



# The NIHR Research Design Service for the East Midlands

## Launch Conference 2010 *Making the most of your RDS*

11 February 2010  
Burleigh Court  
Loughborough University Conference Centre

If you have an interest in securing funding for applied health or social care research, this Conference is for you. The NIHR RDS EM provides expert advice free of charge to help local researchers design high quality research proposals. The RDS EM Launch Conference is an opportunity for you to learn more about research and research funding in health and social care; it is an opportunity for you to meet RDS EM staff and find out how they can help you to apply for research funding; and it is an opportunity for you to hear from those who manage and administer research funding competitions.

### Contributors will include:

- **Professor David Armstrong**, Director of the Research for Patient Benefit Programme (RfPB)
- **Professor Claire Anderson**, Chair, RfPB Commissioning Panel for the East Midlands
- Other members of the **local RfPB Commissioning Panel**
- Other research related organisations including **INVOLVE, RDInfo, NHS Innovations, NRES, CLAHRC, CLRN, Centre for Health and Wellbeing Research** and local **Research Networks**.

During the day there will be a mix of formal presentations, plenary discussion and ample time to network with other researchers and RDS EM staff.

The Conference is designed for a clinical, academic and research audience; in fact anyone who has an interest in research funding in health and social care (or supports those who are applying) will benefit from attending. The Conference is free of charge\*.

For further information and an application form please visit the RDS EM website:

[www.rds-eastmidlands.nihr.ac.uk](http://www.rds-eastmidlands.nihr.ac.uk)