NIHR Research Design Service Charter

NHS
National Institute for Health Research

Helping us to help you

We will:

- Offer professional advice on developing a grant application, free of charge
- Allocate a Research Design Service lead to provide support and guidance
- Provide feedback in a timely manner using face-to-face meetings or other forms of communication, as appropriate
- Treat all our discussions and the information provided with appropriate confidentiality
- Facilitate the identification of a suitable funding stream for your project
- Facilitate the identification of suitable collaborators
- Give you access to a range of research support materials and signpost to further helpful resources

We will not:

- Help develop projects where there is no intention of submitting an application for peer review to a recognised funding stream
- Support applications that are not research, eg audit, evaluation and satisfaction surveys
- Provide supervision or informal support for students
- Carry out any of the research

We expect that investigators will:

- Approach us in a timely manner
- Acquaint themselves with the scope and eligibility of the targeted funding stream
- Discuss their proposal with all of their research team before submitting it to us to review
- Consider our advice carefully
- Discuss any wording in an application which describes the support which RDS has given

RDS London employs highly experienced Public Health, Health Services and Social Care researchers. The advice and guidance they provide is aimed at increasing the quality of your funding application. All documents submitted to funding bodies remain the responsibility of the applicants.

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