

## **NIHR Applied Research Collaboration North East & North Cumbria Open Funding Competition 2020**

To achieve our vision of 'Better, fairer health and care at all ages and in all places', the NIHR ARC NENC is pleased to invite original and high quality research proposals focussed upon regional health and care priorities. These should aim to improve health and social care outcomes in those communities and sectors facing the greatest challenges and generate original research outputs.

We welcome applications from a wide range of collaborations which include individuals working in universities, NHS and social care providers, local authorities, charities, voluntary sector organisations and businesses. All proposals must include university representative from a relevant ARC theme and a representative from another organisation category, but any partner can lead the application.

A maximum of £100,000 over 2 years will be available for exceptional projects, but it is expected that costs for most proposals will be lower and all will be scrutinised for value. Matched funding is encouraged. Proposals must be formally costed and agreed by a responsible finance officer in the host organisation.

Proposals must be linked to an ARC NENC theme and include evidence of support from the relevant theme lead or deputy lead (if they are not already involved). The themes are listed below:

- Multi-morbidity, Ageing and Frailty
- Supporting Children and Families
- Prevention, Early Intervention and Behaviour Change
- Integrating Physical, Mental health and Social care
- Inequalities and Marginalised Communities
- Assistive Technologies and Data Linkage
- Evaluating Change with Pace and Scale
- Knowledge Mobilisation and Implementation Science

To register interest and receive the application documents, the lead applicant should submit their details using the link below, including a potential title, collaborating organisations and a theme affiliation:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rrxbI56KEry7o1HvA2vJDIstFCgNoBxn62pS2Q3P6oA/edit>

The lead applicant must be connected to a relevant theme before the registering interest. If not, then please use this link to complete a simple membership form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ET4DRpuXU7aBdEhfOtbmuruRWuFKMZg4jafbRB68tiI/edit>

If needed, the NIHR Research Design Service NENC will advise applicants who intend to use the output from an award to support an application to one of the main NIHR funding streams: <https://rds-nenc.nihr.ac.uk/>

The closing date for registrations is: **12pm on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

The closing data for submission of a proposal is: **12pm on 8th April 2020**

Proposals which are submitted without prior registration will not be processed.

Applicants will be informed of the outcome in late July / early August 2020.

Projects must aim to start between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

All projects will be expected to provide updates and a publicly available final report.