

Not eligible

The following activities are not eligible for consideration for CRN support:

- Audits
- Needs assessments
- Quality improvements and other local service evaluations
- Routine banking of biological samples or data (except where this activity is integral to a self-contained research project designed to test a clear hypothesis)

Find out more

Visit our website for more information:

www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/portfolio

NIHR CRN Portfolio eligibility:

www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/portfolio_eligibility

Contact the Portfolio Helpdesk (general enquiries):

portfolio.helpdesk@nihr.ac.uk

Find a Network contact:

www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/portfolio_help

For commercial studies contact the appropriate Network directly or submit a Portfolio Application Form. Find out more at:

www.supportmystudy.nihr.ac.uk

NHS

**National Institute for
Health Research**

Clinical Research Network

NIHR Clinical Research
Network Portfolio

Eligibility of non-commercial studies



In order to be considered for NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) support a research study must be identified as being 'Eligible'

In England, the Department of Health has established the eligibility criteria for CRN support

The CRN Portfolio team assesses eligibility for CRN support on behalf of the Department of Health (in England)

Studies that are eligible for consideration for CRN support are included in the NIHR CRN Portfolio

Applications to be considered for CRN support are made through the NIHR Coordinated System for gaining NHS Permission via the Integrated Research Application System



To be considered for CRN support a study must:

- **Be a 'research study'**
This is defined by the Department of Health as "the attempt to derive generalisable (i.e. of value to others in a similar situation) new knowledge by addressing clearly defined questions with systematic and rigorous methods"
- **Have full research funding**
Study Funders (companies, institutions or organisations) determine the 'route' through which a study is considered for NIHR CRN support

Automatically eligible

A study which has funding provided by the NIHR, other areas of Government or NIHR non-commercial Partners (and fulfils the criteria above) is **automatically eligible** for consideration for NIHR CRN support.

- NIHR non-commercial Partners are organisations that:
 - award research funds as a result of open competition in England with high quality peer review (definitions of open competition and high quality peer review can be found at www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/portfolio_eligibility)
 - fund research that is of clear value to the NHS and
 - take appropriate account of the priorities, needs and realities of the NHS in making decisions about the research that they fund

- Non-commercial funding organisations within the UK can self declare as NIHR non-commercial Partners by completing an NIHR non-commercial Partner Self Declaration Form stating which of their funding streams meet the NIHR non-commercial Partner criteria above

Individual studies funded as part of programme or centre grants, or as part of research training awards, will be required to have undergone protocol peer review before they can be considered for NIHR CRN support. The study Sponsor should provide confirmation of appropriate peer review

Potentially eligible

- Investigator initiated trials (i.e. commercial collaborative research) and studies which are funded by an overseas Government or an overseas charity, are **potentially eligible** for consideration for NIHR CRN support
- A potentially eligible study must undergo a formal **adoption** process to be considered for NIHR CRN support
- The non-commercial adoption process involves review by subject specific experts against specific criteria focused on:
 - quality (as evidenced by peer review)
 - funding being open to all qualified researchers in England
 - benefit to the NHS
 - taking account of priorities, needs and realities of the NHS