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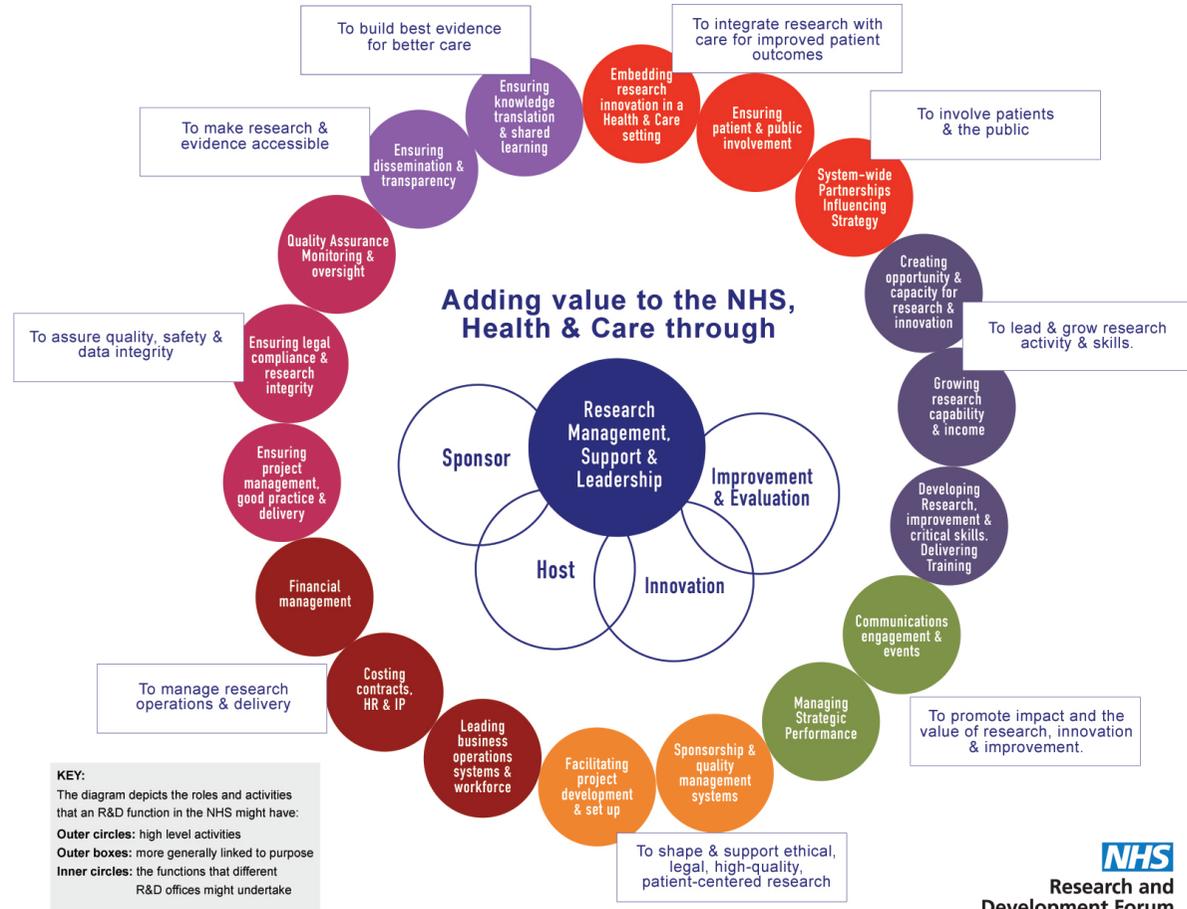
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# Don't forget REX

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Chair Sally Humphreys

## HRA Noncom Sponsors Reference Group

Chair Angela Williams

## Forum newsletter

News, policy, calls, jobs, resources, events, training

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# Thank you

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- Gemma Jones
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- Angela Williams
- Jen Harrison
- Kate Greenwood

# The Diary of a EudraCT Results User!

Jackie Pullen

Director KHP-CTO

# What we shall cover.....

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- ❑ EudraCT & FDA Reporting Timeframes
- ❑ Challenges with EudraCT post 2014 trial results using academic publications.
- ❑ Tips and “Work arounds” to enable posting of these results.
- ❑ Trials that have Clinical Trial Authorisation but were abandoned prior to recruitment.

# Requirements regarding trial results.....

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**FDAAA 801 and the Final Rule (42 CFR Part 11).**

**Came into force in January 2017**

- Responsible Party (sponsor) must register all trials within scope on [clinicaltrials.gov](http://clinicaltrials.gov)**
- Trial Results must be posted no later than 1 year after the Primary Completion Date.**
- Primary completion date defined as date final patient examined or received intervention.**

# Requirements regarding trial results.....

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## EudraCT

- ❑ **Non-paediatric trials results must be published  $\leq$  12 months after the end of the trial.**
- ❑ **Paediatric trials results must be published  $\leq$  6 months after the end of the trial, (*exceptionally  $\leq$  12 months after the end of the trial if justified and if trial not sponsored by marketing authorisation holder for involved product(s)*)**

# EudraCT Requirements for Pre & Post 2014

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- ❑ **Acceptable to upload end date & academic publication for trials completing before and during 2013.**
- ❑ **Since 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014 mandated that the FULL trial DATA SET is uploaded into EudraCT results system.**
- ❑ **A Summary attachment or publication may also be posted – this is optional.**
- ❑ **Additional results tables/documents can be uploaded within the “End points” section.**

# Post 2014 key information & challenges!

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- ❑ Results User must set up an account within the EudraCT system.
- ❑ Assignment of Trials to Results User, either by:-  
protocol information or letter
- ❑ It is not possible to progress through the system if :-
  - ❑ Any fields are left blank
  - ❑ Participant recruitment is entered as 0

**NB EudraCT take 14 days to publish trial results once posted.**

# Challenges Posting results for post 2014 Trials

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## Scenario

Trial has completed and academic publication written and accepted for publication to International Journal.

However, published data is not in the format required in order to complete results data fields within EudraCT database.

## Challenge

***Academic has no resource or desire to re-visit raw dataset and provide sponsor with data in EudraCT friendly form.....***

## Tips - Uploading Results

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### Trial Information

Complete all fields, remember those marked with a \* are mandatory, add in other registry numbers where applicable plus number and ages of trial participants.



*Tip – Don't be too concerned if the age ranges listed do not match your trial exactly, you can amend the age ranges further on in the process.*

## Tips – End Points

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### End Points

Add as many end points as you require and indicate whether primary or secondary.

If you are able to complete the statistical analysis within this section - do so. **However if you are taking data from an academic publication it may not be possible to upload in the required format.**

## Tips! The Save Button

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***Tip – Don't forget to keep hitting the save button at the top of the screen as you move through the fields and pages!***

## Tips – End Points & Statistical Analysis

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### End Points

Select the arms that the endpoints apply to and select “**ready for collecting values**”

Click “**Done – start collecting values**”



***Tip - in the “Charts” section upload the statistical data section from your publication! Leave the “subject analysis set” and “statistical analyses” sections blank.***

## Tips – Adverse Events

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### Adverse Events

Perfect way to complete this section is to upload data via .xml file.

Not possible when working from a publication, so must be entered individually by event and system organ class!



***Tip – The SAVE button does NOT WORK within the individual SAE event page. Save when on the Adverse Event main page only!!***

# Biggest Tip! – Adverse Events

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## Adverse Events



***If you have a list of 1000's of AE's upload this list with the Charts on the previous "End Point" section and leave the AE entries blank.***

# Biggest Tip! – Adverse Events

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## Serious Adverse Events



***SAE's must be entered by system organ class, per event and by treatment.***

# Uploading Results – Validate Full Data Set

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## Validate Full Data Set

Use this tool to check data completion – posting is not permitted with data validation errors.



***Tip – Don't forget to hit save after changes and before re-checking validation***

## Tips – Validate Full Data Set

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### Validate Full Data Set

Warning message will appear under End Points stating  
***No statistical analyses have been specified.....***



***Tip - Click “justification” next to warning message and enter “see attached chart/documents for results”***

# Uploading Results – Validate Full Data Set

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## Validate Full Data Set

Warning message will appear under Adverse Events stating

***No non-serious adverse events recorded.....***



***Tip - Click “justification” next to warning message and enter “see attached chart/documents for results”***

# Posting Results

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**Results will not be publicly accessible until they are marked published.**

**Phase I trials will not be available on the public facing system.**

# Trials with Zero Recruitment

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## Index

Upload a statement detailing that the trial was abandoned/closed prior to any participant recruitment activity taking place.



***Tip – call this document “Cancelled Before Active Statement”. This will then be seen immediately by any results viewers.***

# Trials with Zero Recruitment

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## Subject Disposition

In “recruitment” field enter :-

**99999 is "Not applicable" value or 0 participants, this trial was discontinued with no participants enrolled in the trial**

## **Trials with Zero Recruitment**

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**Enter 99999 in the participants recruited section of Trial Information**

**Enter 99999 in the Number Analysed section of End Point values**

**Enter 99999 in the Subjects Exposed of Adverse Event Section and any other section where number of subjects MUST be entered**

# Trials with Zero Recruitment

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## End Points

In “end point description” field enter :-

**99999 is "Not applicable" value or 0 participants, this trial was discontinued with no participants enrolled in the trial**

# **Trials with Zero Recruitment**

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## **Validate Full Data Set**

**In the warning fields Justification for End Point enter:**

**99999 is "Not applicable" value or 0 participants, this trial was discontinued with no participants. No statistical analyses for this end point**

## **Trials with Zero Recruitment**

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### **Validate Full Data Set**

**In the warning fields Justification for Adverse Events enter:**

**No subjects were enrolled in the trial hence results are not available**

**POST RESULTS!!**

# EudraCT Documentation Webpage

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<https://eudract.ema.europa.eu/result.html>

I think that the **Most Useful** documents are:-

- Details and template letter for Results User assignment
- PDF document with details of validation rules for each data point within the system. (45 pages).

