

# Our Service

The Clinical Research Network East Midlands, works in partnership with our NHS, Community, Academic, Public Health, Pharmacy and other non-NHS partners. In collaboration with our partners and stakeholders, we support researchers and the life sciences industry, to develop, set up and deliver high quality research to time and target.

We offer a range of services across the research study lifecycle, including feasibility, study & site set up and performance management advice.

Until a study is deemed ineligible for the NIHR CRN portfolio, we will provide consistent and high quality support for our researchers, regardless of the location, study type/size, methodology, research setting or therapy area.

We can support with early contact and engagement, regulatory approvals, assistance with site identification and guidance with the costings for a study. This infrastructure provides unparalleled access to, and understanding of the research environment.

Please talk to us as early as possible to get the most out of the advice and guidance we offer.



# Contact Us

The Clinical Research Network East Midlands Industry Team is your main point of contact for **commercial** studies (sponsored and funded by industry). Please forward all enquiries to:

[industry.crneastmidlands@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:industry.crneastmidlands@nihr.ac.uk)

The Study Support Service Team are evolving to accommodate local activities to support set up for **non-commercial** studies. Please forward all enquiries to:

[supportmystudyeastmidlands@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:supportmystudyeastmidlands@nihr.ac.uk)

The National Clinical Research Network Co-ordinating Centre team can support with escalation of study or national process issues. Please forward all enquiries to:

[supportmystudy@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:supportmystudy@nihr.ac.uk)

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Health Research**

# Study Support Service

Supporting researchers with  
the development, set-up  
and delivery of high quality  
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Midlands



# The Clinical Research Network Study Support Service



## The Early Contact Service



When researchers are developing research ideas and applying for funding, we recommend engaging with the Early Contact Service within the Clinical Research Network East Midlands.

The Early Contact Service work closely with our Research and Innovation partners, the Research Design Service (RDS), Clinical Trials Units, CLAHRC and our Academic Partners in order to support researchers during this early stage.

We provide advice and guidance on the research study journey, including pre-application support, attribution of costs and costing templates, study set-up, feasibility, regulatory approvals, recruitment pathways, training requirements and local intelligence.



## Early Feedback

Continuing to work closely with our partners and stakeholders, we can provide early national advice on the deliverability of multi-site studies. We look at the study complexity, patient population, timelines and recruitment strategy, offering suggestions and adjustments that improve study delivery.

## Site Identification



We support the Chief Investigator and Sponsor by offering the Site Identification Service. We will coordinate the distribution of study information to enable identification of potential sites.

Using our expertise, we will work with these potential sites to discuss resource requirements, facilities and costs involved in participating in a study. This will allow for in-depth capacity and capability discussions with the study Sponsor and result in well prepared sites to deliver your study to time and target.



## National Study Delivery Assessment

The network will review and assess studies to identify any potential challenges which may affect study delivery, and look to suggest approaches to mitigate these. This review will be shared nationally, and used by both the Chief Investigator and other local Clinical Research Networks to aid the study roll-out and monitoring.

## Effective Study Start Up Plan



Using all of the information gathered from the Early Contact Service, Early Feedback, Site Identification and National Study Delivery Assessment, we will develop a study start up plan. This will be shared with the Chief Investigator, Sponsor, Research and Innovation teams and all participating local Clinical Research Networks. This will support local processes for HRA Assess, Arrange and Confirm.



## Performance Review

A member of the local Clinical Research Network will work with the Chief Investigator and local research teams to develop a study milestone plan at site and study level. We will help you monitor study performance using well established methods to ensure your study is delivered to time and target.