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## MRC-NIHR Global Maternal and Neonatal Health Call 2019

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Speak to ODA funding and relationship between GCRF funding to MRC and NIHR funding as background.

## MNH call relative to UK ODA Funding Landscape

<b>DFID</b>	<p><b>Research and Evidence Division - Health Research Team</b></p> <p><b>DFID Research Budget ~£1.5bn / 4 years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>health research funding total budget £536 million / 4 years</li> <li>DHSC and BEIS ODA budgets significantly increased, primarily for research activities (2015/16 -2020/21)</li> </ul>	
<b>DHSC</b>	<p><b>NIHR Global Health Research</b> £430m over 5 years</p> <p><b>Applied global health research commissioned through the NIHR to improve health in low and middle income countries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Programmes</li> <li>Partnerships</li> <li>People</li> </ul>	<p><b>Global Health Security</b> £477m</p> <p><b>Programme addressing global threats to public health, such as infectious diseases and drug resistant infections</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fleming Fund £265m</li> <li>Int Health Regulation Implementation</li> <li>Vaccines and Biopreparedness</li> <li>Global AMR innovation Fund</li> <li>Rapid Support Team</li> </ul>
<b>BEIS</b>	<p><b>Global Challenges Research Fund £1.5bn</b></p> <p><b>Challenge-led disciplinary and interdisciplinary research and strengthening research capacity</b></p> <p>Delivery partners: UK Research Councils, UK Higher Education Funding bodies, Academy of Medical Sciences, Royal Society, British Academy, the Royal Academy of Engineering, UK Space Agency.</p>	<p><b>Newton Fund</b> £735m</p> <p><b>Science and innovation partnerships</b></p> <p>Delivery partners: UK Research Councils, Academy of Medical Sciences, Royal Society, British Academy, Royal Academy of Engineering, British Council, Innovate UK, Met Office</p>

In the 2015 spending review ODA funding was allocated to government departments including DFID, BEIS and DHSC.

The MRC contribution to this scheme comes from their GCRF allocation. The NIHR contribution is from a separate pot, their Global Health Research Programme. In combination it maximises the potential impact of the call.

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### What?

- Joint MRC-NIHR call for proposals in maternal and neonatal health.
- Broad scope: basic to applied research
- Encourage applications addressing issues faced during pregnancy and birth, but open to pre-conception and postpartum.
  
- Interdisciplinary
- Capacity building
- Equitable partnerships

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## What?

### Research grant funding

- Up to 3 years
- £600-800k
- Salary, consumables, capacity building, T&S, networking