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# Introduction to Sponsorship



**Dr Janet Messer**  
**Director of Approvals**  
**Service, HRA**

10 November 2010

# What is a sponsor?

An individual, company, institution, organisation or group of organisations that takes on responsibility for initiation, management and financing (or arranging the financing) of the research.



UK policy framework for  
health and social care  
research

# What is a sponsor's role?

- Organisational role
- Ongoing responsibility
- Not just a signature on the IRAS submission.



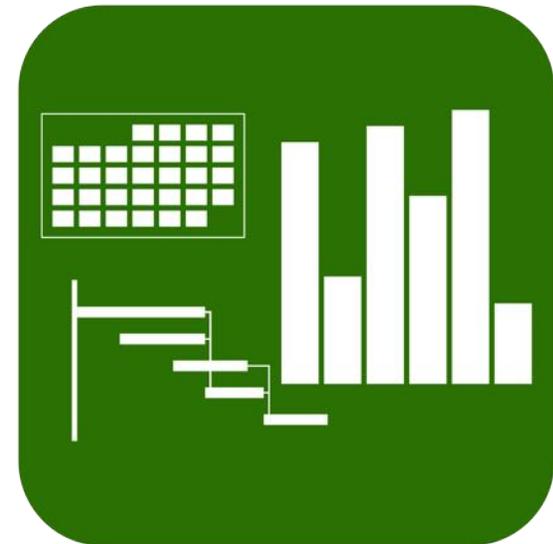
# Sponsor's role

- Research quality
- Suitable sites and research teams
- Clear responsibilities and delegation
- Adequate insurance and indemnity



# Sponsor's role

- Manage money and risk
- Agree start
- Oversee progress and reporting
- Monitor delivery



# What makes a good sponsor?

Be visible

Be proportionate

Be helpful



# What makes a good sponsor?

Confidence to say no to researchers or amend research if the study is poorly designed or poor quality or is overambitious

# Sponsoring Student Research

- Sponsor = university unless NHS **wants** to
- Ensure supervisors can and do fulfil their roles
- Students should not normally be Chief Investigator

# Frequent feedback

Lack of understanding of time takes to set up

Not appropriately supported

Over ambitious

Poor quality applications

Comes too late in the day (site)

Magic fairies make it happen



# Sponsoring student research

- Train supervisors
- Understand educational objectives
- Ensure projects are achievable
- Be creative!



# Top three reasons for delay in HRA & HCRW Approval

1. Missing Organisation Information Document/  
Costing Template or Contract
2. No response to favourable opinion with conditions
3. Lack of clarity about site activity/ site types





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# Thank you for listening

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# How We Make the Decision to Sponsor

**Dr Mikayala King**  
**R&D QA Manager**

# So you want to sponsor?

## Why?

- Feel you should
- Support local investigators
- Increase research activity
- Improve research reputation
- Increase revenue
- Other reasons?



# Responsibility of Sponsoring

The sponsor is the individual, organisation or partnership that takes on overall responsibility for proportionate, effective arrangements being in place to set up, run and report a research project.

An individual, company, institution, organisation or group of organisations that takes on responsibility for initiation, management and financing (or arranging the financing) of the research.



UK policy framework for health and social care research



**NHS**  
University Hospital Southampton  
NHS Foundation Trust

# Things to Consider

- Grant Applications
- Template Protocols
- Investigator suitability
- Training courses
- Multi-site studies
- Contracting
- Insurance
- Governance
- Finance
- Monitoring
- Reporting
- Study Types



# Set your Rules

## What you can do

- CI experienced
- CI employed by Organisation
- Fully Funded
- Insurance
- Trial Management
- Organisation Type

## What you can't do

- Multicentre
- ATIMP
- International
- Under/Non Funded
- Unusual Study Design



# Assess the Study

- Do you understand what the study is about?
- Does it meet your rules?
- Formal Risk assessment
- Data Protection
- Tissue
- Reporting
- Inspection
- Monitoring
- Data Management
- Archiving



# Make your Decision



# The End of the Story?



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# The Christie



Benita Hallewell-Goodwin  
R&D Sponsor Coordinator

*Risky Business*



# Defining risk

• **Risk (/rɪsk/)**

• *verb*

• ‘To expose to a  
• hazard or danger’  
•

# Sponsor Risk Assessment

Vital ✓

Proportionate ✓

Dynamic ✓

# Risk and Research



Participants



Researchers



The integrity of the study



The organisation

# Sponsor Risk Assessment



Risk Areas



Assigning Risk



Risk management



Risk assessment tool

# Risk Areas



Study management



Research team



Vendors



Study design



Data



IMP  
management

Publication &  
dissemination



Finances & Contracts



# Assigning Risk

Impact



Likelihood

Detectability



# Risk Management



Proportionate



Achievable



Measurable



Oversight



Accountability



Living Document

# Case Study



An investigator for a study spanning multiple tumour types has proposed survival follow-up every month until patient death.

For two of the disease areas involved (Glioblastoma and colorectal cancer) median survival is a few months. For the other disease area (pancreatic neuroendocrine tumours) the median survival is around 2 years.

The primary end point relates to median survival.

# Case Study

**Impact:** Patients will find the follow-up period too burdensome, leading to patients leaving the study. Patients may also be unwilling to enter the study



Medium

**Likelihood:** We can reasonably expect some patients to leave the study and/or for the study to experience recruitment difficulties due to this frequency of follow-up



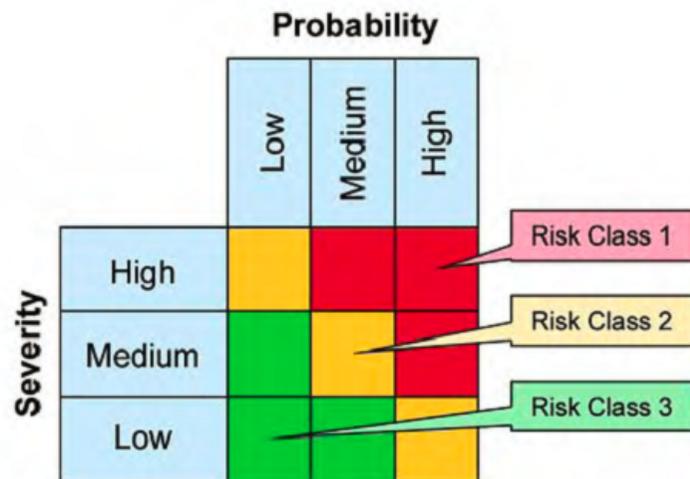
High

**Detectability:** It will be clear if a patient leaves the study or if recruitment is difficult, but patients are under no obligation to tell us why they refused the study or why they left it



Medium

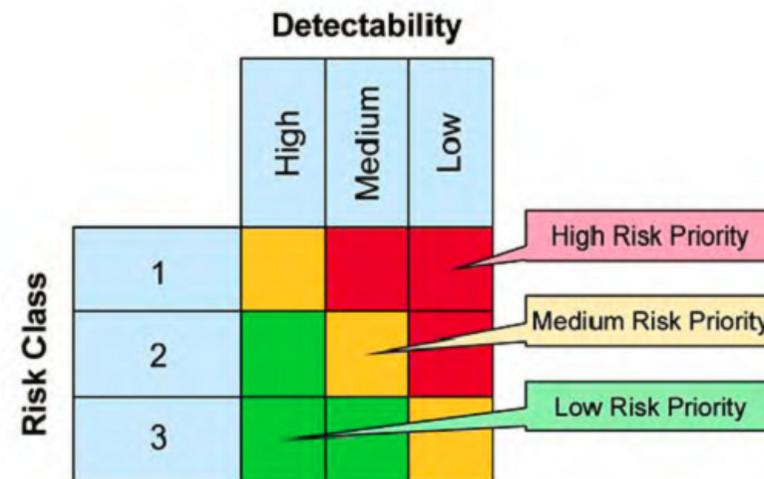
# Case Study



**Severity** = Impact on patient safety, product quality and data integrity (or other harm)

**Probability** = Likelihood of the fault occurring

**Risk Class** = Severity x Probability



**Detectability** = Likelihood that the fault will be noted before harm occurs

**Risk Priority** = Risk Class x Detectability

# Case Study



High Risk Priority

# Management plan: The Chief Investigator will consider changing the frequency of follow up prior to submission to regulatory bodies



## Proportionate ✓

Action is required in order to mitigate the risk to study integrity, recruitment and the comfort of the patient



## Achievable ✓

Survival should be able to be assessed with less frequent follow-ups and the CI has the requisite knowledge to make this decision



## Measureable ✓

We know what the action is and can measure it against a target timeframe



## Accountability ✓

CI is name as the responsible person and they have agreed to do this prior to a specific time-point



## Oversight ✓

Sponsor authorisation for submission will only be given once the issue has been addressed – this will be monitored through the risk assessment and the sponsor's pre-submission checks

# Your Risk Assessment Tool

Risk statements



Information gathering



Usability



Functionality



# What we wish we'd known

“How important it is to revisit and update the risk assessment”

*Deanna, R&D Sponsor Coordinator*

“That, if well designed and well completed, they confer the power to predict the future!”

