

12/181 Health promotion interventions for people with impairments

Research Question:

- **How effective and cost-effective are health promotion interventions commonly used in the general population, for people with impairments of either mobility, vision, hearing, intellect and/or communication?**
- **Population:** People with mobility, vision, hearing, intellectual and communication impairments, either singly or in combination. Researchers to specify and justify
- **Intervention (non-NHS):** Health promotion interventions, commonly used in the UK and known to be effective, used to promote health or prevent ill health in communities or populations. Researchers to specify and justify intervention and relevance to study population. Researchers may wish to consider how interventions could be improved or adapted to improve effectiveness for groups with the types of impairment being considered.
- **Revised comparator:** For interventions with established effectiveness in the general population: non-adapted intervention, usual practice, or no intervention. For interventions which are used in the general population with limited evidence of effectiveness applicants may wish to consider an appropriate comparator to establish levels of effectiveness in people with impairments.
- **Outcomes:** Health and wellbeing measures. Researchers to specify and justify.
- **Duration of follow up:** Appropriate to intended outcome of intervention.
- **Impact on inequalities:** Research should consider the impact of the intervention(s) on health inequalities.
- **Design:** Primary research. Researchers to specify and justify.
- **Setting:** Researchers to specify and justify.
- **Public engagement:** Proposals should incorporate a mechanism for public involvement.

Background to commissioning brief:

Health promotion is the process of enabling people to increase control over, and to improve their health. Health promotion interventions aim to give people the information or resources they need to improve their health. As well as improving people's skills and capabilities, it can also involve changing the social and environmental conditions and systems that affect health. Health promotion interventions which are effective in the general population are often assumed to apply to groups with specific needs, such as people with impairments. Research is needed to build evidence and inform planning of public health programmes, to improve outcomes, and to identify further research needs.

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.

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

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