in its entirety to the general public. Further information on the transparency agenda is at:

<http://transparency.number10.gov.uk/>

http://www.ogc.gov.uk/policy_and_standards_framework_transparency.asp

<http://www.contractsfinder.businesslink.gov.uk/>