

## What is CSP?

The National Institute for Health Research Coordinated System for gaining NHS Permission (NIHR CSP). It is a system which standardises and streamlines the process of gaining NHS Permission (also known as R&D approval) for commercial or non-commercial clinical research studies in England.

## Why use CSP?

- Efficient process for gaining NHS Permission
- Support and advice from the Comprehensive Local Research Networks (CLRNs)
- Access to NHS service support for non-commercial studies
- Single point of access, via the Integrated Research Application System (IRAS).

## What studies can be processed through CSP?

CSP is available for studies that are eligible for inclusion on the NIHR Portfolio. All applications, both commercial and non-commercial, are assessed to determine whether they are eligible to use CSP. Find out more at [www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/portfolio\\_eligibility](http://www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/portfolio_eligibility).

## Before you apply

- Confirm that the project is 'research'. Go to [www.nres.npsa.nhs.uk/applications/is-your-project-research/](http://www.nres.npsa.nhs.uk/applications/is-your-project-research/) for guidance
- Contact your CLRN and encourage participating teams to contact their local CLRN for feasibility discussions
- Confirm participating teams are ready to be involved
- Determine what other approvals are required
- Visit IRAS at [www.myresearchproject.org.uk](http://www.myresearchproject.org.uk) for a checklist of the required submission documents.

## Simple time saving steps

- Apply for NHS permissions in parallel with ethics approval
- Email the document set submitted to ethics to the Lead CLRN
- Get the Principal Investigator's support before sending out Site Specific Information (SSI) Forms and let them know the SSI Form is on its way
- Ensure any amendments are also included.

### For commercial applicants:

- Use the unmodified clinical trial agreement [www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/Life+sciences+industry/networks/agreements](http://www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/Life+sciences+industry/networks/agreements)
- Use the Industry Costing Templates [www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/costing](http://www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/costing) to assist with the costing process
- Contact your CLRN early to initiate contract/budget discussions.

Find out more at  
[www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/csp](http://www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/csp)

Contact the CSP Helpdesk:  
[crnc.csp@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:crnc.csp@nihr.ac.uk)

More information on CLRNs can be found at:  
[www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/getadvice](http://www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/getadvice)

Find out which CLRN to work with at:  
[www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/about\\_us/processes/csp/contact](http://www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/about_us/processes/csp/contact)

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## A guide for researchers



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