

## Frailty Themed Call Webinar questions: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

The following is a summary of the questions and answers that were discussed following the webinar presentation.

### Appropriateness of programme:

a. We would like to apply for funding to support the trial of a geriatric liaison service for inpatient cardiology/cardiothoracic patients, as well as an outpatient pre assessment Comprehensive Geriatric service for elective cardiology procedures such as TAVI (Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement) Which programme will be best suited for us to apply to?

b. I'm developing as part of a research study a yoga programme for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome which I believe fits into the theme of frailty. I'm interested to know if this would be considered and which would be the most appropriate grant to apply for.

*If these are RCTs then they are likely to be most suitable for the HTA programme if they are well developed interventions, ready for delivery across health/social care, have established efficacy and proof of concept, can be delivered by the provider and are acceptable to patients, and effective and cost effective. If the research is at an earlier stage and needs further work to develop acceptability and deliverability to patients, then RfPB might be more appropriate.*

### Appropriateness of topic:

a. Would Eye Movement Desensitization as well as Reprocessing and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy be considered?

b. A large proportion of frail people are malnourished, would the identification and treatment of malnutrition fit into this call on frailty?

c. I'm exploring Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment in Oncology in a nurse led MDT. We'd be using Frailty intervention tools to determine requirement for CGA. Would this be in remit for this call.

d. We want to look at emergency laparotomy survivors. Over half are over 65 years with a high death rate (1 in 3). Is it ok to include the non-frail in our interventional study or should we limit it to the frail despite the high death rate for all older patients?

e. We are looking at the development of Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment. Frailty is an increasing in the renal population and would be part of the focus. Would the frailty call be appropriate?

*For all topics it is essential that the key focus is on frailty, if this is not the case then applicants might want to consider applying to the research led calls.*

### Appropriateness of setting:

In relation to carers, does this extend to neighbours, not just restricted to family carers or paid carers?

*The term 'carers' refers includes neighbours. Applicants would be advised to ensure there is a clear research question, and that issues of how access to involving neighbours in research would be clearly articulated.*

We would be looking at a feasibility study for a counselling intervention in care homes. Would we be able to apply for funding for participants who would be in care homes as opposed to NHS settings?

*NIHR funding includes settings such as care homes. Applicants are advised to refer to the AcoRD guidance for information on eligible research costs*  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-attributing-the-costs-of-health-and-social-care-research>

#### Appropriateness of applicant:

Is this opportunity available to people who are one academic year into a part time PhD? I am focusing on older people with complexity and cancer?

*RfPB for example welcomes early career researchers. One of the key issues for early career researchers to consider is to show that they are appropriately supported by a senior team. Early career researchers may be interested in the opportunities available at the NIHR Academy* <https://www.spcr.nihr.ac.uk/trainees/tcc>

Can researchers from Scotland apply to this call?

*Applicants from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are advised to contact the individual programmes to discuss their eligibility.*

#### Questions about NIHR and Themed Calls:

Do different programmes have funding limits?

*Some of the programmes have specific funding limits, and applicants are advised to look at the individual programmes. However, for all programmes, either with or without funding limits, applicants will need to ensure they have shown that their proposed research provides value for money and that costs are carefully controlled.*

Are NIHR still interested in Themed Call topics once the calls have closed?

*Yes, once the Themed Call deadlines have closed, the topics remain priority areas.*