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Providing Care Closer to Home



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Deadline 7th January 2019

Information for applicants of the Themed call

Themed Call

The NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire CCG have issued a call for Research Capability Funding (RCF) applications which specifically address the issues surrounding **Providing Care Closer to Home**, with a special interest in applications which are linked to **urgent care**.

Why Providing Care Closer to Home?

This is a priority for the Health Commissioners and Providers in the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) area, and is a priority within the BNSSG Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).

See https://www.bristolccg.nhs.uk/media/medialibrary/2016/11/bnssg_stp_summary_11-2016.pdf for a summary of the plan. Below is a quote from the summary:

“We want to provide easier access to care, and care closer to home, making services more adaptable to people’s needs, with more support in the community, and better use of technology.

We believe people shouldn’t always need to attend a large hospital to see a consultant or other specialist, so we will work together to bring these skills into the local community.

We want to enhance the teams in GP practices with new roles, such as practice-based pharmacists and physiotherapists, as well as health coaches, leaving our GPs to handle the most complex cases.

We also want to make it easier for people to get advice when they need it.

Many people, particularly the elderly, stay in hospital longer than is medically necessary so we want to provide much more hands-on specialist care to help people return home quicker, regaining their mobility, confidence and independence.

That means nurses, doctors, social workers, therapists, pharmacists, families, and patients, working together and maximising the quality of care.”

This summary provides a large number of areas where research could add insight, examples from the first paragraph of the quote include:

1. Exploring the barriers currently preventing “easy access to care”.
2. Comparing models of providing effective & efficient care closer to home.
3. Exploring factors which determine how well services can adapt to individual patient needs.
4. What are patient and health service staff expectations of ‘community support’, and/or how well do services meet these expectations?
5. How are current technologies hampering provision of care closer to home?
6. Testing new technologies to increase effectiveness of care closer to home.

What an RCF Themed Call application should aim to deliver

The panel are interested in RCF applications that will assist the CCG and wider STP with their intention to provide integrated primary and community care close to home.

We are especially keen to use RCF to support work that will lead to the evaluation of interventions.

We are also very interested to receive proposals which aim to explore the issues, “barriers and levers” in implementing such interventions.

RCF call can support small scale pilot work, as well as the development of teams and ideas that will subsequently underpin a large scale NIHR grant application.

On this basis, we expect future NIHR grant applications will involve partners in a range of HEIs, as well as within the NHS/health community, bringing a range of expertise to bear to address the problems.

If a collaboration of all these partners is not yet established, then a clear intention and plan to achieve this should be made explicit within the application for RCF.

Our RCF can support either the time to write a grant application to the NIHR, or to undertake preliminary data collection which will then inform the writing of a NIHR grant application as well as the time to write the application to the NIHR.

Requirements on recipients of RCF

All NIHR applications supported by BNSSG CCGs RCF must be submitted to the funding body with NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire CCG named as the grant host.

This is because of the RCF virtuous circle strategy. BNSSG’s RCF is directly dependent upon the number of NIHR grants we host. See <http://www.apcrc.nhs.uk/management/rcf.htm> for further information on RCF and the virtuous circle.

How to apply

To apply, please complete the RCF application form and tick the ‘Themed call’ box in the application form. See the guidance for further information on how to complete the form.

The application form and guidance can be found on <http://www.apcrc.nhs.uk/management/rcf.htm>

The deadline for electronic version of the RCF application is **5pm on the 7th January 2019**

The deadline for paper version of the RCF application is **5pm on the 14th January 2019**

Electronic applications should be sent to bnssg.research@nhs.net

Paper applications should be sent to:

Research and Evidence
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Marlborough Street
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