

# **Single Point of Access to Research and Knowledge (SPARK)**



# INTRODUCTION

SPARK is a ground-breaking joint research service which brings together LHP's NHS organisations' and Universities' research support functions to facilitate and deliver world-class health research. It is a Single Point of Access for industry and researchers.

SPARK is driven by a dedicated research team that can provide support and guidance throughout a research project's lifetime, from grant applications through to study set-up.

# OUR PARTNERS



# Grant Applications

The SPARK grant applications team consists of:

**Stacey Carruthers – Research grant Co-ordinator**

**Jodie Henderson – Research grant officer**

## OUR ROLE

Our role is to facilitate the grant application and costing process on behalf of the LHP organisations.

The grant application process involves setting up an initial meeting to discuss the grant application in order to determine the level of support your application requires.

We are able to link investigators to other key stakeholders, such as the CRN, NHS trusts, HEI's, clinical trials units and research design service.



# SPARK grants – what we can facilitate

- Identify funding calls
- Coordinate grant meetings
- Facilitate grant costings
  - Research costs
  - Co-applicant costs
  - PPI costs
  - Translational costs
  - NHS costs (SoECAT)
  - NHS costs validation (CRN Accord Specialist)
  - Collaborator cost
- Application approvals and sign-off
- Sponsorship
- Contracts
- Collaborations
  - LHP Programmes
  - RDS
  - Clinical Trials Units



# SPARK grants – what we cannot facilitate

- Study design
- Statistical support
- Writing grant applications
- Protocol development
- Completion of IRAS/regulatory application
- Post award budget management

However, we can link investigators into the NWC RDS, SPARK set up team and clinical trials units where appropriate.

For more information on the grants process, including timelines, please go to <https://liverpoolhealthpartners.org.uk/spark/research-grants-and-fellowships/>

# SPARK Set Up and Governance Team

**The SPARK Team will act as the link to undertake all capacity and capability set up processes on behalf of an Investigator, in so doing:**

- Support the Grants Team in providing NHS costs for grant applications
- Provide support and guidance to investigators through the C&C approvals process
- Facilitate local authorisations for study C&C
- Provide Sponsorship support
- Provide study costings and appropriate costing templates
- Provide support in contract negotiations
- Checks to ensure all study documents and approvals required, are in place
- Facilitate governance and financial amendments
- Signpost to other services and support teams

For more information on the set up process please go to  
<https://liverpoolhealthpartners.org.uk/spark/setting-up-a-research-study/>



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