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**Introducing a new system which will provide a
consistent and streamlined process for gaining
R&D permission in the NHS**

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**National Institute
for Health Research
Coordinated System for
gaining NHS Permission
(NIHR CSP)**

The **National Institute for Health Research Coordinated System for gaining NHS Permission (NIHR CSP)**

is a system for gaining permission from the NHS to undertake clinical research.

What will the new system do?

- **Reduce the duplication** in the NHS review process
- **Provide a single point** to which sponsors and investigators need to apply for NHS permission to start multi-centre studies
- **Clarify roles and responsibilities** of sponsors, investigators, Networks and Trusts

How will it work?

NIHR CSP will:

- Provide clarity regarding the roles and responsibilities of sponsors, investigators, Networks and Trusts
- Establish time targets for key stages
- Define and carry out checks that only need to be done once
- Minimise the administrative burden placed on researchers
- Build on examples of good practice already being used in the R&D management community
- Ensure study compliance with all applicable regulations
- Be accessed via the Integrated Research Application System (IRAS)

The new system will link with a number of other processes alongside NHS review and permission, including protocol development, applying for and receiving funding (in the case of non-commercial research) and gaining ethics and regulatory approvals.

What are the benefits of NIHR CSP?

NIHR CSP will bring significant benefits. These will include standardising the process that investigators have to go through; reducing the bureaucratic burden, particularly for multi centre studies; reducing the time taken for approvals and fully satisfying governance and regulatory requirements.

Key benefits will be:

- A **single point of entry** for approvals
- A **streamlined, standardised process**
- **Quicker start up time**
- Access to a **standardised, high quality process** run through Comprehensive Local Research Networks

How is this system being developed?

The UK Clinical Research Network Coordinating Centre is leading on the development of NIHR CSP on behalf of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and in collaboration with key partners such as the UK Clinical Research Collaboration, the NHS R&D Forum, industry and researchers. A pilot process has supported this development with input from NHS Trusts and other key stakeholders.

The new system will be rolled out during 2008 and will be compatible with related systems being developed across the UK.



How can I find out more?

Further information is available on the UKCRN website at <http://csp.ukcrn.org.uk>

or by emailing csp@ukcrn.org.uk

For more information about related developments, such as the Integrated Research Application System (IRAS), visit the UKCRC website at www.ukcrc.org

or the NIHR website at www.nihr.ac.uk

