

## **Programme Director – NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research**

The Director of Research and Development for the Department of Health wishes to contract with an institution for the part-time services (2.5 days per week) of a person to be appointed Programme Director of the NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research (PGfAR) in succession to Professor Adrian Grant who is standing down. Programme grant awards are made to NHS organisations to a maximum of £2 million over a period of up to five years. These support balanced teams of leading researchers, from the NHS and academia working together, to undertake programmes of applied research with practical application for the benefits of patients and the NHS in the short to medium term. Over 130 applications have been supported to date, and total funding committed is over £200 million.

The PGfAR programme was established in 2006. It is a key component of the NIHR, complementing other NIHR programmes and initiatives. The Programme Director will provide leadership and direction for the programme. Accountable to the Director of R&D via the Head of Research Finance and Programmes, the Director will be responsible for providing strategic oversight of the academic and scientific direction of the programme, the balance of its content and the programme's relevance and responsiveness to the needs of the wider NHS and DH. Additionally, the Director will be responsible, through the NIHR Central Commissioning Facility and in conjunction with DH, for the procedures adopted for commissioning and managing programmes and ensuring delivery of results. Candidates should have experience of grant awarding committees and ideally leadership of research programmes, preferably within the NHS. S/he must be able to work effectively at the highest level to ensure that the Programme delivers first-class research for the NHS.

The contract will initially be of three years duration, to be reviewed at two years. The Department of Health will reimburse the successful applicant's employing institution for their time commitment.

For a job description and person specification contact:

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Applications in the form of a CV together with a supporting statement of suitability should be sent to Sam Brown, contact details above.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 22 June 2012. Short-listed candidates will be invited to interview on 12 July 2012, in London.