



Road to an NIHR RfPB

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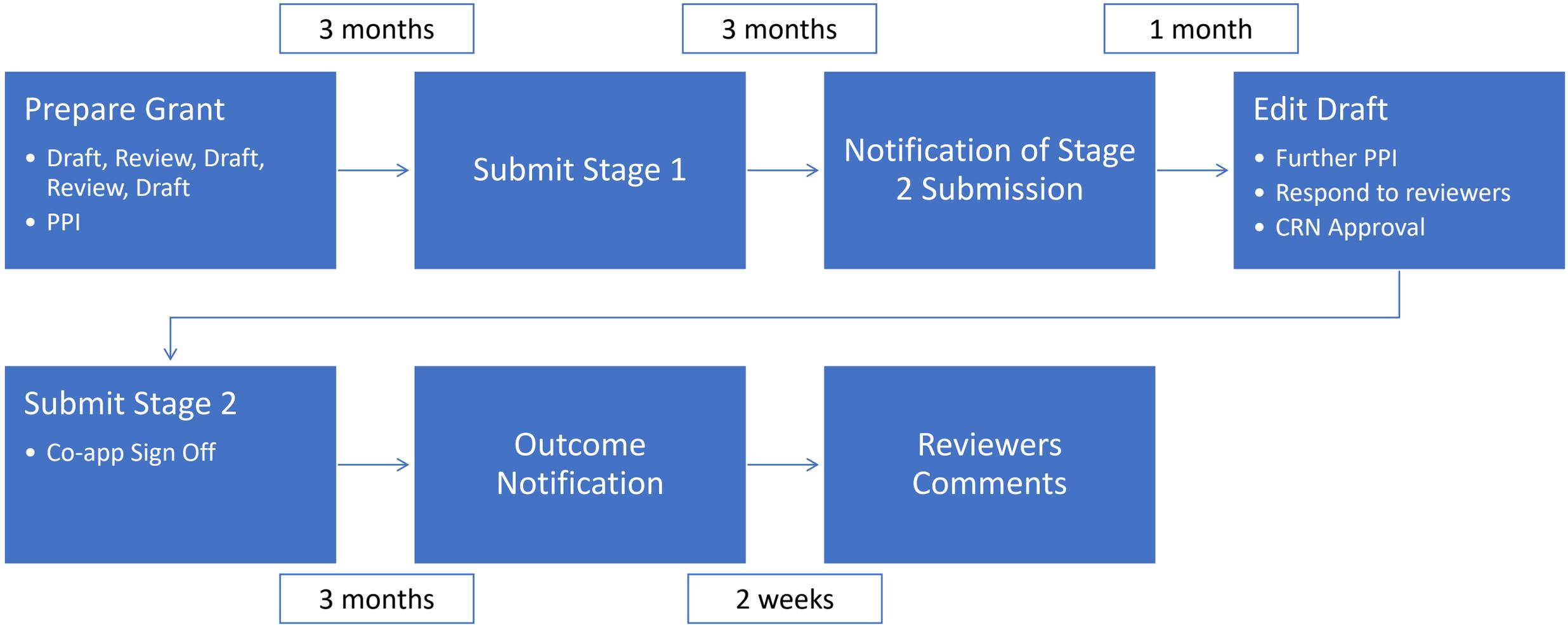


Overview

Stage 1 & RDS
involvement

Stage 2

Lessons Learnt





Timeline to
Stage 1

Grant Draft

RDS Peer Review

Revise Grant

UoM Internal Review

Revise Grant & Submit



Road to the First Full Draft



Study Design

Ensure you've explained the next steps after the RfPB → What will your next study be? How will the RfPB help you get there?

Include measures you want to test for a future trial (ex. Primary and secondary outcomes)



Co-Applicants

Ensure you have all the proper expertise and meet regularly if possible or ensure routine contact with co-apps (don't leave all your questions to the last minute!)



Patient and Public Involvement

How will patients help? How can you help them? How often will you meet?

Ensure to include patients at governance levels



Finance

Can often feel like you don't know what you're doing

think through each stage of the project

For example with recruitment, how many visits to patients would you anticipate they'll make? How far are they driving? Are they using public transport?



RDS Involvement

- Involve the RDS as soon as possible
 - 1-1 with our statistician (RDS Advisor) advise on methodology early on in the grant development phase
 - Peer review application
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RDS Peer Review

3 reviewers (Lead, secondary, PPI)

- Additional comments from observer

Most helpful review we received

Helped spot inconsistencies

- Health economics
- Progression criteria

Road to the First Full Draft: Finance

1

Do not leave this to the end

2

Ask co-apps for **appropriate** FTE

3

Think about how your costings fit with your Gantt chart.
Do you need all your RAs from the start?

