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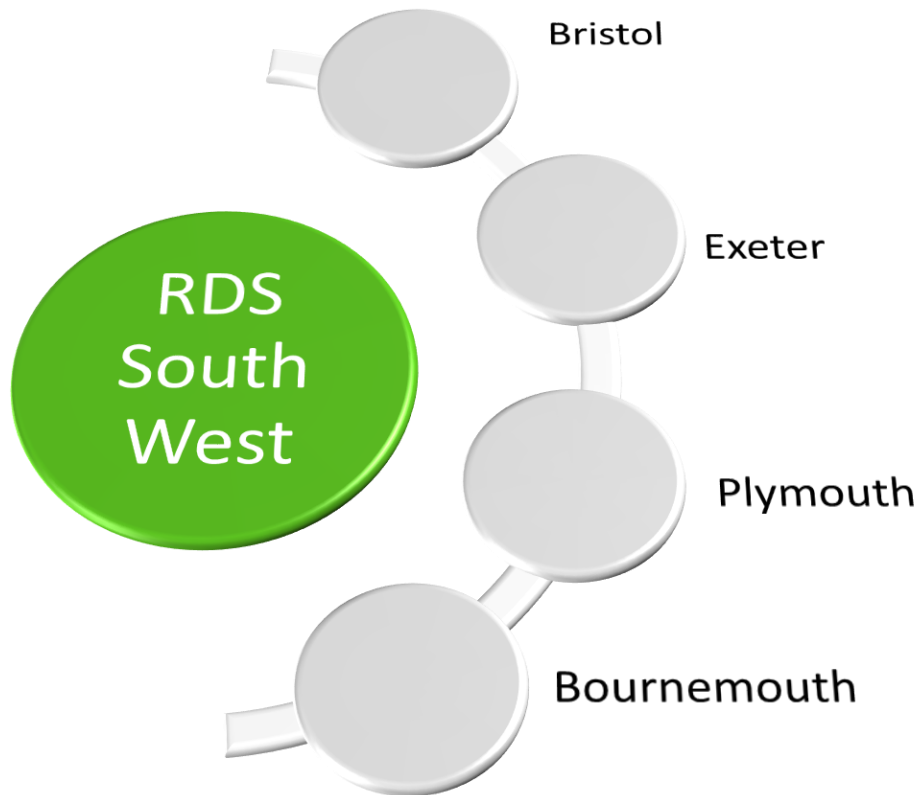
NIHR Research Design Service

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Research Design Service

- A national network of support services
- Wide-ranging support to those who are putting together research grant applications for national, peer-reviewed funding streams



Successful partnerships

- Service provided by four hubs in different geographical quadrants
- Established collaborative links with NIHR infrastructure, Universities, NHS Trusts, Directors Public Health and Local Authorities

Our expertise

- Statistics, trial design, health economics, social science and qualitative research methods, health psychology, epidemiology, patient and public involvement
- Grant writing skills

Our aim and role...

- Increase the volume and proportion of high quality research grant applications...
-by providing project specific guidance and expertise on study design and research methods.

