



How we support you: Clinical Research Network (CRN)



What is CRN Support?

'The main role of the NIHR CRN is to provide infrastructure support for the initiation and delivery of high quality research which benefits patients and the NHS, including relevant research in public health and social care'

The NIHR CRN provides infrastructure support through:

- The NIHR CRN Study Support Service
 - E.g. Early engagement
- Service Support Costs, Staffing and Funding
- Free training programmes such as GCP: Learn.NIHR.ac.uk
- Systems (CPMS, R-Peak, ODP)
- **ISRCTN registration**

3 min animation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWv56Y9rXyE>



Eligibility for NIHR CRN support

Automatically eligible funding streams

- NIHR
- Other areas of central Government
- NIHR non-commercial Partners (300+ charities)

Potentially eligible funding streams

- Investigator Initiated Trials (IIT) (commercial collaborative)
- Overseas governments
- Overseas charities
- Certain other high quality studies*

Not eligible studies

- Funded by local sources e.g. NHS Trusts or local charities
- Funded solely by non-CRN NIHR Infrastructure e.g. a Biomedical Research Centre (BRC), or ARC programme.
- Do not meet the DHSC definition of research

**Studies funded by any other source of funding may be considered if they meet section 3.5 of the Eligibility criteria. These are usually studies funded by one-off pieces of funding or by organisations whose primary purpose is not research.*

Early Contact and Engagement Service

We have

- 6,000+ studies open to delivery at any time
- National access in England to delivery in NHS Trusts, GP's, Care Homes, Prisons and many other communities
- Local and national speciality leads

Early contact can assist with intelligence on:

- Competing studies
- Learning from previous studies
- Intelligence on local pathways / workforce

Assistance with costings:
A **SoECAT** is required with your final stage grant application

WHAT?

SoECAT - Schedule of Events and Cost Attribution Template

WHY?

- 1) To capture excess treatment costs (ETC's)
- 2) To separate research costs from those covered by NHS or CRN
- 3) Which should help with costings - both for funding and for site costs

WHEN?

For all single stage and final stage grant applications

For all research going to the HRA that involves SSC and/or ETC

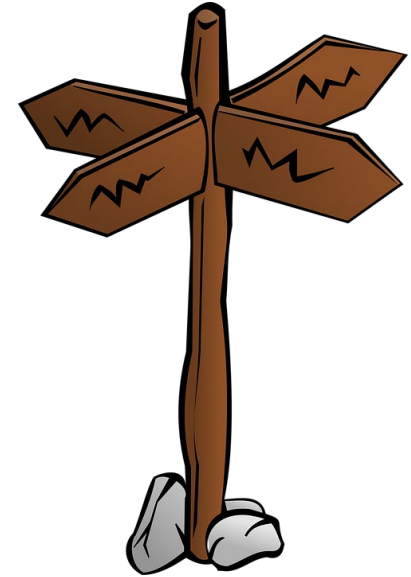


Where?

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/researchers/collaborations-services-and-support-for-your-research/run-your-study/excess-treatment-costs.htm>

This page provides the most recent template (and your SoECAT will be sent back if an old template is used).

This page also has links to further guidance and 'how to...' documents



ACoRD Principles



ACoRD: Attributing the Cost of R&D

If you haven't done this before (or need a refresher) there is online training on how to work these out: https://acord.netlify.app/story_html5.html It is also available on our NIHR LMS: <https://learn.nihr.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=8>

- The DH&SC ACoRD Guidance Docs and Annex A (Common Attributions) can be found here and are useful for easy reference: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-attributing-the-costs-of-health-and-social-care-research>
- Annex B with the latest FAQs can be found here: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/researchers/collaborations-services-and-support-for-your-research/run-your-study/excess-treatment-costs/Annex%20B%20AcoRD%20FAQs%20-%20November%202020.pdf>

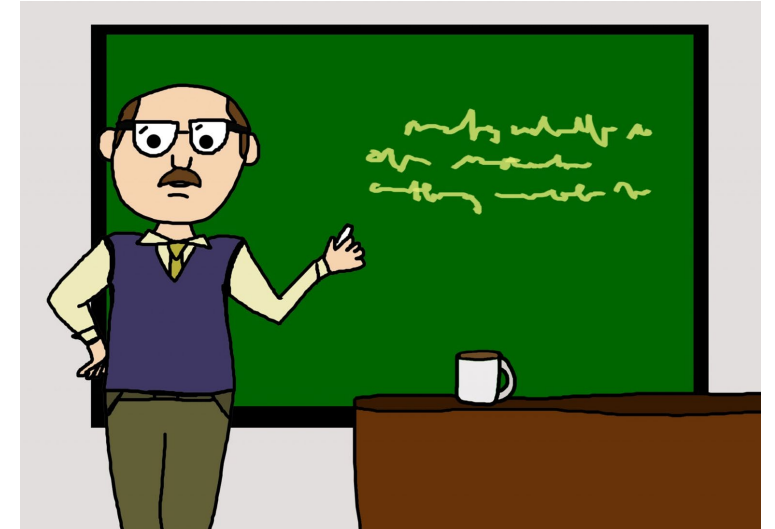
How to Complete a SoECAT

Guidance online can be found here:

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/how-to-complete-a-soecat/23415>

Walk through of a SoECAT:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EI60iLc7_vNO8OLo7MxxM1RwZk47Hfr-/view



What Next?

This needs to be validated by the CRN before being submitted.

Please allow 10 working days and best to give as much notice as possible.

If you are stuck, please contact us and we can arrange a meeting to talk through the best options for your study.

Greater Manchester email address is: researchsupport.crngm@nihr.ac.uk

Other regions contacts can be found here: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/study-support-service-contacts/11921>

Time for Questions

