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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE RESEARCH (NIHR)			
GENERAL NIHR RESOURCES	Funding opportunities	Info on NIHR funding calls	https://www.nihr.ac.uk/researchers/funding-opportunities/
	I need help funding my research	Includes links to NIHR info on programmes, eligibility criteria, and tips for making applications	https://www.nihr.ac.uk/researchers/i-need-help-funding-my-research/
	I need help costing my research	Useful info on how to cost a project, and what to consider	https://www.nihr.ac.uk/researchers/i-need-help-costing-my-research/
	I need help designing my research	Useful info on how to design a project, including required regulatory approvals and guidance, research contracts, attributing costs, and a Clinical Trials Toolkit	https://www.nihr.ac.uk/researchers/i-need-help-designing-my-research/
	I need help to deliver my research	Info on NIHR approved services to help deliver research, and outputs, impact, and dissemination etc.	https://www.nihr.ac.uk/researchers/i-need-help-to-deliver-my-research/
	Safeguarding	Information and guidance about safeguarding in clinical trials, including the specifics for NIHR funded studies; Also includes links to useful trainings and resources	https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/nihr-safeguarding-guidance/25744
	Central Portfolio Management System (CPMS)	Info on the CPMS system for NIHR (and non-NIHR) studies	https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/getting-started-and-logging-in-to-cpms/11462
	Engage with research	Includes important details such as how to involve patients in research (PPI?), and work on embedding a research culture	https://www.nihr.ac.uk/health-and-care-professionals/engagement-and-participation-in-research/

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	NIHR: PLANNING AN RCT	A paper summarising some of the trial activities that would need to be considered.	https://www.ct-toolkit.ac.uk/documents/planning-a-randomised-controlled-trial-rtc-points-to-consider/27168
	NIHR CLINICAL TRIALS GUIDE	Designed to support NIHR trainees interested in getting involved in clinical trials.	https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/clinical-trials-guide/20595
	NIHR CENTRE FOR ENGAGEMENT & DISSEMINATION	Leads NIHR's work to make health and care research representative, relevant and ready for use. The centre brings together its activities in patient and public involvement (PPI), engagement and participation with its strengths in research dissemination.	https://www.sscr.nihr.ac.uk/nihrs-new-centre-for-engagement-and-dissemination/
	NIHR: BE PART OF RESEARCH	A database that allows people to find studies to participate in, that also has support for helping researchers find participants for their projects. Excellent tool for participant recruitment.	https://bepartofresearch.nihr.ac.uk/researchers-and-health-and-care-professionals/information-for-researchers/
UK RESEARCH & INNOVATION (UKRI)			
	APPLY FOR FUNDING	Includes a link to the UKRI's funding finder search, and covers other topics such as domestic and international funding, and fellowships	https://www.ukri.org/apply-for-funding/

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	THE ENGINEERING & PHYSICAL SCIENCES COUNCIL (EPSRC)	All about the EPSRC, including funding and training opportunities, and how to create a successful application	https://www.ukri.org/what-we-do/developing-people-and-skills/epsrc/
	THE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGIES FACILITIES COUNCIL (STFC)	All about the STFC, including funding and training opportunities, and how to create a successful application	https://www.ukri.org/what-we-do/developing-people-and-skills/stfc/
	BIOTECHNOLOGY & BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL (BBSRC)	All about the BBSRC, including funding and training opportunities, and how to create a successful application	https://www.ukri.org/councils/bbsrc
	THE MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (MRC)	All about the MRC, including funding and training opportunities, and how to create a successful application	https://www.ukri.org/what-we-do/developing-people-and-skills/mrc/
THE HEALTH RESEARCH AUTHORITY (HRA)			
	RESEARCH ETHICS SERVICE & RECS	Overview of the functions of the HRA and Devolved Administrations, and an overview of the RECs	https://www.hra.nhs.uk/about-us/committees-and-services/res-and-recs/