### Seed-funding

- Up to 1 year
- £100k
- Networking, pump-priming projects, salary, T&S

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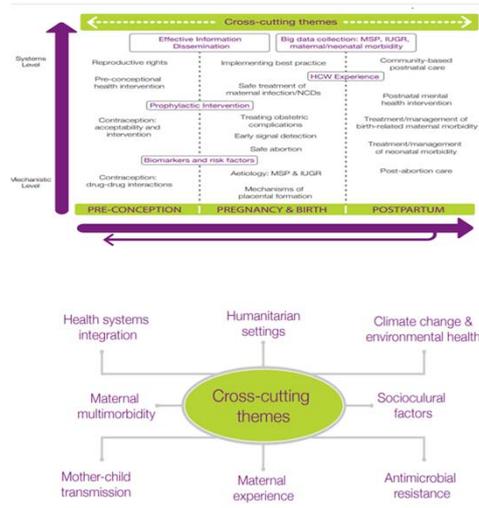
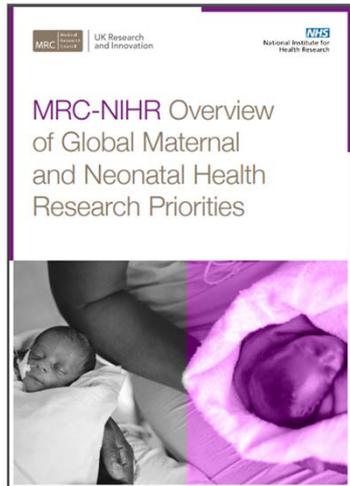
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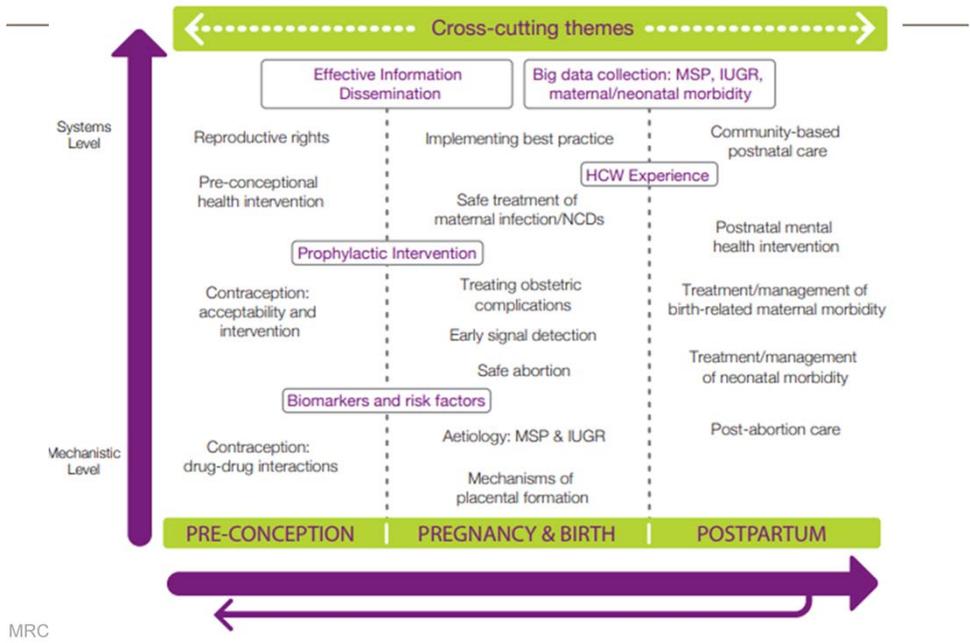
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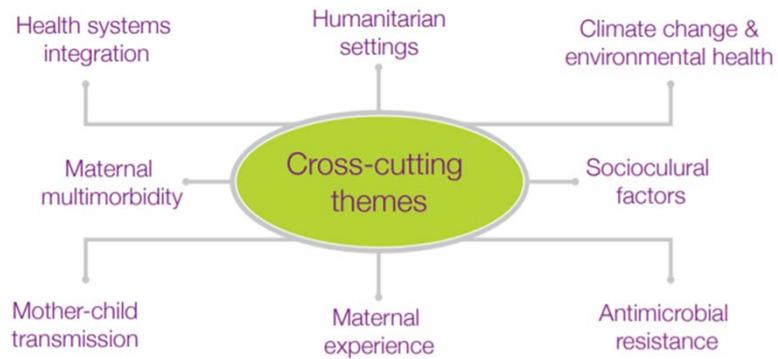
Speak to the consultation through which this document was developed – GLOW, AMS-AAS etc. Appreciation of those that fed in to this.

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In addition to sub-themes outlined in the research priorities document, cross-cutting research themes are highlighted that feed into all areas across pre-conception, during pregnancy and birth, and postpartum.

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### When?

- First of three annual calls

Activity	Date
Call launch for research grant outline applications	16 January 2019
Deadline for research grant outline applications	24 April 2019
Outline sift panel	July 2019
Call launch for full research grant applications (invited only) and seed-funding applications	July 2019
Deadline for invited full research grant applications and seed-funding applications	October 2019
Panel meeting and funding decisions	March 2020

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Repeated calls gives opportunity for researchers to bide their time, collect more preliminary data, forge stronger interdisciplinary partnerships and a bit of certainty about future funding opportunities which is something that came across strongly in our consultation.

We also listened to the community who asked for the call to be open for a lengthy period which in my mind is a win-win as it increases quality of applications.

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### Who?

- Open to LMIC and UK Principal Investigators
- If led by UK PI, must demonstrate equitable partnership with LMIC collaborators
- HIC Co-Investigators permitted if they provide expertise not found in LMICs or UK

Thank you

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Happy to take questions but maybe if anyone has any very specific queries on submissions to either of the two schemes I've mentioned then they can come and find me afterwards.