

How do I complete a application for a NIHR Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowship?

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Where do I start !

- (1) Read the Clinical Doctoral Research Fellowship Applicant guidance notes
- (2) Meet with my Supervisor
- (3) Meet trust R & D manager
- (4) Identify Personal development needs
- (5) Meet previous NIHR application candidates
- (6) Come up with a Plan

Supervisors/Advisors

- Current supervisor
- Physiotherapy researcher
- Orthopaedic Consultants
- Radiology Consultant
- Other research institutions
- Reader in Rehabilitation

Research aim

- Submit previous research for publication
- Answer my question
- Design a two arm trial
- Meet RD Service

Meet trust R&D manager

- Trial proposal
- Contact RDS
- PPI - Focus group
- PPI - Trial design
- Financial cost

Identify personal development

- Discuss previous NIHR applicants
- Leadership & Clinical Skills
- Trial methodology
- Statistics
- IT Skills

What went well

All people that I met and talked to were very encouraging and supportive of my desire to complete the PhD Fellowship application.

What did I find frustrating

- Response times from people sometimes slow
- Arranging meetings due to everyone's work commitments difficult.
- Trying to do this through the summer holiday season!
- Maybe this is something I need to get used to!!!

Where am I now

- Previous research submitted for publication, (Almost there!).
 - Focus group date set
- Supervisors & Advisory team confirmed
 - RDS involved
- Oversight committee involved
 - Trial design set
- Application process started !!!