4

Start with your dream list and then scale back

5

Ensure you've included all necessary costs

- Ex. PPI use INVOLVE costing tool

Stage 1 to Stage 2 & Beyond

- Stage 1 to Stage 2
 - Timeline: 4 weeks
 - Reviewer's comments
 - CRN SoECAT
- Stage 2 to Award
 - Received award letter after 3 months
 - Had to respond to additional reviewers comments
 - Ensure you have all appropriate IP agreements in place – if you have space to add this to your application add it!

Lessons Learnt

1

Structure and language of your application is key, don't be afraid of repetition

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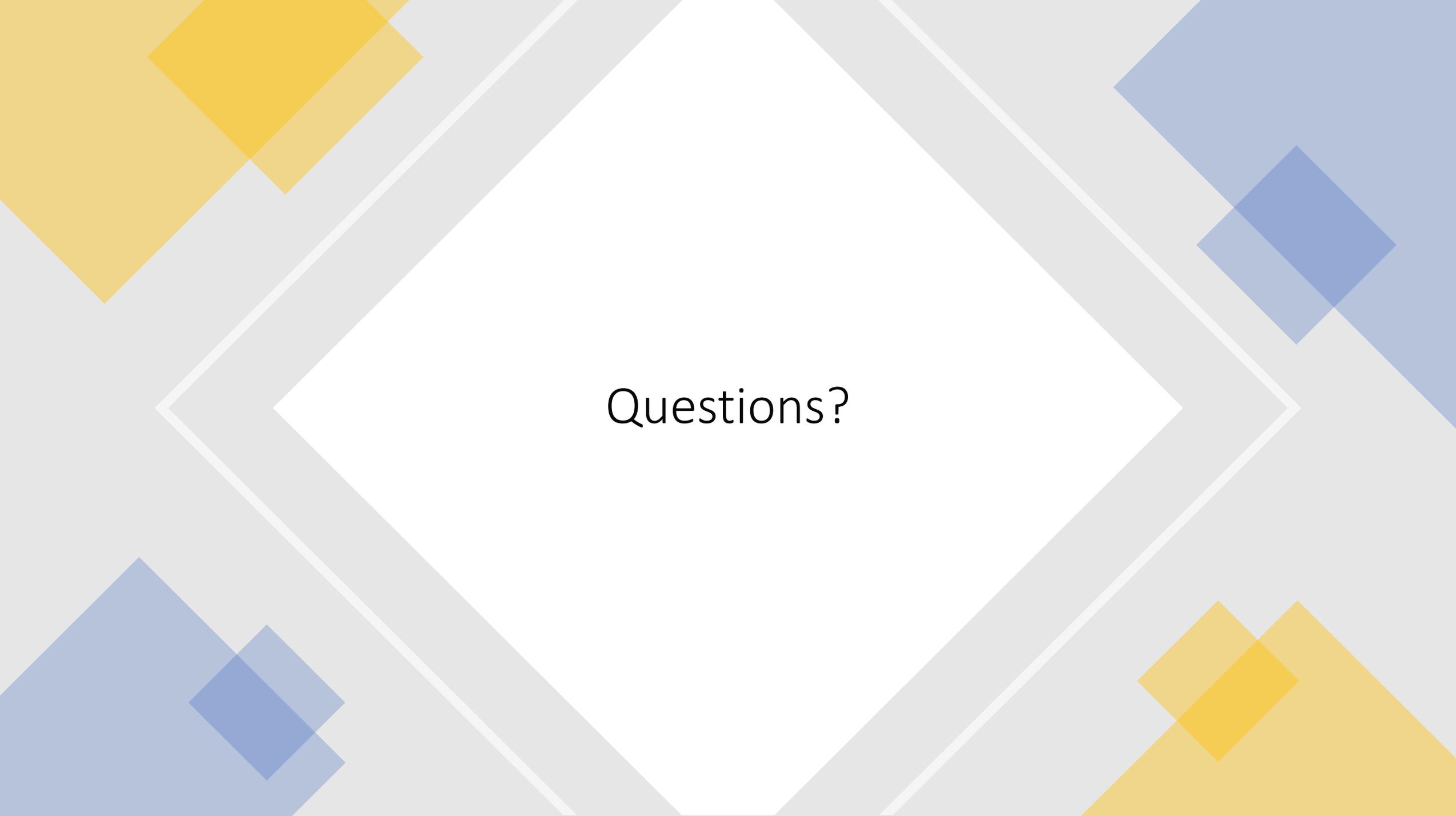
Ensure your objectives are **measurable**

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Use the additional materials to help the reviewers picture your project

4

Allocate more words to your research plan than the background



Questions?