*Clare, Research Integrity & Governance Manager*

“How broad the scope of the risk assessment is and the amount of detailed information required”

*Steven, R&D Sponsor Coordinator*

“How much trouble and time you can save later on by being really, really thorough at the start”

*Holly, R&D Sponsor Coordinator*

# What we wish we'd known



Be prepared



Constant vigilance



Save time

# Get in touch

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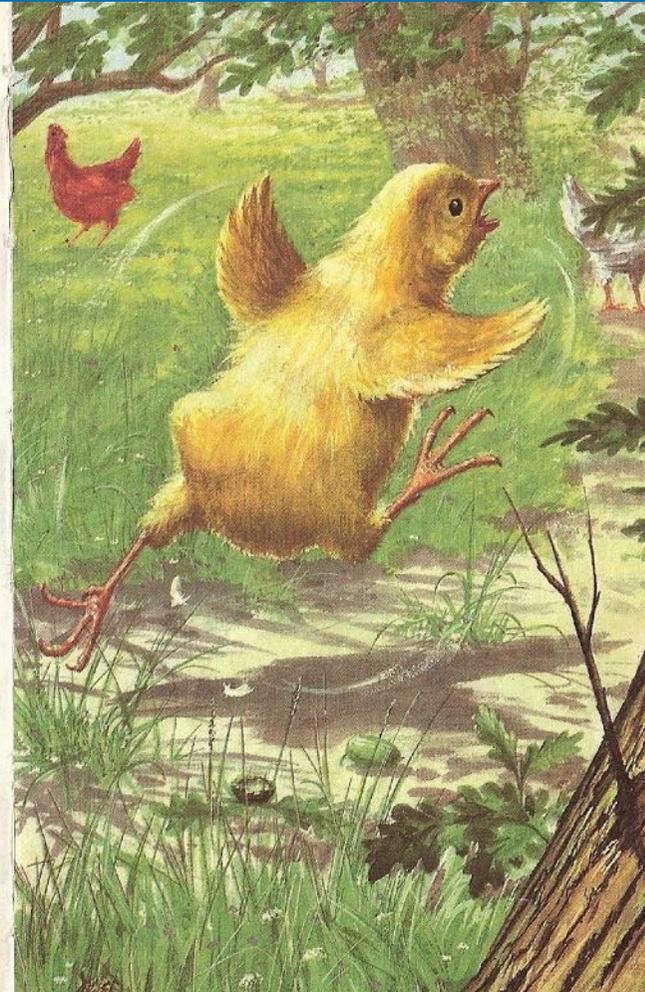


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NHS Foundation Trust

# Keep calm and carry on : dealing with the unexpected

Lara Lavelle-Langham – University of Liverpool  
Heather Rogers – Liverpool University Hospitals NHS  
Foundation Trust

Chicken Licken thought that  
the sky was falling down. So he  
ran off to tell the King.



# Pre-emptive : Gap analysis

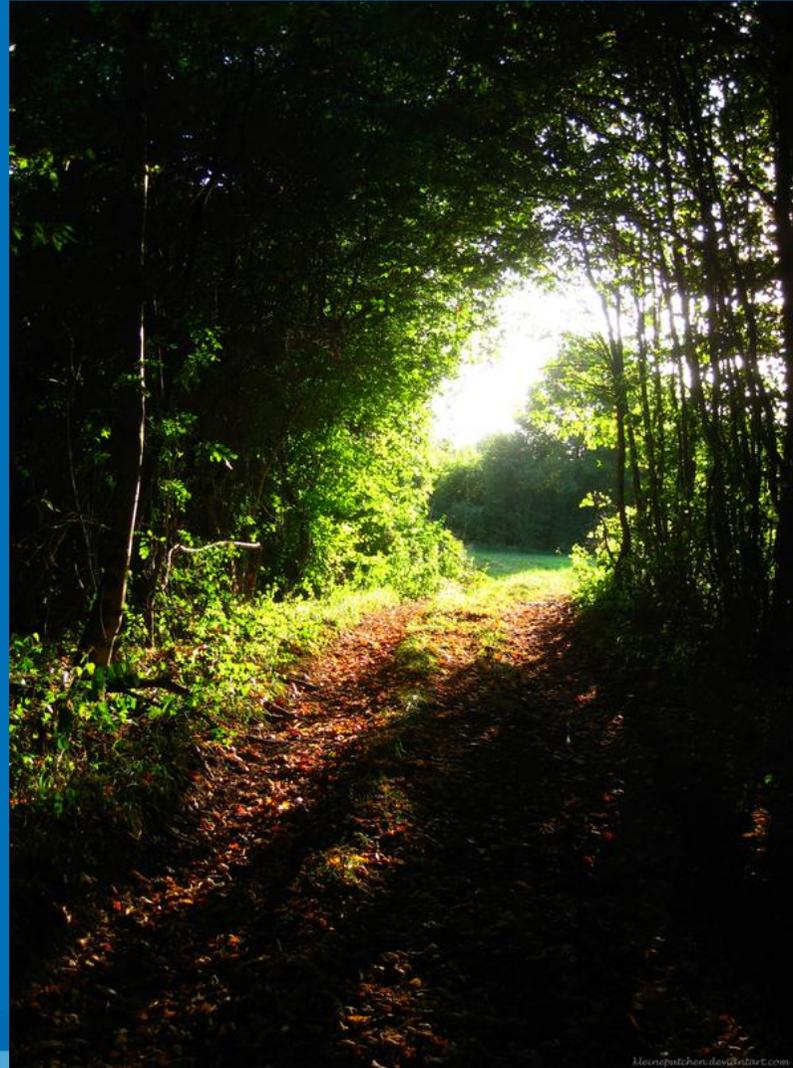
- What are your limits?
- Have you got an SOP for it?
- Training v. competency



# Knowing your unknowns

- Transparency with an open and honest learning culture
- Near miss reporting
- Trending





# Fact finding

- Has a patient been injured?
- Has tissue integrity been lost
- Has there been a data protection breach?
- Will it impact on scientific integrity?
- Is it a near miss



# Containment

Don't forget Containment



- Safety first
- Have a plan
- Communication and Escalation

# Root Cause Analysis

There are countless tools available...

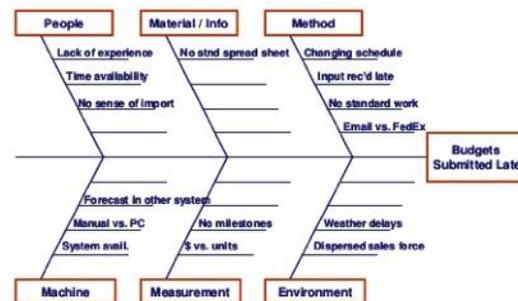
## 5 Why's

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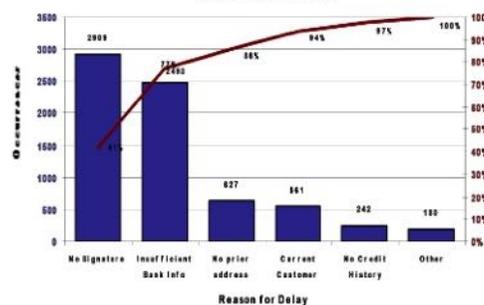
Check Sheets Quantify Occurrences

Reason	Tally				
Material shortage					
Quality issue requiring rework					
Staffing/absenteeism					
Order entry error					
Changing customer requirements w/ no adjustment to expected delivery					
Equipment failure					

## Cause-and-Effect Diagram



Pareto Chart  
Credit Application Delays

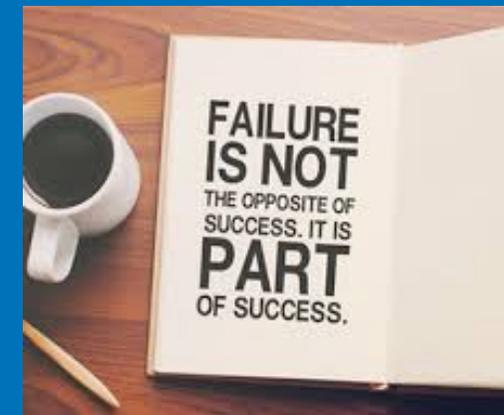
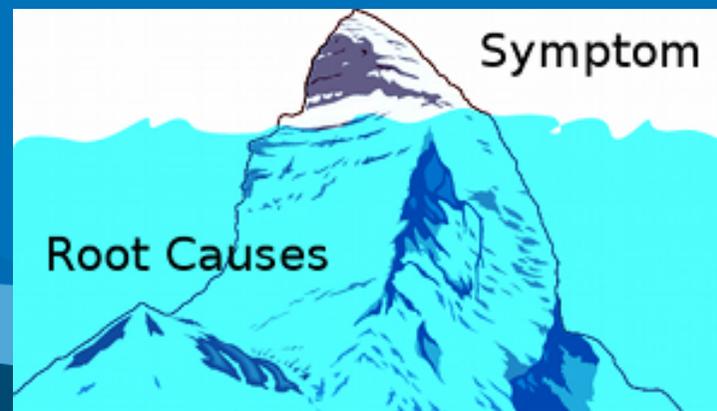


## The 8D Methodology



# Root Cause Analysis

- Have the right investigation team – cross-functional and multidiscipline
- Correctly Define the issue(s)
- Identify the causes – be open and reflect honestly
- Understand that there can be contributory factors



# CAPA

There are important differences in types of CAPA

Corrective action – correct or address the nonconformity that has occurred

Preventative action – Prevent the nonconformity from occurring again

Make them achievable, agree them, plan their implementation and successfully deploy them.

Above all, they must address the root cause!





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# Thank you.

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# Welcome





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# Research Data Sharing

Rachel Knowles & Sarah Dickson

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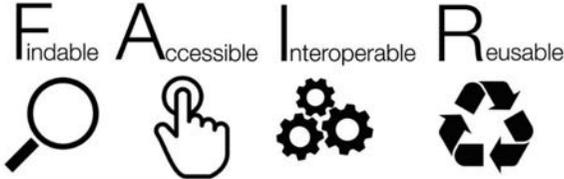


# Current landscape in clinical trials transparency

Increased pressure for transparency in clinical trial results and data sharing



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# Benefits of sharing data

## Key benefits identified

- Increases the impact and value from public funding
- Potential to synthesise data across trials to generate new insights
- Avoids duplication of research effort
- Supports transparency – open and accessible research
- Permits assessment of reproducibility



# Challenges of sharing data

## Key concerns identified

- Patient privacy and preventing re-identification of participants
- Concerns about misuse of data by other researchers
- Restrictions on disclosure in consent, e.g. to industry sponsors
- Resources required to prepare data and manage access
- Lack of credit for researchers who share data



# Trial participants views of data sharing

## Survey of 771 participants in US trials

- 93% would allow own data to be shared with university scientists
- 82% would allow own data to be shared with for-profit companies
- No variation in willingness according to purpose (except litigation)
- Main concerns:
  - Sharing might discourage people from joining trials (37%)
  - Data may be used in marketing (34%)
  - Data may be stolen (30%)
  - Misuse of data, e.g. discrimination (22%), exploited for profit (20%)

Mello et al 2018, NEJM 2018 Jun 7; 378(23):2202-2211

# MRC's data sharing policy



Data arising from research we fund should be managed and shared as widely as possible to maximise patient and public benefit.



