

The NIHR Research Design Services

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The NIHR Research Design Service for the East of
England



What is the Research Design Service?

- A free service offering advice and support to NHS and social care researchers
- Operational from 1 October 2008



Aim

- To help researchers develop and design high quality research proposals for submission to national peer-reviewed funding competitions for applied or social care research
- To increase the number and proportion of high quality applications



NIHR Research Design Services

East of England

West Midlands

London

South East Coast

South Central

South West

Yorkshire and Humberside

North East

North West

East Midlands



RDS for East of England



Why the investment?

- Low quality applications to funding programmes
- Poor science
- Not in scope of the funding criteria
- The Team
- Public Involvement very weak



Purpose

- To help researchers develop and design **high quality** proposals
- To provide a consistent national coverage
- With a focus on NHS-based researchers applying to NIHR RfPB Programme and other peer reviewed open competition funding programmes

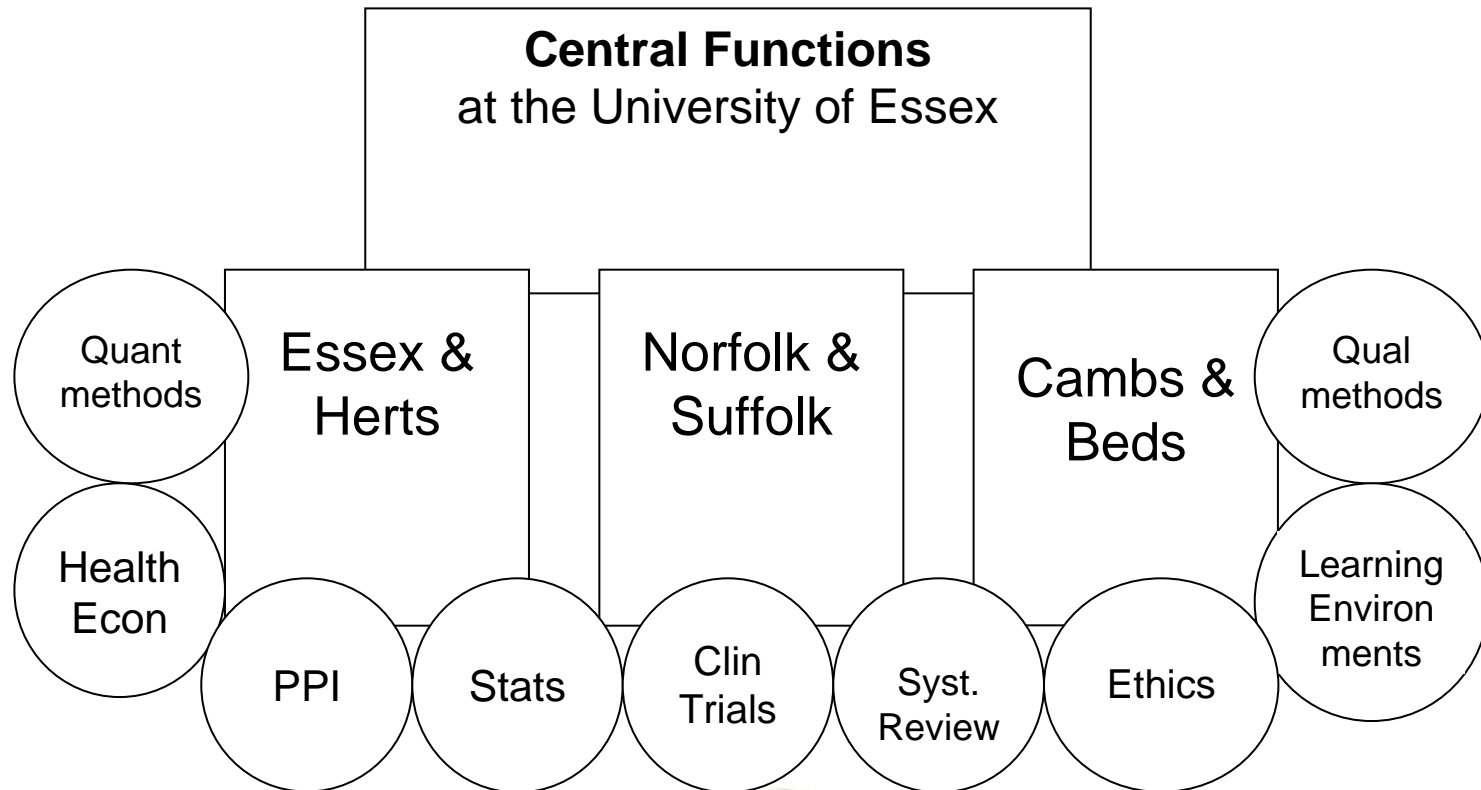


Expertise in Research Design

- Qual and quant methodology
- Statistics
- Health economics
- PPI
- Funding advice/ specific application advice
- Collaboration '**building the dream team**'
including ***public involvement***



RDS Infrastructure



Accessibility

- Face-to-face
- Phone
- Website
- Contact initiated by RDS



Research for Patient Benefit

- The main priority for advice **but not the only one.**
- NIHR- eg. Programme Grants, Health Technology Assessment, Research for Innovation Speculation & Creativity, Fellowships, Service Delivery & Organisation
- MRC, ESRC



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