



The NIHR Research Design Service for the East of England

Research for Patient Benefit 2 Day Workshop

10am – 4.30pm on 30th September and 14th October 2009
Venue: University of Bedfordshire, Putteridge Bury, Hitchin Road, Luton,
Bedfordshire, LU2 8DL

In this set of two full-day interactive workshops we look at the most important aspects of putting together an application for research funding. The days are centred on the NHS “Research for Patient Benefit” programme, although the topics covered are also highly relevant for those planning to apply to other funding streams and agencies. The overall aim of these training days is for participants in the workshops to develop the skills they need to put together a high quality research bid with a genuine chance of success in a highly competitive field.

The Programme will be delivered by Dr Charlie Davison and topics will include:

- ***The research topic and methodology***
 - Ensuring that the research question and the proposed methods fit together in terms of quality, practicality and feasibility
 - Describing research plans in adequate scientific terms
 - Describing research plans for a non-technical audience
 - Methods and costs
- ***Stakeholders, partners and supporters***
 - Addressing the patient/community involvement agenda
 - The role of academic partners and research sponsors?
 - The peer review process
- ***Handling and managing an application for funds***
 - Being prepared for the “registration of intention” phase
 - The RfPB programme structure: dates, documentation and decisions
 - ‘Hoops and hurdles’ – The crucial steps and permissions that all research plans need to comply with?
 - Getting work plans, time budgets and finances right

The Facilitator: Charlie Davison is an independent healthcare researcher and training consultant based in Colchester, Essex. He is a Fellow of the School of Health and Human Sciences at the University of Essex. Charlie trained in the 1980's as a Medical Anthropologist and has gained wide experience in the UK and internationally in the field of social science research methodologies applied to the practical problems of primary care, public health and community involvement. He has been a regular contributor to PCT and Research Network training programmes in Essex, Eastern Region and London since 1997.

To book a place please complete the reply slip below and return it with your cheque made payable to the 'University of Essex EXA6500' for the sum of £100.00 to the Central Coordinators, RDS, School of Health & Human Sciences, University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, CO4 3SQ. Tel: 01206 874856.

I would like to register for the **Research for Patient Benefit Programme** on 30th September and 14th October 2009 at the University of Bedfordshire

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Job Title/Position.....

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