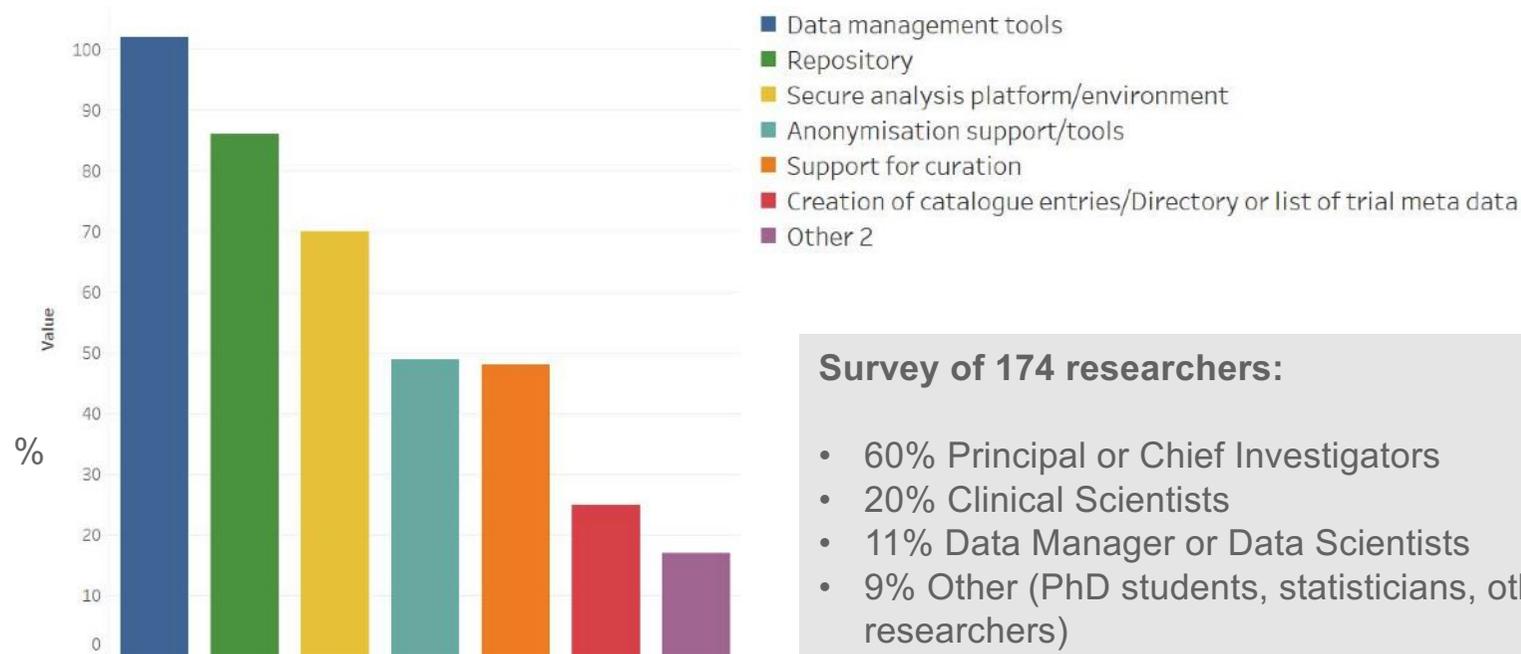
Appropriately justified costs for preparing and/or anonymising data can be included in grant proposals.



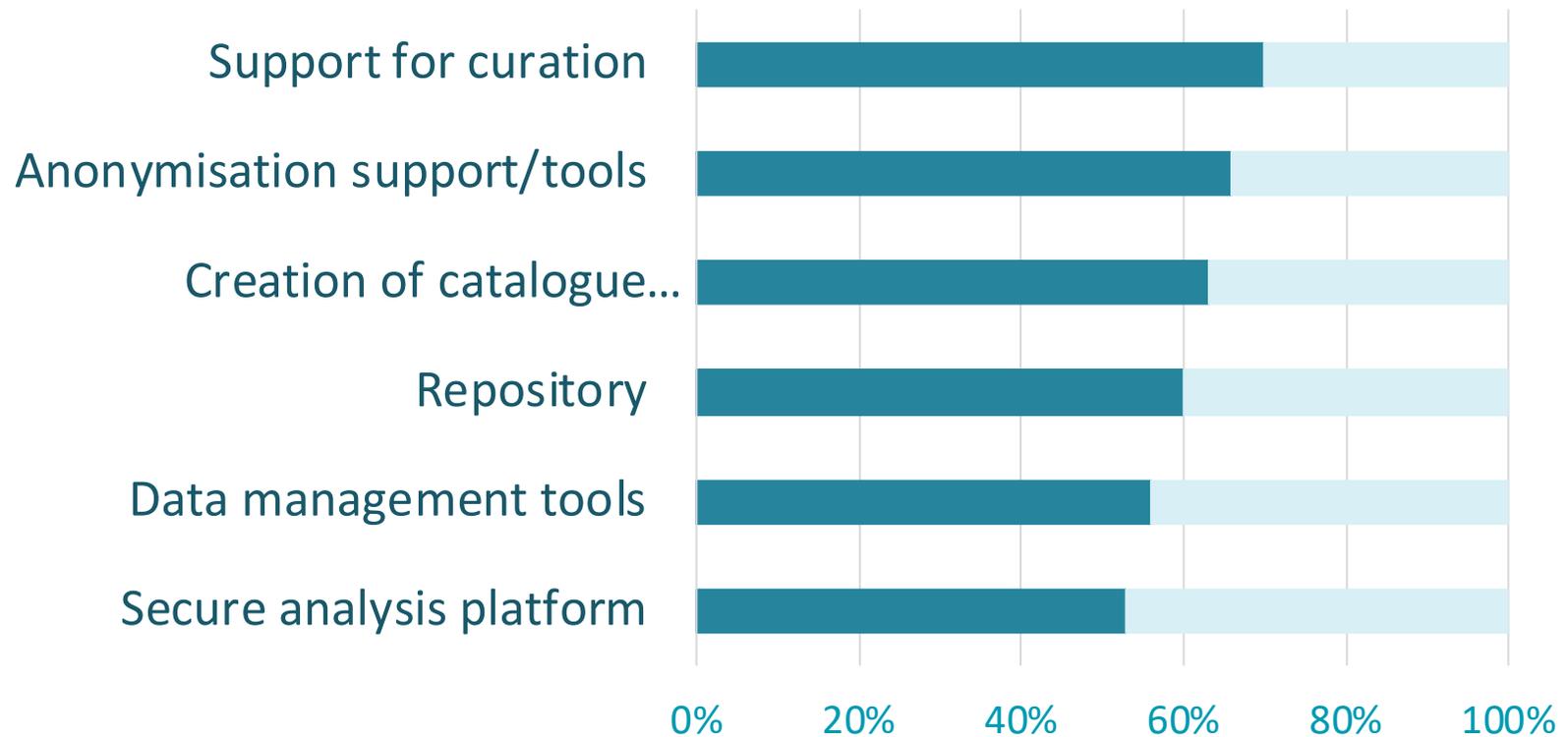
Sharing should be controlled/managed to safeguard against risks to participant privacy

**MRC Data Sharing Policy** <https://mrc.ukri.org/documents/pdf/mrc-data-sharing-policy/>

# What services do researchers have access to?



# What services do researchers need?





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# Data Sharing

Anonymisation and Access

# Managing privacy risks

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## Working within the law

- Data Protection – Corporate responsibility
- Common law of confidentiality – Pts reasonable expectations – relationships with individuals

**No surprises**



# Personal Data Vs Confidential information

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## Personal Data

- Structured information
- About or relating to a living individual
- **Identifiable:**  
from the data alone, or from it in combination with other information you have access to

Corporate responsibility

## Confidential Information

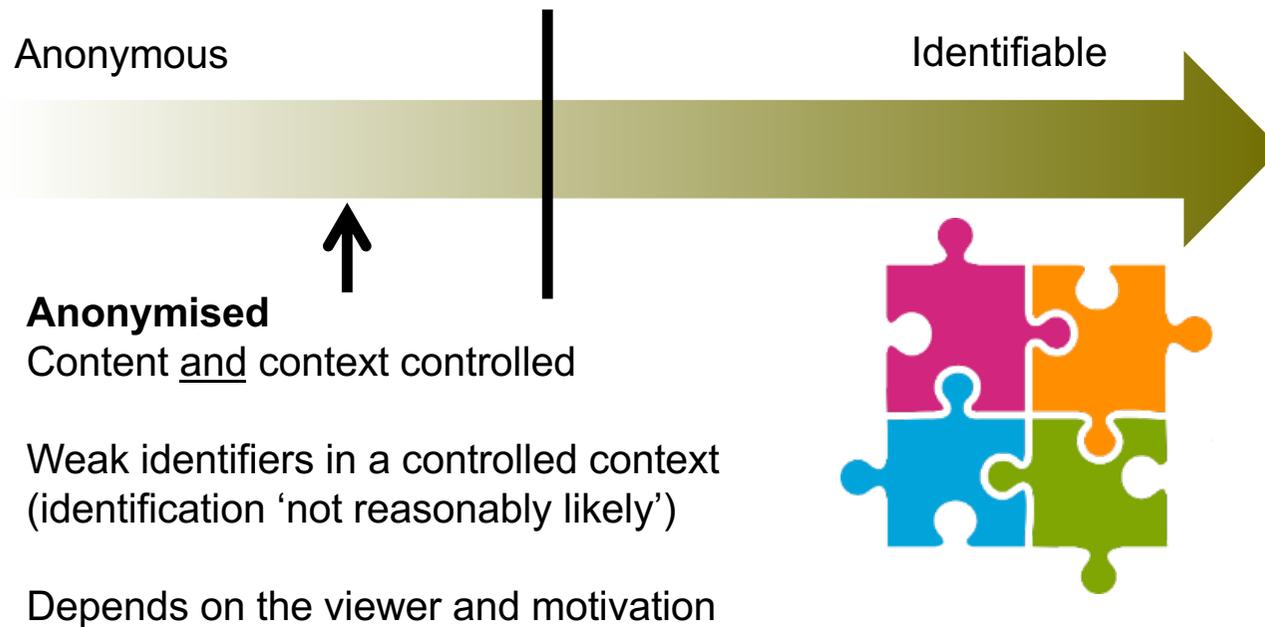
- **Identifiable**
- Not already in public domain
- Given with expectation it will be kept confidential

