



NIHR Patient Safety Research Collaborations Guidelines for UCL Internal Review Process

Collaborative groups are invited to submit summary expressions of interest ahead of applications for NIHR Patient Safety Research Collaborations.

Internal deadline: Wednesday 8 December 2021

The NIHR is launching an open competition to designate and fund NIHR Patient Safety Research Collaborations (PSRCs) in England. PSRCs will undertake translational, applied and health services research on patient safety that addresses strategic patient safety challenges within the health and care system.

NHS/university partnerships in England are **invited to submit one application**. Successful partnerships will subsequently be invited to submit a business plan outlining the work programme for the first two years.

UCL may partner with different NHS Trusts, but with only **one** application per lead NHS Trust partner. UCL is working with NHS and NIHR BRC partners to implement this pre-submission internal review process to maintain oversight, identify priorities in the event of multiple bids, and to ensure high quality.

Please consider attending the NIHR webinar for potential applicants on 30th November. Details via the NIHR call page: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/patient-safety-research-collaborations/29173>

Important dates

UCL internal deadlines	
UCL deadline for internal summary Eols	Wednesday 8 December 2021
Review of written applications	w/c 6 December 2021
Feedback to applicants	w/c 13 December 2021
NIHR dates/deadlines	
Webinar briefing	30 November 2021
Deadline for application	Wednesday 9 February 2022
Selection Committee	April/May 2022
Confirm successful bids and invite business plans	31 August 2022
Business plans review	September 2022
Oversight Group meeting	November 2022
Business plans approval	December 2022
PSRC funding commences	1 April 2023

Funding and scope

The programme may include pilot studies to demonstrate proof-of-concept, or the validity of new innovations/approaches, health services research and applied research (which may include larger-scale testing and evaluation to generate generalisable/transferable research findings). Audits of practice and service evaluations are not eligible.

Funding is intended to meet research infrastructure costs including staff and core research facilities. The expectation is that NIHR PSRCs will leverage additional funding from other funders to underpin a significant portfolio of work.

Each application must be unique and not include research activity linked to a different NIHR PSRC application.

NIHR PSRC designation and funding will be awarded to a single lead NHS organisation working in partnership with the lead university. The partnership may identify additional NHS organisations and/or universities as formal delivery partners with specified roles in its application and which would form part of the designated PSRC.

NIHR PSRC Network

Partnerships will be asked to indicate in their applications if they wish to be considered as the host organisation for the NIHR PSRC Network. NIHR will provide up to £150,000 per annum to meet the infrastructure costs for hosting the Network.

Funder guidelines

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/patient-safety-research-collaborations-application-guidance/29175#Introduction>

Budget

Up to £7million over five years. HEI partners can request direct costs only.

Strategic themes

Each application should address one or more of the following strategic patient safety challenges:

- Improving patient safety intelligence and understanding of patient safety challenges;
- Improving organisational patient safety culture and practice;
- Patient safety behaviours;
- Effective patient safety practices;
- The patient safety impacts of alternative service delivery models;
- Ergonomics, design and human factors; and
- Clinical risk scores (validation, implementation and outcomes).

The funder website has more details on the themes.

Instructions for submitting the internal summary Expression of Interest

- Refer to the full funder guidance notes before applying.
 - Please inform David Wiseman in the Life & Medical Sciences Research Coordination Office (d.wiseman@ucl.ac.uk) as early as you can if you plan to submit a proposal, as it will help us organise the internal review process.
 - Please provide the following content in your EoI, which you should aim to keep to 3 pages. This internal review is intended to be light touch but does capture some key requirements of the NIHR application form.
1. Title page including
 - Application title
 - NHS Trust and UCL Lead Applicants/Directors, and Divisions/Institutes/Departments involved
 - Other partners
 - Total estimated project cost
 2. Summary of proposed research
 - Rationale and context
 - Vision and goals
 3. Leadership and governance
 - Director(s) and theme or workstream lead(s).
 - Arrangements for joint working between NHS, UCL and other partners
 4. Strategic Plan and Themes
 - Theme descriptions, main objectives, and how they intersect
 - Relevance of outcomes to patient safety
 - How research will reflect population diversity
 - Expertise of any additional partners including NHS/university partnerships, health and care organisations, local authorities, universities, industry, research charities, or other NIHR-funded infrastructure.
 5. Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE), and approach to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)
 - Strategic objectives for PPIE and EDI
 - Resources deployed in support of PPIE and EDI
 6. Existing research capacity and plans for increasing capability including through training
 - Training and development opportunities (especially those involving UCL contributions)
 - Demonstration of commitment to EDI in capacity building and to improving research training culture.
- Combine the above information into a single document.
 - Submit the document to d.wiseman@ucl.ac.uk with “NIHR PSRC” in the subject line followed by the applicant’s name.