

Older People with Complex Health Needs NIHR Workshop

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Purpose:

To identify tractable research topics and issues for future NIHR research and to explore the context and challenges for research in this field.

Definitions

To reflect the wide range of remits of the NIHR programmes the phrase “*Older People with Complex Health Needs*” has been used to broaden the scope of potential research issues while retaining the underpinning importance of multimorbidity.

The phrase ‘complex health needs’ is taken to imply *the presence of more than one health or social care need (impacting on health) as well as a depth of need* in terms of the severity of the conditions or intensity of the needs. The definition of multimorbidity adopted is; *the existence of two or more chronic health disorders in one individual.*

The workshop will focus on research issues that can be addressed within the remit of the NIHR and the use of the term ‘older’ does not imply people over any specific age.

NIHR themed calls (2011 – 2016)

Number of NIHR projects funded by call and programme