Applies after death

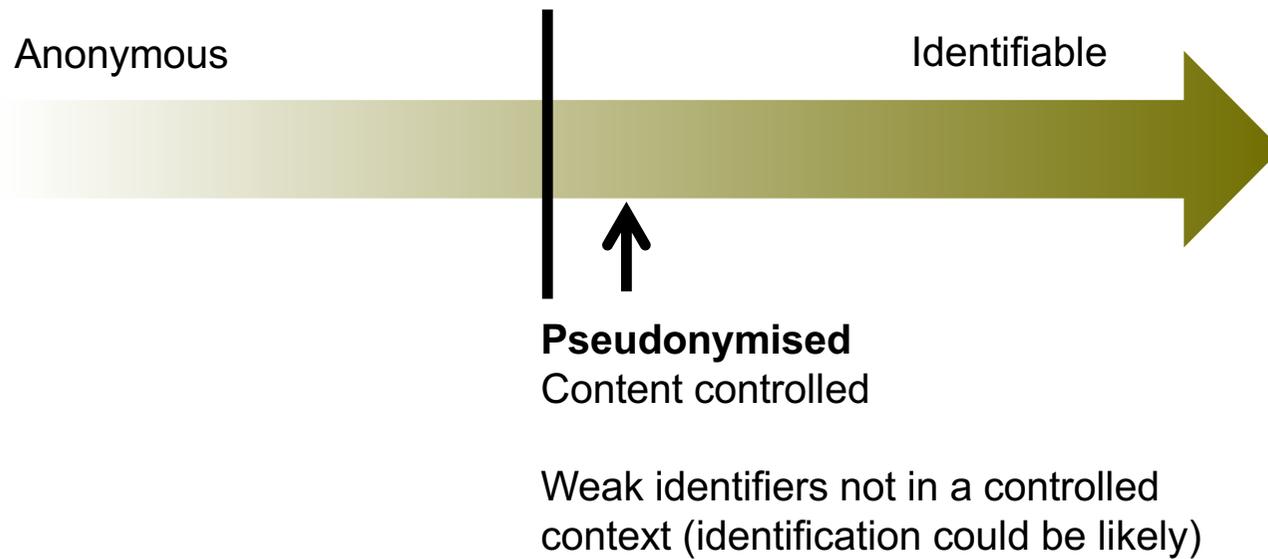
Information is broader than data

# Identifiability is a continuum, the law is binary

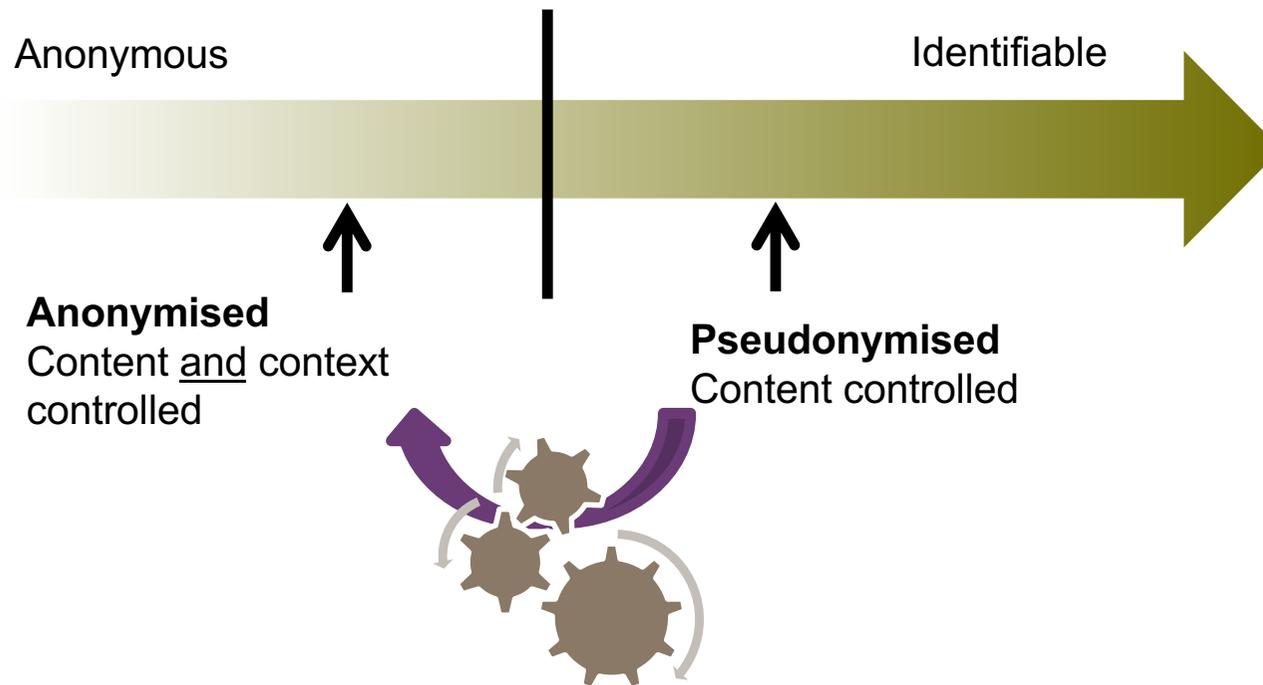
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# Identifiability is a continuum, the law is binary



# Identifiability is a continuum, the law is binary



# Context controls relevant for data sharing

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## Sharing with other organisations

- **Legal data sharing agreements**
- + some things on the right



Identification is not reasonably likely by available means

## Sharing within an organisation

- No access to identifiers
- ?Safe haven / TRE?
- Employment contracts (sanctions)
- Local policies
- Professional standards
- Training
- ????? Are these adequate to render anonymous

# Sharing Patient Information – Who decides?

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- **NHS IG department**
- **Caldicott Guardian**
- **R&D Office**
- **HRA and HCRW Approval** (REC and assessors)
- **Central and regional health data providers** in UK
- **Confidentiality Advisory Group** (s251 support England & Wales, CPI without consent) – National Data Opt-out
- **Public Benefit and Privacy Panel** (Scotland, ISD or +1 Health Board, with and without consent)...
- What do patients understand?

# Sharing Patient Information – How do you decide?

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**Is it identifiable/confidential, is it research, consent status, security arrangements...?**

## **Five safes**

- Safe projects - appropriate use?
- Safe people - trusted?
- Safe settings - facilities, authorisations?
- Safe data - disclosure risk?
- Safe outputs - results non-disclosive?

Scales not limits, **risk proportionate**

Might not need controls for all

# Data sharing principles

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## **FAIR Principles**

- Findable
- Accessible
- Interoperable
- Reusable



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# Case Study: a contested trial

# Case Study: a contested trial (1)

## The background

- Clinical trial results contested by a patient group
- Freedom of Information (FOI) requests to access data for a 're-analysis'
- FOI tribunal required release of partial dataset - as already shared with collaborators for sub-studies
- Data released by FOI is public → increased risk of re-identification of participants if other data released and matched up

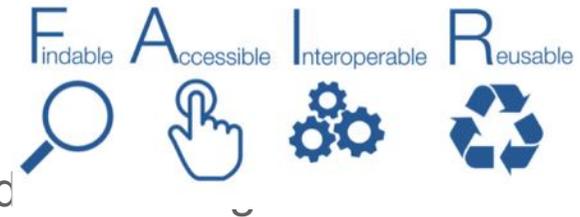
# Case Study: a contested trial (2)

## The problem

### How to share data and limit risk?

## The solution

- Listing the data in a clinical trials metadata
- Anonymising the data
- Managing access via an independent data access committee
- Providing access to data only within a secure data environment
- Using a data sharing agreement



# ClinicalStudyDataRequest.com (CSDR)

MRC , Wellcome Trust, CRUK and Gates Foundation joined CSDR in 2017



- Study metadata catalogue (not a repository)
- Increases **findability** of clinical trials
- Facilitates data sharing by providing a **controlled-access** mechanism
- 3300+ trials sponsored by pharmaceutical companies
- 18 trials supported by Academic Funders



# De-personalisation and anonymisation

## Preparing the data

- Removing identifiers – names, addresses, dates of birth, financial data
- Degrading identifiable data – changing dates to ages (age-bands)
- Checking data, e.g.
  - Quality assessment tools (e.g. QAMyData)
  - Statistical Disclosure Control (e.g. SDCMicro)
  - K-anonymity



Personally identifiable

De-personalised

Anonymous

# CSDR Independent Access Review Panel

## Members



- Study proposals (purpose)
- Research applicant (user)
- Academic institution (signatory to data sharing agreement)

# UK SeRP – secure access environment

## UK Secure e-Research Platform (Swansea University)

- Virtual remote access
- Provision of analysis tools within secure platform
- Monitored use of data when required
- Controlled export of results



# Case study: a contested trial (3)

## Applying the Five Safes

- **Safe people** – Independent Review Panel assesses trustworthiness of users; Data Sharing Agreement (DSA)
- **Safe projects** – Independent Review Panel assesses project protocol and purpose
- **Safe settings** – SeRP platform access controls to limit unauthorised use; DSA
- **Safe data** – reduced disclosure risk in dataset (anonymisation)
- **Safe output** – controls on data release (SeRP)



# A Question for you...

## In order to facilitate data sharing

- What one thing would you prioritise in your organisation?

If ideas spring to mind please raise your hand

Otherwise please write on Post-it

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# HRA Operational Update



Dr Janet Messer,  
Director of Approvals Service,  
HRA

10 November 2010

# Radiation Assurance

- Open to all oncology, rheumatology, neurology & cardiology studies in NHS/HSC secondary care
- Still recruiting reviewers

Current HRA-managed  
timeline: 31 days

Current self-managed  
timeline: 34 days

97 HRA-managed  
studies/4 self-managed  
studies

## Feedback from applicants

“The reviews have been well accepted by all UK sites participating in our studies.”

