



Network News - February

Welcome to [Network News](#), our monthly update from the Emerging Minds Network. Read on to find out about:

- Our **first funding call** is currently open - deadline **21 February**
- Our latest Emerging Minds **podcast episode** focuses on how best to engage with voluntary and community organisations
- **Funded placement opportunities** available for early career researchers
- News from our **network members** and the **wider world**

[First Funding Call - Deadline Soon!](#)



We are now inviting proposals for targeted and piloted research projects to address our [Research Challenges](#)

The deadline for applications is **21 February 2020 - 9am**

The full **briefing, application** and full **terms and conditions** are all available for [download here](#). You can check out our regularly updated [FAQs](#) for more information. We also have a [podcast](#)!

[Emerging Minds Podcast Interview](#)

Pam Miller, Interim Head of Research at the [NSPCC](#) talked us through her presentation on the most effective ways that researchers can engage with voluntary and community organisations.

She gave some really helpful advice on how best to make contact as well as pointing out the common mistakes to avoid.

Whether or not you're planning to make an application for our current funding call, this episode really is essential listening for anyone interested in research across sectors.

As well as viewing it on the website, you can also listen to the episode directly on [Youtube](#).





Funding Call: Reviewer Advice

We have been hosting **Proposal Development Workshops** to help applicants develop their proposals. We invited along our Reviewer panel, including young people and family members who will be helping select successful funding applications.

We asked them to give some advice about what they will be looking for in a proposal.

We're on Insta!

The Emerging Minds Network have joined [Instagram!](#)

We have really enjoyed sharing photos and images from events as well as playing with the filters!

We hope we can connect with lots more people as we try to tackle our #ResearchChallenges - come and give us a visit!



Placement opportunities

We are offering funded cross sector placements for PhD students and early career researchers. These will involve spending 3 months working full-time (or a longer period on a part-time basis) in a host organisation in the public or third sector.

Our first round of Emerging Minds cross sector placements are now open for applications. For full details of how to apply, please check out our [website](#)

[NSPCC](#)

There are two projects that a researcher undertaking this placement can choose from depending on their interest.

NSPCC

Project 1: Mental health concerns are one of the main reasons that young people contact Childline. Some recent research has indicated that some young people find the Childline has message boards quite helpful. We'd like to do some more work to try to understand what types of peer-to-peer support is being offered and, if possible, what gets the most positive responses. This could then be set against what evidence is out there on peer to peer support (particularly online) to see if there are things we can do to help young people provide this support more effectively.

Project 2: Childline's website has a large number of unique visits. We would like for the researcher undertaking this placement to develop an understanding of the evidence around self-help for young people in the mental health field, and take a section of our website and map it against this evidence. We are open to discussion about what specific part of the website is reviewed.

The deadline for applications is **10 March 2020**

To apply, visit our website [here](#)

Collaboration Opportunities

[Pre Call Announcement](#)

The UKRI Medical Research Council will shortly be launching a £24m call for ambitious multi and inter-disciplinary Research Programmes.



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The initiative will provide funding for multi- and inter-disciplinary teams with the aim to:

- Address important and novel research questions under the broad scope of Adolescence, Mental Health and the Developing Mind.
- Actively strengthen intersections between disciplines that do not routinely engage with each other, build capacity in the field and develop skills.
- Embed knowledge mobilisation and strengthen patient and public involvement.

Request for Proposals

[The Wellcome Trust](#) are seeking proposals to produce insight analysis reports on core components of interventions for anxiety and/ or depression in young people (14-24). Up to £45,000 is available for each report and the full Request for Proposals is available to download [here](#).



The deadline for expressions of interest is **21 February 2020**

The deadline for full applications is **1 April 2020**

Funding Call Open

The Kavli Trust Programme on Health Research will be awarding a total of NOK 20 M (Norwegian currency) to collaborative research projects addressing their stated ten evidence gaps in child and adolescent mental health.

More information is available [here](#) and interested parties can register [here](#).

The deadline for initial pre-proposals is **28 February 2020**.



Fellows Award

[MQ](#)'s Fellows Award supports the best and brightest early career scientists who are asking challenging questions that will contribute to transformative advances in mental health research.

Submissions open in **February 2020** and for more information and how to apply, please visit [here](#)



Funding Call Open

[SMaRteN](#) is hosting their second funding call. This time, the call asks "**What can non-clinical universal approaches to student mental health achieve?**"

They are inviting proposals for small research projects to investigate non-clinical and universal approaches to improving student mental health.

For more information and how to apply, visit their [website](#).

The deadline for applications is **March 2020**.



Recommended Links

Survey on the determinants of public mental health to inform a conceptual framework

The [Public Mental Health Programme](#) is running an online survey to rank public mental health determinants based on importance to improving mental health and promoting well-being.

The PMH programme is a NIHR-funded School of Public Health Research programme on better understanding the factors that influence mental health across the life course and how they can be addressed. For further information about the programme, please visit the SPHR website.

The [survey](#) should take 5-10 minutes. All of the responses to the survey will be confidential and anonymised. Please feel free to forward it to colleagues who may be interested in participating.

If you have any questions about the survey or the public mental health programme, please contact publicmentalhealth@ucl.ac.uk

New blog series: #YoungMindsMatter

[Cochrane UK](#) are running a blog series on mental health - you can read the launch blog [here](#). Through February, they are exploring ideas, initiatives and approaches to supporting children and young people's mental health through a series of guest blogs. They are looking at how they, along with key partners, engage and include young people in their work and help them contribute to developing evidence and supporting young people to be able to make use of it.

As well as reading the blogs, you can follow along with the #YoungMindsMatter series on [Twitter](#) and also join in with comments.

Tell us what you think on Twitter [@EmergingMindsUK](#)

You can also get in touch via our email address info@emergingminds.org.uk

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