Supporting Grant Applications: Research Design Service-Yorkshire & Humber at YTU

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NIHR RDS role

“To offer fit for purpose advice and support on research design and methodology to researchers making funding applications”

“To increase the number and proportion of high quality applications for funding”
The team at York

Expertise in:
RCTs, other experimental designs, feasibility and pilot studies, statistics, epidemiology, systematic reviews, qualitative research, mixed methods, health economics, public involvement

Primary care, secondary care, public health, social care
Who do we help?

• Healthcare professionals with idea for a research project with limited research experience

• First time chief investigators

• Experienced researchers e.g. who do not have much experience with NIHR or with a specific funding stream

• Individuals making fellowship applications
What do we do?

- Support researchers to develop their ideas and design their research

- Specialist expertise in research design over a long period from inception of idea

- Signpost to other sources of advice

- Support ranges from support over a long period of time from inception of idea to one-off advice sessions

- Reviews of draft applications
What do we do?

• Workshops on grantmanship

• Events on specific NIHR funding streams and calls

• Mock fellowship interviews

• Maintain close links with NHS, public health and social care communities
What do we do?

- Study Design
- Feasibility
- Involvement of patients and public
- Research team
- Appropriate funding stream
- Ethical considerations
- Evidence gap
- Impact
“Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout. You've really helped us to shape the project in more specific and accessible ways and I personally have benefitted from having someone outside of the core team with whom to discuss it all.”

UoY applicant to HSDR

“I think taking advantage of the RDS was key to me securing my fellowship, and I would recommend the service to future applicants.”

UoY NIHR Fellowship applicant