

2019-20 Research Capability Funding
from the Norfolk and Waveney CCGs:
now open for applications via the
Norfolk and Suffolk Primary and
Community Care Research Office

Would it help you if you could employ a Research Associate to
support the development of your next grant application to the
National Institute for Health Research?

Closing date for applications: 5pm, Friday 28 June 2019

The Norfolk and Waveney CCGs invite applications for Research Capability Funding (RCF) to support the development of research proposals in specific areas aligned to areas of local need with national relevance.

Identified areas of need:

Consultation with all CCGs and other health and social care partners at our Research Strategy Development event last September explored enduring areas of need for research locally. The Interim Senior Management Team (iSMT) for all 5 Norfolk and Waveney CCGs endorsed the following areas as being of importance, and invites applications for RCF from the CCGs' pooled funds to support the development of grant applications to NIHR funding streams:

- Health behaviours: promotion (including nutrition and exercise) and prevention (weight management, smoking, substance misuse)
- Harnessing the power of big data across the population
- Mental health and resilience in children and young people: proactive promotion and prevention in primary care
- Mental health and isolation in adults and older people
- Dementia services and support in the community
- Palliative and end of life care
- Ageing and multimorbidity / frailty
- Self-management and self-care for long term conditions
- Early detection and prevention across disease areas

What is expected?

The areas above are deemed to be of high priority to the design, commissioning and delivery of primary and community healthcare now and in the future.

Applicants are expected to *either* make the case for how the research area for their grant application aligns with those areas listed above *or* addresses another area of significant primary and community health care need.

All applications for RCF are expected to detail how they will deliver the following:

- 1 ***Within 6 months of the date of award: an evidence briefing*** based on the background literature that will form the basis for the grant application. The evidence briefing should:
 - a. be ***prepared in plain English*** so that it is readily accessible to commissioners and GPs who will want to be able to use the briefing to inform commissioning and practice;
 - b. be presented in ***2 formats***:
 - i. an ***evidence briefing*** of about 4 pages comprising sections on (for example) “what was the area researched in the literature?”, “summary findings” and “recommendations for commissioners and future research”
 - ii. a ***one page flyer*** – looking rather like a poster for a conference – which presents the salient points of the evidence briefing, which we will publicise through our networks to CCGs, GPs and other relevant groups.
- 2 ***Within 12 – 18 months of the date of award (depending on the complexity of the planned proposal and funding stream)***: a grant application to a NIHR funding stream. It is expected that any grant applications developed with the support of RCF will be submitted with one of the CCGs as lead organisation. The decision about which CCG would lead will be made between the CCGs and the

Research Office to meet combined strategic aspirations about research reputation and maximising RCF from successful applications into the local system.

What funds are available?

Individual awards are expected to be for between £7500 and £12,500 per application. The amounts applied for will depend on the funding stream being applied to and the complexity of the planned proposal: e.g. for an RfPB application it would be expected that no more than £7,500 would be awarded except in very exceptional circumstances; PGfAR applications which have 2 very complex application stages are likely to be £12,500. Applicants need to make a clear case for the amount of money that they are applying for, and how their plans for delivery of both the proposal and the reports represent good value for money.

Please note: we no longer fund the time of academic staff on permanent contracts via RCF, apart from very exceptional circumstances. The focus of the RCF is to support the development of research applications and to provide funding for talented Research Associates / Fellows who might otherwise be lost to the system, so that they can support the academics in developing the application.

How to apply

Applicants should apply referring to **this document** which is also available on our website: <https://nspccro.nihr.ac.uk/working-with-us/designing-and-developing-research/research-capability-funding>, where the application form can be found. The application form is also available by contacting the Office on SNCCG.ResearchDevelopment@nhs.net

Please note that the form asks for a Gantt chart to detail the plan for delivery of the reports and grant application within the expected timeframe.

RCF applications are made primarily to support a Research Associate to work on the development of the report and application. If a named person is to be employed using RCF, then a brief summary CV should be appended to the application; if RCF funds are requested for person yet to be appointed, it is expected that the Research Design Lead will be involved in the selection and appointment process.

If you wish to discuss a potential application prior to submission, or make a general enquiry, please contact the Research Design Lead on:

E: judy.henwood@nhs.net

T: 01603 257187

M: 07799 132301

Applications should be **submitted via email** to: SNCCG.ResearchDevelopment@nhs.net

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Review process

All applications will be reviewed within the Research Office in consultation with the participating CCGs.
We will endeavour to inform applicants of outcome by 11 July 2019