

PHR Commissioned calls workshop

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Overview

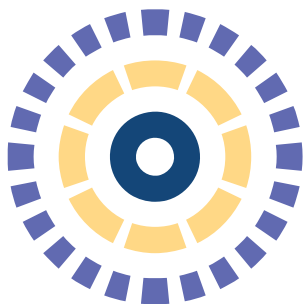
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Introduction to PHR Programme

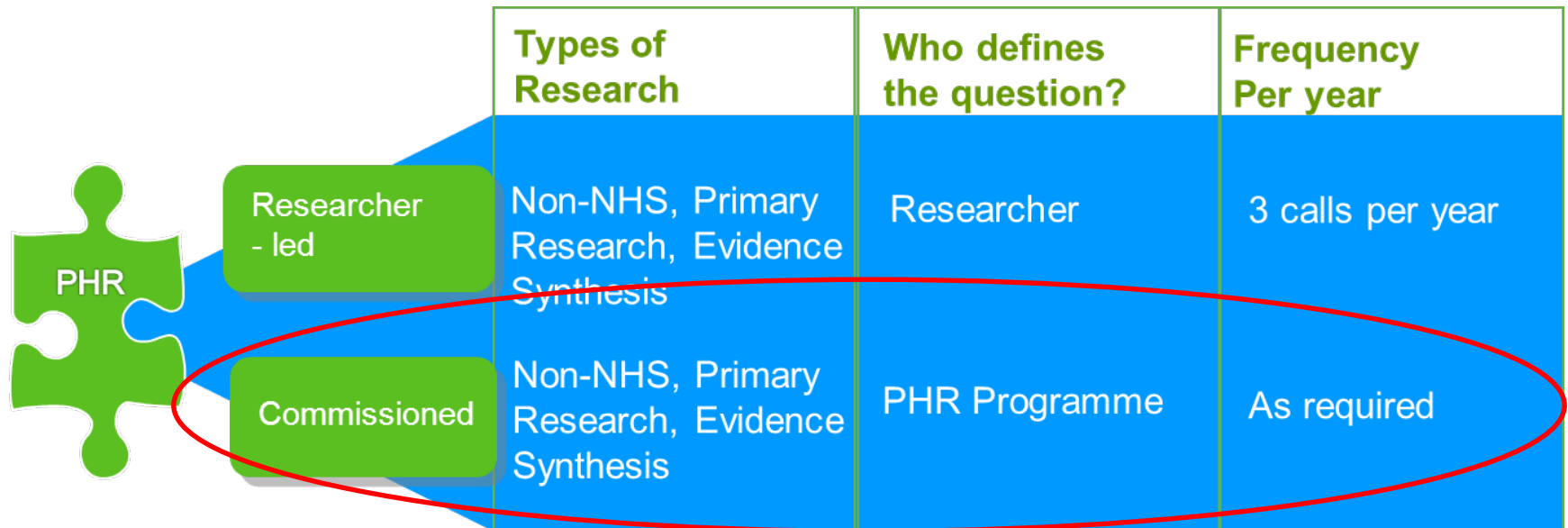
Purpose and Remit:

To fund research to generate evidence to inform the delivery of **non NHS interventions**, specifically, we provide new knowledge on the benefits, costs, acceptability and wider impacts of non-NHS interventions intended to improve the **health of the public** and reduce **inequalities in health**.



The scope of the programme is **multi-disciplinary** and broad covering a range of public health interventions.

Commissioned and Researcher-led Workstreams



	Types of Research	Who defines the question?	Frequency Per year
Researcher - led	Non-NHS, Primary Research, Evidence Synthesis	Researcher	3 calls per year
Commissioned	Non-NHS, Primary Research, Evidence Synthesis	PHR Programme	As required

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The PHR programme

- Funds the evaluation of non-NHS interventions intended to improve the health of the public and reduce inequalities in health
- Unable to fund intervention costs*
- National programme open to researchers from across the UK
- Includes qualitative and quantitative research which evaluates the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of public health interventions
- Primary outcome measure must be health related

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What Public Health Research Adds: Evidence for Local Decisions

- Urban regeneration and health
- Community engagement and disadvantaged communities
- Alcohol environment

<https://fundingawards.nihr.ac.uk/search>



Developmental studies

- PHR will fund studies with a developmental element to them e.g. adaption or refinement of an existing intervention not exceed 6-months in development.
- <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/explore-nihr/funding-programmes/public-health-research.htm>
- The MRC Public Health Intervention Development Scheme has been set up to support early stage development of public health interventions

mrc.ukri.org/funding/browse/public-health-intervention-development-scheme-phind **Public Health Research Programme**

Priorities for the PHR programme

- Maintaining support and funding for high quality public health intervention research across the UK
- Building partnerships with new organisations
- Understanding and responding to emerging needs for evidence and knowledge
- Reaching out to new audiences across sectors

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Funding opportunities

The focus of this workshop is on the following commissioned calls:

- 20/46 Health impacts of housing led interventions for homeless people
- 20/48 Food insecurity – health impacts and mitigation

Timeline:

Deadline – 17 November 2020

Prioritisation Committee – January 2021

Funding Committee – February 2021

Funding Committee Stage 2 – June 2021

Final outcome – July 2021

20/46 Health impacts of housing led interventions for homeless people

Research question

What are the health impacts of housing led interventions that provide housing plus intensive forms of support for people with histories of chronic/repeat homelessness?