“Streamlining the process through a central contact and inbox, has also taken a lot of the burden away from the research teams. Reviewers are quickly identified, and we are always kept up date on progress. Overall it has been a very positive experience for our centre.”

# Take home messages - Radiation

- Speak to your CREs to register as HRA reviewers now. Let us know any local resistance
- Speak to your radiation department and discuss the Research Exposure Form
- Submit all eligible studies to Radiation Assurance studies
- Get payments process sorted
- Test the process – don't wait for it to become part of HRA Approval

# Pharmacy Assurance

- Open to all oncology and phase III non-oncology studies in NHS/HSC secondary care in England and Wales
- Early submission before e-submission
- Don't need IRAS form

Current HRA-managed  
timeline: 27 days

Current self-managed  
consistency review  
timeline: 4 days

15 HRA-managed  
studies/2 self-managed  
studies

# Feedback from applicants

“...impressed with the timelines in which the study was reviewed”

“allows the information to be efficiently shared with the sites ... making the setup process quicker”

# Take home messages - Pharmacy

- Speak to your pharmacy department – discuss the Pharmacy Technical Review Form
- Submit all eligible studies to Pharmacy Assurance as early as possible
- Get payments process sorted
- Test the process – don't wait for it to become part of HRA Approval



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# Combined Ways of Working

# Combined Ways of Working

- Piloting a co-ordinated and more streamlined CTIMP review process in the UK
- MHRA & HRA in partnership with the Devolved Administrations
- Aligns with EU Clinical Trial Regulation 536/2014

## CWoW performance

88 completed applications

Mean average 49 days (range 17 – 74 days)

70 completed substantial amendments

Mean average 33 days (range 2-84)

(as of 5.11.19)

## CWoW – general feedback

- Overall the end to end timelines are good
- The guidance is clear and helpful
- Response to requests for further information within 14 days can be challenging
- Some internal organisational changes required
- Increased communication between different regulatory teams
- Generic e-mails preferable rather than personal e-mails

## CWoW – Feedback

*“It’s great to have a more joined up approach from the regulators. The interaction and co-ordination between the REC and the MHRA works really well.”*

## CWoW – Feedback

*“Overall we have seen a significant decrease in MHRA and REC approval timelines which has been welcomed by our clients; the pilot process was straightforward and fitted well into our established processes.”*



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# Thank you for listening

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# What you need to know about the new EU Regulations for medical devices (MDR)

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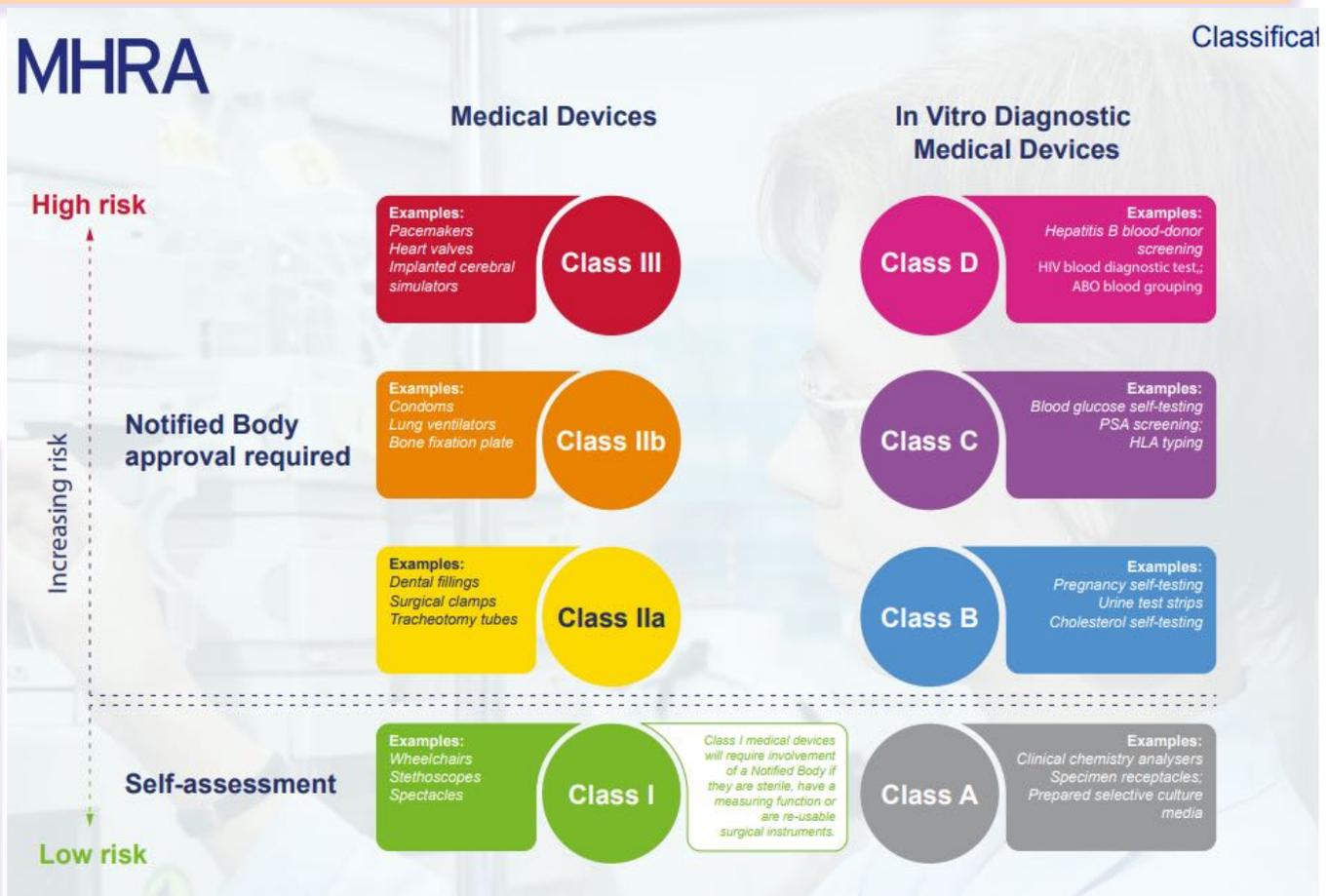
## What is a Medical Device

Definition\*: 'Medical device' means any instrument, apparatus, appliance, software, implant, reagent, material or other article intended by the manufacturer to be used, alone or in combination, for human beings

**Eg.**

dental/ surgical instruments, hospital bed, bandages and splints, artificial hips, incubators, insulin injectors scanners, scalpels

A medical device cannot be marketed in Europe without carrying a **CE marking**. All but the very lowest risk devices (eg. unmedicated bandages) must be verified by an independent certification body, called a Notified Body, before the CE marking can be affixed



## **History of Medical Device Regulation:**

- **Late 1960s** - Scientific and Technical Branch (STB) established to improve the quality and safety of medical equipment.
- **1980s** - the STB became part of the NHS Procurement Directorate, which was later split into the NHS Supplies Authority and the Medical Devices Directorate (MDD).
- **1994** - The MDD in effect became the Medical Devices Agency
- **2003** – Medical Devices Agency which then merged with its medicines counterpart to become the MHRA.

## The Regulations

- The Medical Devices Regulations 2002 (“the Regulations”), as amended, transpose various EC Directives into UK law, included the Active Implantable Medical Devices Directive (AIMDD) and the Medical Devices Directive (MDD)
- The new **Medical Device Regulation (MDR)** and the **In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Device Regulation (IVDR)** entered into force on 25 May 2017

