Dear all,

HELSEVEL (Health, care and welfare services research) programme (NFR) announced their first [call](http://www.forskningsradet.no/en/Funding/HELSEVEL/1254010590129/p1184150364108?visAktive=true) today, where the deadline is 14th of October.

Projects must be based on the service areas described in the [work programme](http://www.forskningsradet.no/servlet/Satellite?blobcol=urldata&blobheader=application%2Fpdf&blobheadername1=Content-Disposition%3A&blobheadervalue1=+attachment%3B+filename%3D%22WorkprogrammeHELSEVEL29.5.2015.pdf%22&blobkey=id&blobtable=MungoBlobs&blobwhere=1274506980329&ssbinary=true), and preferably generate results that have transfer value for other services. Under this call for proposals, the programme is seeking projects within the following cross-cutting themes and research areas:

Management, leadership and organisation

\* Research that helps to identify the connection between management and organisational models and the design, content, quality and costs of the services.

\* Research on measures that result in better, more effective management and organisation of the services. Projects that encompass the municipalities/primary health care services are of special interest. In particular, research is sought on the ramifications of various models and forms of co-management (governance).

Vertical and horizontal interaction

\* Research on how interaction between administrative levels and between sectors and services can promote integrated, coherent patient and user pathways.

\* Projects based on the users' needs and the critical role played by the municipalities/primary health care services in service provision is of particular interest.

\* Research on how various financial models can promote more integrated, coherent patient and user pathways.

Service innovation and implementation

\* Research on how effective systems and methods of service innovation may be used to develop the services. Studies that explore the use of service design in the development of the services are also desirable.

\* Research on how results from national and international services research may be implemented in the services. There is a need for studies identifying the conditions that must be present in order for the services to make use of new knowledge.

User involvement

The program seeks to promote user involvement throughout the entire research process, as this enhances both the quality and relevance of the research activities. Proposals must state who the users are, describe the scope, content and significance of user involvement, and explain how the user perspective will be addressed. This information must be provided in item 6 in the template for the project description.

Anticipated benefits to users and society at large

The projects must be designed to generate new knowledge that helps to develop the services in keeping with the needs of the users and society at large. The projects will therefore be assessed on the basis of the benefits that the project results are expected to have for development of the services from this perspective. If this is not possible, grant proposals must describe how the project results may be used or applied in another way, e.g. in the vocational/professional educational programs. Proposals should explain why it is important to conduct this research at this time, and how the projects build on and further develop existing knowledge. References must be made to relevant systematic knowledge summaries. This must be described under item 6 in the template for the project description.

The budget is from 9 to 20 million NOK per project for 3 to 4 years period.

I am attaching the template and assessment criteria in HELSEVEL call.

Please distribute this information among relevant research groups at your department. Also, please encourage your researchers to contact me if they need any help with application process.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Best regards,

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