

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

NIHR Invention for Innovation (i4i) Programme

The Director General of Research and Development for the Department of Health, Professor Dame Sally Davies, wishes to contract with an institution/NHS body for the part-time services (about 2 days per week) of a person to be appointed Programme Director of the NIHR i4i Programme. The successful applicant could be from either an industrial, clinical or academic research background.

The i4i R&D Programme was established in 2008 bringing together the Health Technology Devices and New and Emerging Applications of Technology programmes along with SBRI and HTC initiatives. For more information please go to <http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/programmes/i4i>. We are now seeking to appoint a Director to provide leadership and direction for the programme. The i4i programme provides support and investment for promising healthcare technologies to accelerate their development into potential products. This national response-mode scheme will fund high quality, innovative investigator led research of relevance to the NHS.

Accountable to the Director General of R&D via the Head of Research Programmes, the Director will oversee the work of Advisory and Funding Committees to ensure consistency in the operation of the Programme and to enhance its potential. The programme will be administered by the NIHR Central Commissioning Facility based in Teddington. Candidates should have experience of grant awarding committees and ideally leadership of translational research programmes either in, or in collaboration with industry. S/he must be able to work effectively at the highest level to ensure that the new programme delivers first-class research for the NHS.

The contract will initially be of three years duration, to be reviewed at two years. The Department of Health will reimburse the successful applicant's employing institution for their time commitment.

For a job description and person specification contact:

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Applications in the form of a CV together with a supporting statement of suitability should be sent to Sam Brown, contact details above.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is: 1.00 pm on 18 September 2009.