

Dear CHAIN member,

You, or perhaps a colleague or other professional contact may be interested in the following funding opportunity. Please circulate as appropriate. Thank you.

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UKCRC Public Health Research Centres of Excellence  
Call for Proposals

A joint Initiative funded by British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK, Department of Health, Economic and Social Research Council, Medical Research Council, Research and Development Office for the Northern Ireland Health and Personal Social Services, Wales Office of Research and Development, Welsh Assembly Government and Wellcome Trust.

The major funders of public health research in the UK have come together under the auspices of the UK Clinical Research Collaboration (UKCRC) to develop a coordinated approach to improving public health research in the UK. The funders have agreed to fund a number of Public Health Research Centres of Excellence in the UK.

The aim of these Centres is to build academic capacity, boost infrastructure and encourage multi-disciplinary working in public health research in the UK. The Centres will bring together leading experts from a range of disciplines working in partnership with practitioners, policy makers and wider stakeholders in order to tackle complex public health issues that will potentially have a significant impact on the health of the nation. For each Centre, funds of up to £5 million will be provided for a 5 year period.

The deadline for applications is **12.00 on 27 March 2007**.

For further information see website:  
<http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/> (click on 'current funding opportunities' and then 'UKCRC Public Health Research Centres of Excellence - call for proposals').

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