

HRA Latest

This issue of HRA Latest will focus on our projects to [streamline the health research process to make it easier to do health research in the UK](#).

We announce the outcome of the feasibility testing of our [HRA assessment](#) project, together with the next steps, the results of Ipsos MORI evaluation of [patient and public views on research funded by Sciencewise](#), and recognition by [the Health Service Journal of Janet Wisely's leadership](#).

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The next issue will be released in mid-September, and the deadline for submission of articles by partners is 2 September.

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Streamlining health research

Our lead article this month focusses on a number of projects we are working on in collaboration with partners to streamline and improve the research process. ([More...](#))

HRA assessment

The feasibility study for the HRA assessment has now been completed successfully. The results demonstrate that both study-wide and local R&D assessments can be integrated into an HRA assessment ([More...](#))

HRA facilitates solutions and supports a proportionate approach to approval

The HRA Assessment feasibility study has identified that there are three distinct areas that we need to tackle in order to eliminate duplication and inefficiency in approvals ([More...](#))

Transparency in research – our plans are now being implemented

Our plans to promote transparency in research, set out in a discussion paper in May 2013 ([More...](#))

Market research – does it require REC approval?

We clarify our position on the requirement of ethical review for market research studies ([More...](#))

Most people don't understand health research

We have recently completed a series of patient and public dialogue workshops ([More...](#))

Phase 1 Healthy volunteer applications to RECs

The former Welwyn Independent REC has merged with the NRES Hertfordshire REC and is now known as the Hatfield REC. ([More...](#))

How to book a REC for a phase 1 study

The recent Phase 1 Advisory Group meeting was advised that researchers were sometimes unaware that for Phase 1 studies that they may book directly with a REC ([More...](#))

Inspirational Janet Wisely

Janet Wisely, the HRA Chief Executive, has been included in the Health Service Journal's ([More...](#))

HRA response to the McCracken Review

The HRA has responded to the review into the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) and Human Tissue Authority (HTA) ([More...](#))

New website

Our new website is nearing completion, and will focus around the needs of three key audiences. ([More...](#))

NIHR Clinical Research Network: organisational restructure

During the 2013/14 financial year, the National Institute for Health Research Clinical Research Network is planning some changes to its organisational structure. ([More...](#))