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# Research Design Service London

*Enabling Better Research*



## Who Are We?

### **Research Design Service (RDS) London**

is part of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR). It brings together four institutions (King's College London, Imperial College London, Queen Mary University of London and University College London) with internationally recognised expertise in applied research methods in health and social care.

## How Can We Help?

**RDS London** can support researchers preparing applications to peer-reviewed funding competitions for applied health or social care research.

Specialist advice can be provided on:

- Refining research questions
- Involving patients and the public

- Designing a study
- Appropriate methodologies
- Identifying a research team
- Advice on writing lay summaries

Our success will be measured by the increase in the number and proportion of high quality applications funded.

## When To Contact Us?

The Service is designed to help researchers at all stages of preparing grant applications:

- Ensuring that the research topic is within the scope of the funding programme
- Providing advice on the quality, practicality and feasibility of research questions and methods



- Advising of the common pitfalls encountered in funding applications
- Identifying enhancements to the proposal to improve chances of success
- Dealing with feedback and failure from previous funding competitions



### **Why Contact Us?**

Our friendly and efficient team of professionals will work closely with you on your funding application. We will ensure that the importance of the study question is properly explained and the chosen method is well rationalised.

We have a wide range of experience and expertise, so please do contact us as early as possible to maximise your chances of success. Finally, our service is completely free of charge.



## Contact Us!

To find out more about how **RDS London** could help you please visit our website **[www.rdslondon.co.uk](http://www.rdslondon.co.uk)** or contact a member of our dedicated team:

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