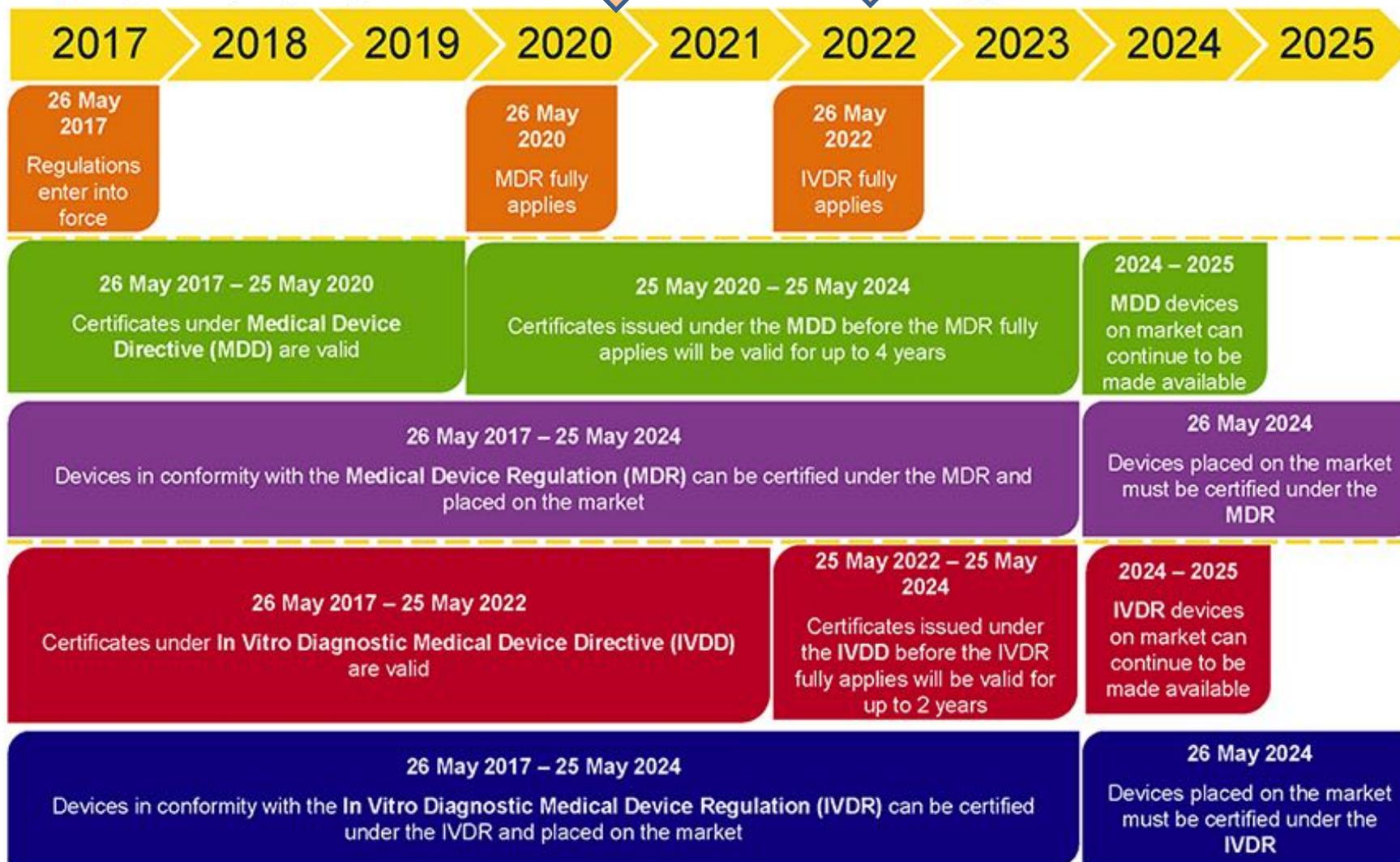


Medicines & Healthcare products  
Regulatory Agency

Three- and five-  
year transition  
periods from 2017



**MHRA**  
Regulating Medicines and Medical Devices



## Key elements of the new legislation include:

**Expansion of the definition of medical devices:** includes certain products which previously did not fall under the definition of a medical device. eg. eye contact lens solution, liposuction equipment and laser equipment used for hair and tattoo removal (Borderline products eg. Medicated surgical dressings are determined by the MHRA).

**EUDAMED database:** The Commission will establish a centralised significantly expanded EU database for the storage of information on medical devices (EUDAMED) that will become a public tool

**Introduction of a risk based classification system:** A new system for risk classification, in line with international guidelines, will apply to in-vitro diagnostic medical devices. Manufacturers will need to demonstrate that their medical device meets the requirements in the MDR and IVDR by carrying out a conformity assessment. Each medical device must receive a unique identification number (UDI) in the future.

**Financial compensation measures must be in place:** The regulations require manufacturers to have measures in place to provide sufficient financial coverage in respect of their potential liability. Such financial coverage must be proportionate to the risk class, type of device and the size of the enterprise

**Enhanced vigilance and market surveillance:** Once devices are available for use on the market, manufacturers will be obliged to collect data about their performance, and EU countries will coordinate more closely in the field of market surveillance.

**Tighter regulatory controls:** impose tighter pre-market controls on high-risk devices. MDR will require device manufacturers to conduct clinical performance studies and provide evidence of safety and performance, EU cross-border clinical trials will be subject to a single coordinated assessment, device manufacturers will be required to collect and retain post-market clinical data.

**Post Market Surveillance System (PMSS):** manufacturers must also establish a PMSS, which should be proportionate to the risk class and the type of device in question.

**Responsible Person (RP):** Medical device manufacturers and authorised representatives will be required to designate at least one person with responsibility for regulatory compliance; that person(s) must hold the prerequisite academic expertise and work experience in the field of medical devices.

In Summary if you are **manufacturing** a medical device, you must meet new obligations set out in the Regulations. You will need to ensure:

- the device has been correctly classified against the new risk classification criteria (Annex VIII of the MDR and IVDR)
- general safety and performance requirements are met, including for labelling and technical documentation and quality management systems (Annex I of the MDR and IVDR)
- increased requirements for clinical evidence are met (Annex XIV of the MDR and IVDR)
- manufacturers have a person responsible for regulatory compliance in place (Article 15 of the MDR and IVDR)
- economic operators in the supply chain are compliant
- sufficient financial coverage is in place, in respect of a manufacturer's potential liability (Article 10 of the MDR and IVDR)
- the new vigilance reporting timescales are met and that an annual periodic safety update report is created (Chapter VII, Section 1 and 2 of the MDR and IVDR)

## PIP SCANDAL - 2010

- The implants were manufactured by the French company Poly Implant Prothese (PIP) and in 2010 it emerged they had been made with substandard, industrial-grade silicone.
- The scandal affected about 300,000 women in as many as 65 countries, including France, the UK, Germany, Venezuela and Brazil.
- Compensation for damage caused by defective medical devices is still ongoing.
- A structural weakness in the system along with inconsistent interpretation of the directives in different countries was recognised.

### Breast implant crisis puts watchdog in spotlight



### With the new MDR

- Users can claim compensation for damage caused by defective devices.
- In the case of non-European manufacturers, the Authorized Representative will be held responsible together with the manufacturer.
- The new regulations will ensure vital information is easy to find through more stringent traceability measures.
- All patients will receive an implant card with all the essential information, and a unique device identifier will be mandatory for every product

## DEVICE TYPES



**3D printed devices** – a case by case assessment will be required to determine a product's status and classification

**Software/Apps** – classification rules will change with more software requirements



**Devices with no medical purpose** (products falling under Annex XVI – clinical investigations of these product types will now be regulated by MHRA.

**Drug-device combination products** - Must now include: CE certificate issued by a Notified Body for the medical device component or Notified Body Opinion (NBO) on the conformity of the device (Article 117). This does not apply in the case of combined advanced therapy medicinal products as defined under Article 2(1)(d) of Regulation (EC) No 1394/2007.



### **Implantable devices** (Article 18 of MDR)

Health institutions will need to provide patients with implantable devices with an implant card, which shall bear the patient's identity, as well as rapid access to certain information, including:

- The identification of the device, including the device name, serial number, lot number, the UDI, the device model, and the name, address and website of the manufacturer;
- Warnings, precautions or measures to be taken by the patient or a healthcare professional;
- The expected lifetime of the device and any necessary follow-up.

## In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices

The MHRA provides an abridged definition of an in vitro diagnostic medical device as:

*“any medical device which is a reagent, reagent product, calibrator, control material, kit, instrument, apparatus, piece of equipment, software or system, whether used alone or in combination, intended by the manufacturer to be used in vitro for the examination of specimens, including blood and tissue donations, derived from the human body.” (\* full definition can be found in Article 2(2) of the IVDR )*

The new regulations are likely to cover entities such as biomarkers, regenerative medicine, software modifications to equipment, new implantable materials such as those for dental use and diagnostic kits.

Performance evaluation studies - There will be a few study categories that will require MHRA approval, however this will not come into effect until May 2022.

# Medical device research in the NHS

As the subject of a 'clinical investigation', in a research study/trial

Under the new regulations:

- Many medical devices will be reclassified as higher risk and a new classification for reusable surgical devices has been created. This means that many more research studies using medical devices or involving in vitro diagnostics will fall under the scope of regulation.

Article 15 "Clinical investigation" is replaced by twenty articles in new EU MDR, Articles 62 through 82. New process for submitting clinical investigation applications

**Studies will need to be conducted to specific standards** to comply with the requirements for the manufacture of the investigational entity which include the General Safety and Performance Regulations (GSPR) - Annex 1 of EU 2017/745. EU MDR now clearly establishes the requirements for GCP and risk management.

The new EU MDR Articles 62 through 82 address all the familiar topics related to clinical investigations:

- Informed consent - **Protection of vulnerable participants**. Articles 63-66 cover informed consent in specific grounds
- **Studies will need to collect particular types of data** and clinical evaluation must be updated throughout device life cycle with clinical data
- Articles 62 through 82 describe “what” is required, and should be read in conjunction with the more detailed “how” to do of the new Annex on “Clinical investigations”, **Annex XV**

## Developing an in-house medical device

Used in a health care institution to meet the needs of a specific group

Devices that are manufactured or modified and used within health institutions shall be considered as having been put into service (Article 5 of MDR).

Under the new regulations, health institutions will have to apply for exemption for these activities or else commit to the legal status of manufacturer and comply with the requirements of the MDR.

In order to apply for an exemption, health institutions will need to

- ensure products meet the relevant General Safety and Performance Requirements (Annex 1 of EU 2017/746 )
- have technical documentation and appropriate quality management system in place;
- devices must not be transferred to another legal entity
- ensure certain information is publicly available
- justify applying for the exemption – where the target patient group's specific needs cannot be met, or cannot be met at the appropriate level of performance by an equivalent device available on the market

Custom-made for a specific individual

Compliance with General Safety and Performance Regulations (GSPR)

- Written prescriptions for individual patients from an authorised prescriber
- For class III devices a notified body may be required to authorise the device
- Vigilance reporting
- Periodic safety updates
- Specific documentation Unique Device Identification does not apply.

## The role of Sponsor

For the first time, **the MDR has established the formal role of a sponsor as subject of medical device regulation** (Article 73 of MDR / Article 69 of IVDR). The sponsor is defined as any individual, company, institution or organization which assumes responsibility for the initiation, including management and arrangement of financing the clinical investigation

Sponsor of study to be conducted in more than one Member State (MS) can submit a single application electronically to all MSs

- Sponsor must propose a coordinating MS
- Sponsor must appoint monitor who is independent from investigational site
- Furthermore, sponsors from outside of the EU will have to have a legal representative who is based in the EU

## **Conclusions:**

- Comparing the MDD and the MDR the requirements how to conduct a clinical investigation do hardly change (or do not change at all).
- Provided that your current Quality System is compliant to the MDD/AIMDD, ISO 14155:2011 and Declaration of Helsinki, there is not much to change.
- Mainly due to centralised electronic system, the MDR might even make everything easier for conducting clinical investigations!
- MHRA will be updating the guidance on their [website](#) to bring it in line with the MDR, the application process and information requirements will not significantly change.

## BREXIT

- The EC has made it clear that in a “no deal” scenario, the EU-27 will **no longer recognize UK-based authorised representatives**. This means they will not be recognised as able to carry out tasks on the manufacturer’s behalf for the purposes of placing products on the EU market.