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	NHS REC DECISION TOOL	A useful tool that will inform users of if their proposed study requires the approval of an NHS REC	https://www.hra-decisiontools.org.uk/ethics/
	INFORMING PARTICIPANTS & RECEIVING CONSENT	HRA info on provision of participant information and seeking informed consent, includes links to templates for forms	https://www.hra.nhs.uk/planning-and-improving-research/best-practice/informing-participants-and-seeking-consent/
	NON-NHS RECS	Info on non-NHS RECs, specifically the MoD REC and Higher Education RECs	https://www.hra.nhs.uk/about-us/committees-and-services/res-and-recs/non-nhs-research-ethics-committees/
	CLINICAL TRIALS OF INVESTIGATIONAL MEDICINAL PRODUCTS (CTIMPS)	Info and legislation around CTIMPs	https://www.hra.nhs.uk/planning-and-improving-research/policies-standards-legislation/clinical-trials-investigational-medicinal-products-ctimps/
	COVID-19	Specific info for research into COVID-19, including eligibility for fast-tracking	https://www.hra.nhs.uk/covid-19-research/
	APPROVALS & AMENDMENTS	Info on REC approvals, and what to do if an amendment is needed, includes info on what REC approvals are required, includes useful definitions about what constitutes research	https://www.hra.nhs.uk/approvals-amendments/
	AMENDMENTS & STUDY TERMINATIONS	Important information about when a study may need to be amended or closed entirely	https://www.hra.nhs.uk/approvals-amendments/arrangements-handling-changes-amendments-or-closure-studies-result-dhsc-initiative-revitalise-nhs-research-portfolio/

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	THE HRA POLICY FRAMEWORK	The HRA Framework for research provides the basis of legislative regulation for research in the UK.	https://www.hra.nhs.uk/planning-and-improving-research/policies-standards-legislation/uk-policy-framework-health-social-care-research/uk-policy-framework-health-and-social-care-research/
THE HUMAN TISSUE AUTHORITY & HUMAN TISSUE ACT (HTA)			
	HOMEPAGE	Homepage for the HTA	https://www.hta.gov.uk/
	CODES OF PRACTICE, STANDARDS & LEGISLATION	Links to the various codes of practice and legislations, includes links to pages on important definitions, such as the definition of "relevant material" under the HTA	https://www.hta.gov.uk/guidance-professionals/codes-practice-standards-and-legislation
	CODE OF PRACTICE E: RESEARCH	The specific code of practice relating to research	https://content.hta.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-06/Code%20E%20-%20Research.pdf
	CODE OF PRACTICE A: CONSENT	The specific code of practice relating to consent	https://content.hta.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-06/Code%20A%20-%20Guiding%20principles%20and%20the%20fundamental%20principle%20of%20consent.pdf
	CODE OF PRACTICE B: POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION	The specific code of practice relating to post-mortem examinations. Also includes details about the disposal of remains that may be useful for some studies. Primarily, however, studies should refer to the Research Code of Practice	https://content.hta.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-06/Code%20B%20-%20Post-mortem%20examination.pdf

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THE HUMAN TISSUE AUTHORITY & HUMAN TISSUE ACT (HTA)			
	LICENSES, FEES & INSPECTIONS	Useful info about licenses in particular, including when licenses are required	https://www.hta.gov.uk/guidance-professionals/licences-inspections-and-fees
	HUMAN TISSUE ACT 2004	The full legislation on the Human Tissue Act	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/30/contents
THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (NHS)			
	CLINICAL TRIALS	General info from the NHS regarding Clinical Trials, mainly from a patient/participant perspective, includes useful definitions of Phase X trials	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/clinical-trials/#:~:text=All%20clinical%20trials%20of%20new,standard%20treatment%20already%20in%20use.
	NHS R&D FORUM	The NHS R&D Forum is a network for those involved in managing and supporting R&D in health and social care. Information on key activities and developments is regularly updated.	https://rdforum.nhs.uk/
MEDICINES & HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS REGULATION AGENCY (MHRA)			
	HOMEPAGE	https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/medicines-and-healthcare-products-regulatory-agency	

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	MEDICAL DEVICES: REGULATIONS	Important info about the legislation and regulation of medical devices	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/report-a-non-compliant-medical-device-enforcement-process
	MEDICAL DEVICES: REGULATION & SAFETY	Additional info about the regulation of medical devices	https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/services-and-information#medical-devices-regulation-and-safety
	CLINICAL TRIALS & INVESTIGATIONS	Important info for clinical trials, including how to apply for MHRA authorisation, and how/when to notify the MHRA about a clinical investigation for a medical device	https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/services-and-information#clinical-trials-and-investigations
	GOOD CLINICAL PRACTICE (GCP)	Guidance on good clinical practice for clinical trials, including info on inspections and reporting breaches	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/good-clinical-practice-for-clinical-trials
	ALERTS, RECALLS & SAFETY INFORMATION	General information about the recall of specific medicines	https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/services-and-information#vigilance,-safety-alerts-and-guidance

