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Features

Our main feature this month is a [brief update on progress](#) of a number of objectives and improvements and our operational performance in the first six months of this financial year.

We are also seeking views on the [strategy to guide patient and public involvement](#) in our work.

We have delayed this newsletter to allow us to [launch our new website](#). When you have had a chance to look through it, please complete this survey – which should take you less than five minutes – to let us know what you think.

Please circulate this to your colleagues; if you wish to either subscribe or unsubscribe to HRA communications, please email hra.comms@nhs.net.

Other stories

- HRA Ethics Officer evaluation update, which explains the difference an Ethics Officer makes to the approvals process. ([More...](#))
- HRA decision tools, which are now embedded in our processes. From the feedback we are receiving, they are helping people to quickly understand whether their project will be classified as research and whether it will require NHS Research Ethics Committee (REC) approval. ([More...](#))
- From 30 September, all trials are to be entered on a publicly accessible clinical trials register as a condition of favourable approval from NHS Research Ethics Committees. Guidance on this has now been added to our website which answers a number of the questions which have emerged ([More...](#))
- New guidance on managing non-response to requests to share confidential patient data which clarifies how to approach this potential barrier. ([More...](#))
- Updated information on Phase I clinical trials covering insurance, over-volunteering, the remit of the Phase I sub-committee looking at advert incentives and the minutes from the latest Phase I Advisory Group meeting. ([More...](#))
- From 1 November 2013, all Site Specific Assessments for non-NHS sites will be undertaken by the REC. (Further information regarding this will be made available on the HRA website shortly.)
- Care Bill update – amendments to the HRA clauses in the [Care Bill](#) have been tabled and will be debated in Parliament on 21 October.



