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Hello research supporter

At the beginning of each month we put together a roundup of all the latest research developments, events, opportunities and other news that we hope will be of interest to our research supporters.

## Research news

### Diabetes drugs may protect against Parkinson's

New research published in the scientific journal PLOS medicine suggests that a class of drug used to treat diabetes may protect against Parkinson's. Read more – <http://bit.ly/1gigjEF>



### Anti-malarial drugs may show promise for Parkinson's

An international research team has discovered that drugs used to treat malaria may show promise for treating Parkinson's in lab studies. Read more – <http://bit.ly/1gPirog>

## NIHR: Public Advisory panel members needed!

The **National Institute of Health Research** is part of the NHS that aims to improve health through research. One of the key ways it aims to do this is by funding research across a huge range of conditions. Read more about the NIHR here – [www.nihr.ac.uk](http://www.nihr.ac.uk)

### How can you get involved?

The National Institute for Health Research Central Commissioning Facility (NIHR CCF) is currently looking for **members of the public** to join the following panels/committees that play a role in funding their research. It's a great opportunity to ensure that the voice of Parkinson's is heard.

#### Invention for Innovation (i4i) programme

Product Development Awards panel: two members

#### Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) programme

East of England, East Midlands, West Midlands, London Regional Advisory Committees: two members for each committee.

Find out more about how to apply for these roles here – <http://bit.ly/1W5C9vK>

The deadline for applications is **Friday 21 August 2015 (5pm)**. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview. Details of interview dates and location are available via the link.

## Next steps

Please circulate this roundup to members of your Parkinson's UK local group, Parkinson's nurse, family and friends who might be interested.

## Not a member of our Research Support Network? Join us!

Keep up to date with all the latest research news, events and opportunities to take part and help shape research. **Sign up here** – <http://bit.ly/rsnsignup>

Thank you for supporting research!

Best wishes,

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