




RDS EM NIHR Funding Event (RfPB, EME and HTA)

Confused about which funding stream you should apply to? Our funding event 15 November focused on three of the NIHR funding streams: Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB), Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) and Health Technology Assessment (HTA)


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#RfPB tiers of funding depending on how close the trajectory to patient benefit #RDSTips

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High risk studies #RfPB can be observational studies or developing intervention. But top fund of £150,000 #RDSTips

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#RfPB one of the only programmes that has funded all the NHS top topic areas #RDSTips

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Two stage application process #RfPB stage one concentrates on background and an estimate of cost and brief methods #RDSTips

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Show that your research is relevant to patients and what benefits will be seen from the project #RfPB #RDSTips

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Stage two invite gives you 6 weeks to submit, but you can defer to next round giving you 6 months
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No public involvement section in stage 1 as you must weave it throughout the application [#RfPB](#)
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New investigators are encouraged but they need to be supported by a good team! [#RfPB](#)
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[#RfPB](#) is a good stream for researchers to win their first grant [#RDSTips](#)

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Costs of R&D in the NHS - get them right with support as it will look good value for money if you've costed correctly [#RfPB](#) [#RDSTips](#)

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[#RfPB](#) 'me too' applications need to be justified. There is guidance on how you can justify a 'me too'idea [#RDSTips](#)

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Plain English Summary make sure you get it right, have it peer reviewed and follow the 'make it clear' guidance [#RfPB](#) [#RDSTips](#)



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Common feedback: give more information on WHY your research is important [#RfPB](#) [#RDSTips](#)



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Frame your health economics section correctly for your project [#RfPB](#) [#RDSTips](#)



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[#RfPB](#) programme managers happy to take scope queries [#RDSTips](#)



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Key points for success: patient benefit, methods, the team. Be clear, make it appropriate and be convincing [#RfPB](#) [#RDSTips](#)



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[#EME](#) spans early and late clinical trials [#RDSTips](#)



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[#EME](#) co-funded by MRC and DoH [#RDSTips](#)



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#EME research to determine proof of clinical efficacy in a well-defined population #RDSTips

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#EME encourages and supports novel methodological research #RDSTips

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#EME remit includes embedded pilot and feasibility studies within the main study #RDSTips

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#EME Panel may like idea but too much uncertainty to fund so offer development fund up-to £50,000 to address this before reapplying #RDSTips

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#EME keen on stratified data to boost the value of the research #RDSTips

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#EME happy to see novel uses of digital technology. This is a fast evolving field & they are happy to see researchers including it #RDSTips

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Key consideration: is it needed and is it timely #EME #RDSTips

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#EME is recruitment credible! #RDSTips



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40 to 50% of #EME projects cofounded with industry or charities #RDSTips



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14i projects about development of products lead into #EME looking at its effectiveness. There are overlaps! #RDSTips



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#HTA largest of @OfficialNIHR programmes #RDSTips



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#HTA any intervention used to promote health, prevent and treat disease and improve rehabilitation and long term care #RDSTips



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#HTA multidisciplinary and multi-centre approach, median numbers of patients 700! #RDSTips



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#HTA emphasis on generalisable studies. #RDSTips



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#HTA application process can take up to 12 months but introduction of a new panel is hoped to speed up this process #RDSTips



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#HTA research question must be clinically important and designed to remove or reduce uncertainty #RDSTips



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#HTA if you are going for a commissioned call make sure you read the brief and tailor your research to what is asked for! #RDSTips



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#HTA themed calls are identified areas of research need and continue to be of high importance (address in researcher-led call) #



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#HTA 3 designated board members to champion your application. 1 will be a lay member make sure you sell your story #RDSTips



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#HTA Need= frequency X severity X impact of technology X evidence deficit #RDSTips



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#HTA maximise the potential impact of health research funding #RDSTips



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#HTA think about how your research data can be used for future studies. Extend the impact of your study #RDSTips



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#HTA show that you know and value public involvement and demonstrate patient centered outcomes #RDSTips



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#HTA make sure you write a good, clear story about your research, proof-read. Your bid needs to be coherent and understandable #RDSTips



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#HTA consider your pathway to impact, how are you going to disseminate your findings to your stakeholders and clinicians #RDSTips



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#HTA get involved. Being a reviewer or a panel member will give you a good insight into the funding stream and what is important #RDSTips



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Inexperienced researcher ok but the team needs to be able to deliver the research. Get people around to support you add to the team [#RDSTips](#)

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With trials recruitment is often a difficult issue. Doing good public involvement can help gauge potential recruitment issues [#RDSTips](#)

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Public involvement is a pre-award challenge which can be addressed using an RDS public involvement award [#RDSTips](#)

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Public involvement needs to be included from the start & woven into the bid don't just relate it to the public involvement section [#RDSTips](#)

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Don't forget to cost your public involvement! [#RDSTips](#)

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Look at NICE guidance and tie your research to it if possible as it automatically justifies the need for the research [#RDSTips](#)

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Strongest research proposals tend to be the ones with collaborations between clinicians and academics [#RDSTips](#)



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