

## Notification to NIHR SSCR Research Call Applicants

Thank you for submitting your expression of interest to the NIHR School for Social Care Research for our current call for research proposals. We received a number of expressions and have been impressed with the range of research questions being proposed.

Your expression of interest has been helpful to ensure we can identify reviewers for the range of themes being proposed, which in turn will allow us to manage capacity and timetabling within the School.

We have set out below some reminders to support you as you continue to develop your full proposal for the 30 November 2020 deadline.

1. As set out in the guidance, this call is seeking to encourage **new and developing adult social care researchers to lead studies** through this call. Your proposal should reflect this. The reviewers and Commissioning Panel for this call will be paying particular attention to this criterion. The School would expect to see relevant and appropriate support from the host institution and wider research team.
2. All proposals must have a focus on **adult social care** with the potential to influence and improve practice and outcomes in England. Any proposals that do not meet this requirement will not proceed to review. Please contact the School if you have any queries about whether your research question is in scope.
3. As set out in the call guidance, proposals will be assessed against the following **criteria** (that apply to all NIHR SSCR-commissioned research in fact):
  - proposed research that is likely to have impact on improving adult social care practice in England, including that it will be timely research, or will set a clear path to further research to achieve this;
  - research with a clear focus/question, and aims, objectives and appropriate methodology to achieve these;
  - value for money;
  - understanding of, and commitment to, equality issues and inclusion and their relevance to research;
  - a commitment to impact and high-quality communication of research, through all appropriate means including traditional publication routes and directly to audiences of practitioners, managers, commissioners, and service users and carers, and policy makers;
  - involvement of users, carers and practitioners in the proposed research and/or outputs;
  - ethics and research governance plans;
  - a team with relevant expertise and experience to support the principal investigator to deliver the proposed study.
4. The maximum **budget** for each proposal is £100,000. The School does not support full economic costing; funding of up to 25% of the total of salary costs can be requested in overheads within this total.

5. You are encouraged to discuss your proposal with the [NIHR Research Design Service](#) who can provide relevant advice.
6. All proposal documents should be submitted online by the School's **deadline** of 16.30 on Monday 30 November 2020. Further details are set out on the School's website (<https://www.sscr.nihr.ac.uk/evidence/call-for-proposals-august-2020/>).

We look forward to receiving your full proposals by the deadline.

If you have any queries please do contact us at [sscr@lse.ac.uk](mailto:sscr@lse.ac.uk).

Thank you

Regards  
NIHR School for Social Care Research