

The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust



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Proposals invited for collaborative research projects

The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust (PPRT) has identified its key research priorities over the next three years. One of these is inter-professional working and the Trust is now inviting proposals from inter-professional teams or collaborative projects for research into long term conditions or public health.

Funding is available for small-medium projects in the following areas:

- Multi-disciplinary service development/evaluation for patients with long-term conditions.
- Multi-disciplinary service development/evaluation in public health.

A total sum of £80,000 is available for projects in these areas of research and the Trust is particularly interested in receiving collaborative project applications that include pharmacists working in either primary or secondary care or in the community. Lead applicants must either be a pharmacist or other health or social care professional.

It is anticipated that the outcomes of the research will:

- Inform best practice in the delivery of services
- Help build the evidence base for pharmacy to inform Practice Based Commissioning
- Increase networking and partnership opportunities
- Help build trust between professions
- Inform model service specification for long-term conditions, including patient care pathways

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Priority will be given to those proposals that demonstrate innovation and provide evidence of value for money as well as patient benefit.

“Whilst we have not changed the priorities of our original programme of work which focussed on the pharmacy workforce, education and ethics” says Dr Sue Ambler, Director of the Pharmacy Practice Research Trust, “we are responding to the changing and emerging priorities of professional development and the need to contextualise pharmacy within the wider health agenda.”

The Trust reserves the right to allocate funding to a single project team or to individual teams dependent on the quality and quantity of proposals received.

The closing date for submission of applications is **Friday 28th March 2008** and interviews for those short listed will be held on **Thursday 22nd May 2008**.

Copies of the research commissioning brief and application forms can be obtained from Beth Allen: beth.allen@rpsgb.org or call 020 7572 2466 or Linda Shelldrake: linda.shelldrake@rpsgb.org or call 020 7572 2466. They can be downloaded from: <http://www.rpsgb.org/worldofpharmacy/research/>

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Notes to editors:

1. The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust

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