Background

- Where this idea came from:

Government homelessness strategy (Rough Sleeping Strategy) and subsequent investment in Housing First

- What are we hoping to fund:

The causes and solutions of homelessness are many and varied. The Programme is specifically interested in the range of health and health inequality impacts of housing led interventions, such as Housing First. We are interested in impacts for people receiving the intervention, for the communities and societies in which they are housed and for the wider homelessness community. **The Programme is interested in impacts for individuals and on local systems.**

Housing led interventions: Specific issues to consider

- Co-production
- Clear research question
- Utility of the outcomes and how they will inform future policy and practice
- Study design; most suitable method to answer the question
- Impact on health inequalities
- Specifying the primary health outcome
- COVID-19 related implications

20/48 Food insecurity – health impacts and mitigation

Research question

- *What is the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of interventions aimed at preventing and reducing the health harms caused by food insecurity?*

Interested in interventions that

- aim to decrease food insecurity in the **longer term** rather than on an emergency basis
- are upstream interventions that seek to influence at national, regional or civic, community, or institutional levels

Background

Where this idea came from:

This topic came from research recommendations made in a PHR rapid review [Childhood food insecurity in the UK \(1\)](#). The review was undertaken to determine the nature, extent and consequences of food insecurity affecting children in the UK for the Future Food Inquiry, chaired by Sharon Hodgson MP and coordinated by the Food Foundation. The Inquiry published its final [report](#) and its children's Right2Food charter in April 2019.

Food insecurity: Specific issues to consider

- Co-production
- Clear research question
- Utility of the outcomes and how they will inform future policy and practice
- Study design; most suitable method to answer the question
- Impact on health inequalities
- Proxy measures can be used for the primary health outcome
- Evaluations of upstream interventions that seek to influence factors that operate at national, regional or civic, community, or institutional levels to prevent and reduce food insecurity.

How to apply?

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Application process

- Two-stage application process
- External peer and public review (stage 2)
- Assessment by Prioritisation Committee (PC) and Funding Committee (FC)
- PC: considers public health importance
- FC: consider scientific quality, feasibility & value for money

Needs-led, Science-Added'

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Process for Assessment of Applications

1. Screening assessment:

- Remit and competitiveness

2. Prioritisation Committee:

- public health importance

3. Funding Committee:

- scientific quality
- feasibility
- value for money

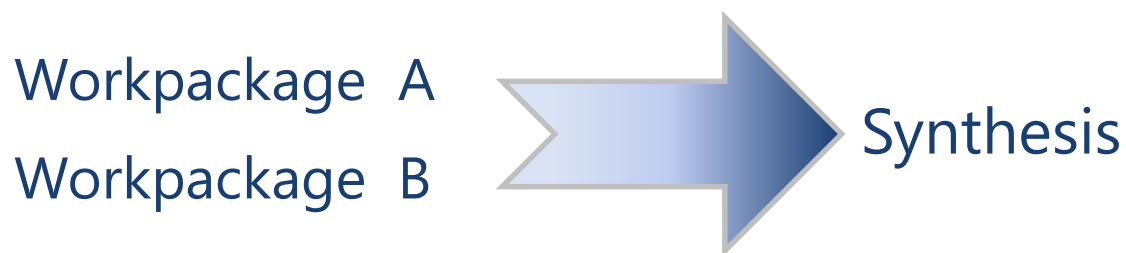
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Linked studies

We are interested in seeing more 'linked studies' – programmes of related work, with a connection in one proposal with appropriate progression criteria and break points:

Feasibility – Pilot – Definitive – Implementation

or:



Joint funding opportunities

We are interested in exploring joint research funding opportunities with charities and the third sector.



Where can I find help?



- For more information, visit:
- <http://www.nets.nihr.ac.uk/programmes/phr>
- Enquiries welcome: phr@nihr.ac.uk
- Tips for success: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/tips-for-success-phr-programme/11692>
- RDS and CRN



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How can I get involved?

- Suggest research topics
- Become a reviewer
- Join a prioritisation or funding committee

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/patients-carers-and-the-public/i-want-to-help-with-research/>



<https://phinder.ning.com>

Thank you

Questions?