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IRAS		Homepage	https://www.myresearchproject.org.uk/
	E-Learning	Includes learning and online guidance for IRAS, how to use etc	https://www.myresearchproject.org.uk/ELearning/index.html
THE CONFIDENTIALITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG)		An independent body that provides guidance and expertise around the use of patient data	https://www.hra.nhs.uk/about-us/committees-and-services/confidentiality-advisory-group/
	Guidance for CAG applicants	Info for when studies need to apply to CAG and guidance for applications, includes links to the various application platforms e.g. IRAS, and a link to a useful pre-application checklist	https://www.hra.nhs.uk/about-us/committees-and-services/confidentiality-advisory-group/guidance-cag-applicants/
INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS OFFICE (ICO)	UK GDPR	Overview of the UK GDPR and who it applies to	https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-and-the-eu/data-protection-and-the-eu-in-detail/the-uk-gdpr/
	UK GDPR and who it applies to	Links to detailed explanations of various terms around the UK GDPR	https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/uk-gdpr-guidance-and-resources/
	ICO: For organisations	Links to various pages about Data Protection, including UK GDPR, Freedom of Information, and marketing communications	https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/

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THE DISCLOSURE & BARRING SERVICE		Overview of the guidance available on DBS, and links to the applications	https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service
	DBS Checks: Detailed Guidance	Detailed guides for all aspects of DBS, including definitions of the different kinds of checks	https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dbs-checking-service-guidance--2
	DBS: Eligibility Guidance	Info on how to check if a role is eligible for, or requires, a DBS check	https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dbs-eligibility-guidance
NIHR: GOOD CLINICAL PRACTICE		Information about GCP, who needs to complete it, how often it needs to be renewed etc.	https://www.nihr.ac.uk/health-and-care-professionals/training/good-clinical-practice.htm
THE CONCORDAT TO SUPPORT GOOD RESEARCH INTEGRITY		Important information about, and links to, the Concordat. Imperial is a signatory on the Concordat, so all research conducted at Imperial should adhere to its standards.	https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/topics/research-and-innovation/concordat-support-research-integrity
COMMITEE ON PUBLICATION ETHICS (COPE)		Various guidance documents and decision trees / flowcharts relating to publication ethics	https://publicationethics.org/
CLINICALTRIALS.GOV		Site for the registration and recording of clinical trials. Mandatory for all clinical trials.	https://clinicaltrials.gov/

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	THE UK ANIMAL WELFARE AND ETHICS REVIEW BOARD (AWERB)	Includes vital info for studies and research using animals	https://science.rspca.org.uk/sciencegroup/researchanimals/ethicalreview/uk
	DIRUM	An open-access Database of Instruments for Resource Use Measurement.	https://www.dirum.org/
	MULTI-ARM MULTI-STAGE TRIALS	Some recommendations on the design of MaMs	https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0962280212465498
	INFORMING RCTs	Outlines the key issues to consider in the optimal development and review of operational progression criteria for RCTs with an internal pilot phase.	https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/bmjopen/7/2/e013537.full.pdf
	PILOT STUDIES	Tips for developing and using progression criteria for internal pilot studies.	https://www.methodologyhubs.mrc.ac.uk/files/1114/8768/7541/Infographic_pilot_studies.pdf
	STATISTICAL ANALYSIS PLANS	Recommendations for a minimum set of items that should be addressed and included in Statistical Analysis Plans for clinical trials.	https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2666509

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AVOIDABLE WASTE IN RESEARCH		Recommendations and guidelines.	https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736%2809%2960329-9/fulltext
			https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/24411645/
PATIENT & PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT (PPI)		Resources relating to Patient & Public Involvement	https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/ppi-patient-and-public-involvement-resources-for-applicants-to-nihr-research-programmes/23437
			https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25475243/
			https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4459695/
		Information on how to find PPI volunteers.	https://www.peopleinresearch.org/
		Showcases a range of different experiences in healthcare including participation and involvement in health research.	https://healthtalk.org/