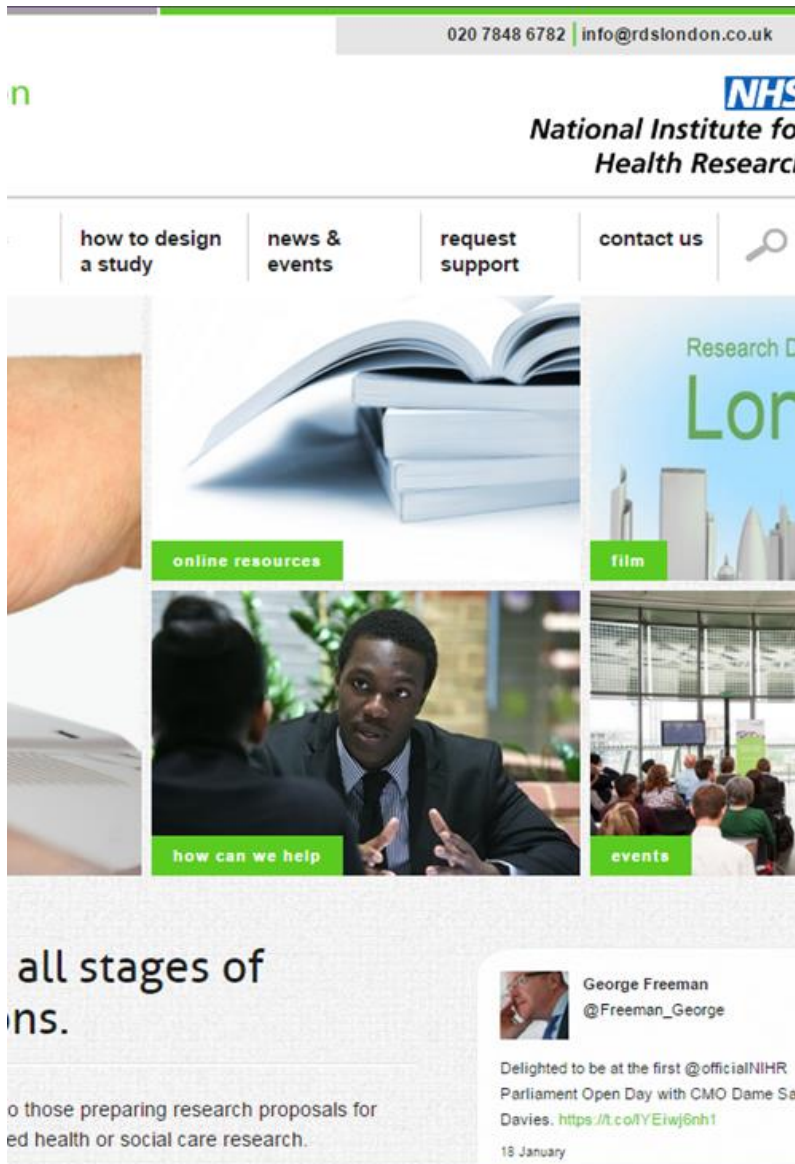
Our support...

...is much more than research design

- Help identify the most suitable funding stream
- Support teams in working collaboratively
- Advise on PPI / service user involvement
- Help get the narrative right
- Interpret feedback, support resubmissions

Access to the RDS

- <http://www.nihr.ac.uk/rds>
- Subscribe to bulletins / newsletters
- Details of events
- Online resources
- Request advice



Outreach

- Regular 'drop-in' sessions
- Mock fellowship and review committees
- Events / workshops aligned with funding streams and calls
- Support NHS Trust R&D events
- Presentations to therapeutic communities and research groups.

If you request support...

**General
review**

Assigned adviser acts as a case manager. Initial feedback on: the research question, rationale, overall design, emphasise the benefits of involvement

**Specialist
input**

Sample size, methods for economic evaluation, mixed methods approaches

**Facilitating
additional
support**

e.g. link with Clinical Trials Units, Clinical Research Networks Study Support Service

Promoting the interests of patients and the public in health research

- Established relationship with INVOLVE
- Specialist PPI advisers
- PPI workshops for researchers
- Lay members embedded in our structures
- PPI webpages and printed resources
- Public Involvement Funds / bursaries
- Contact databases

Public Involvement Funds

- Small sums of money available to researchers to initiate PPI prior to application for funding
- Used to establish meetings with patients and carers for early stage involvement in study design
- Finite resource. Awarded competitively.

Adding value

NIHR SAF feedback

- 99% of researchers recommend using RDS
- 98% say that we improve the quality of their grant applications
- 97% are satisfied with the service

Contact RDS ...

- As early as possible!
- Ideally 4-6 months ahead of submission deadline
- Need 2-3 months for really good input

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