### What this means:

- A new role – the **UK Responsible Person** –to act on the manufacturer's behalf , has been created under the [UK MDR 2002](#) (as amended by the [UK MDR 2019](#)), applicable in a no-deal Brexit.
- The UK Responsible Person must be established in the UK and acts on behalf of a manufacturer established outside the UK, to carry out specified tasks in relation to the manufacturer’s obligations. This includes registering with the MHRA before the device is placed on the UK market.
- Only a manufacturer /designated UK Responsible Person can legally place a device on the UK market.
- If you are a designated UK Responsible Person of a non-UK manufacturer, MHRA require documentary evidence supporting this position. eg. letter of designation, signed contract, confirming they are acting with the consent of the overseas manufacturer and adheres to legislation applying for the devices being placed on the UK market.
- The registering entity must have a “*registered place of business*” in the UK. In case of the the Responsible Person, they will then assume the registration obligation and will also assume the manufacturer’s reporting obligations on device vigilance.
- In order to place devices on the EU market, manufacturers with an Authorised Representative based in the UK **will need to establish a new Authorised Representative in an EU country**.

## USEFUL READING:

- <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news/first-guidance-new-rules-certain-medical-devices>
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/medical-devices-eu-regulations-for-mdr-and-ivdr>
- <http://eumdr.com/>
- <https://www.meddeviceonline.com/doc/key-changes-to-understand-in-the-new-european-mdr-and-ivdr-0001>

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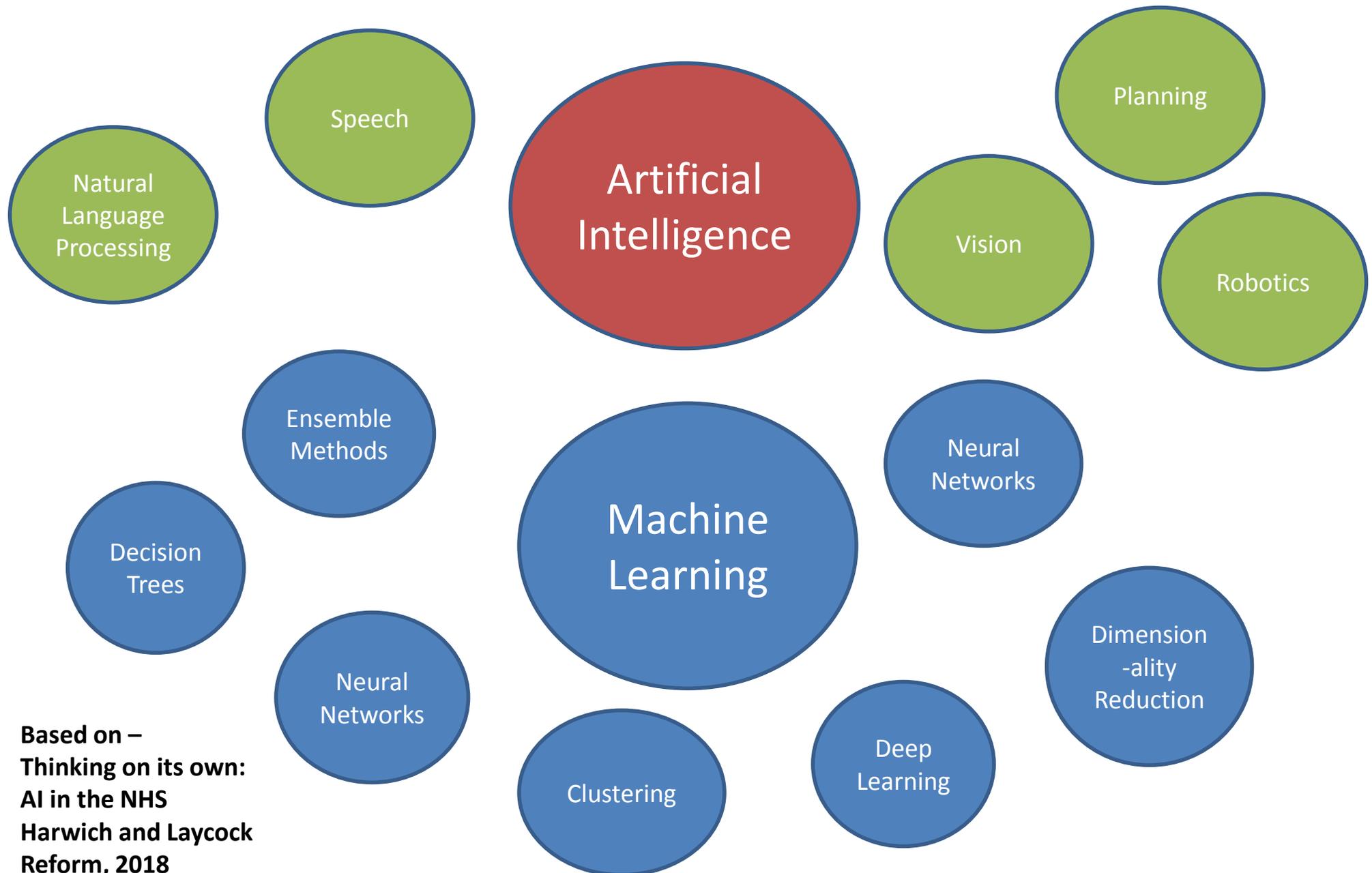
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## How we sponsor AI studies

“the science of making machines do things that would require intelligence if done by people”

AI definitions discussed on page 14  
Artificial Intelligence: How to get it  
right. NHS X, September 2019

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**Based on –  
Thinking on its own:  
AI in the NHS  
Harwich and Laycock  
Reform, 2018**



House



Cat



Dog



Dog



Dog



Dog

# AI in the NHS

Diagnostics	Knowledge Generation	Public Health	System Efficiency	P4 Medicine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Image Recognition e.g.</li><li>• Symptoms Checkers and Decision Support</li><li>• Risk Stratification</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drug Discovery</li><li>• Pattern Recognition</li><li>• Greater knowledge of rare diseases</li><li>• Greater understanding of causality</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Digital epidemiology</li><li>• National screening programmes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Optimisation of care pathways</li><li>• Prediction of Do Not Attend</li><li>• Identification of staffing requirements</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prediction of deterioration</li><li>• Personalised treatments</li><li>• Preventative advice</li></ul>

Figure 1 <sup>5-12</sup>

Dr Indra Joshi and Jessica Morley – Introduction  
Artificial Intelligence: How to get it right. NHS X, September 2019

Guidance

## Code of conduct for data-driven health and care technology

Updated 18 July 2019

- Principle 1: Understand users, their needs and the context
- Principle 2: Define the outcome and how the technology will contribute to it
- Principle 3: Use data that is in line with appropriate guidelines for the purpose for which it is being used
- Principle 4: Be fair, transparent and accountable about what data is being used
- Principle 5: Make use of open standards
- Principle 6: Be transparent about the limitations of the data used
- **Principle 7: Show what type of algorithm is being developed or deployed, the ethical examination of how the data is used, how its performance will be validated and how it will be integrated into health and care provision**
- Principle 8: Generate evidence of effectiveness for the intended use and value for money
- Principle 9: Make security integral to the design
- **Principle 10: Define the commercial strategy**

## Data Access

### I. You have an idea



### II. You access data



### You interact with these bodies

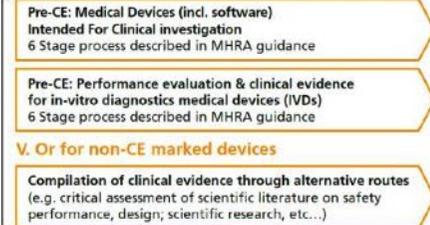


## Proof of concept

### III. You do some preliminary research



### IV. To obtain CE marking you need to do further research

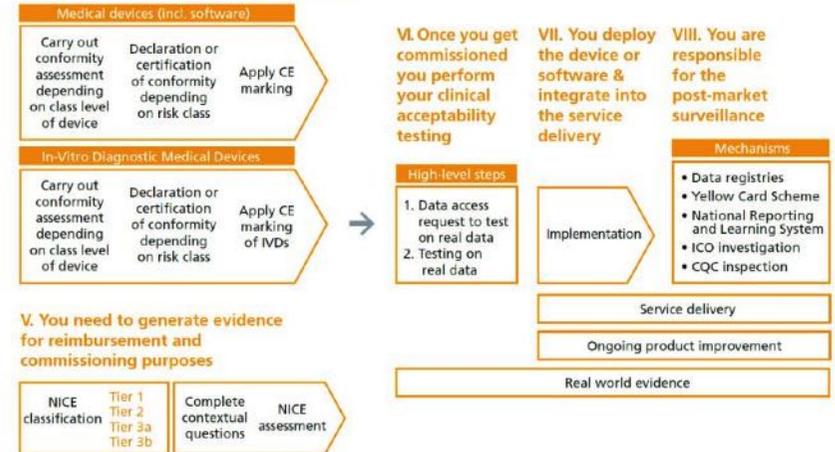


### You interact with these bodies



## Regulatory compliance

### V. You go through the CE marking process



### V. You need to generate evidence for reimbursement and commissioning purposes



### You interact with these bodies



Figure 6: current regulator journey map for data driven technologies in health and care

Eleonara Harwich and Claudia Martinez –  
Mapping the regulatory journey  
Artificial Intelligence: How to get it right.  
NHS X, September 2019

## Data access

- Identifiable or anonymous data
- From multiple organisations including NHS Digital, NHS trusts and GP practices

## Proof of concept

- Preliminary research and internal validation
- Pre-CE marking – possible clinical investigation/evaluation

## Regulatory compliance

- Go through CE marking process
- Perform clinical acceptability testing
- Implementation and post-market surveillance
- Generate evidence for reimbursement and commissioning

## **Annex VIII of the Medical Device Regulation: Section 6.3. Rule 11**

Software intended to provide information which is used to take decisions with diagnosis or therapeutic purposes is classified as class IIa, except if such decisions have an impact that may cause:

- death or an irreversible deterioration of a person's state of health, in which case it is in class III; or
- a serious deterioration of a person's state of health or a surgical intervention, in which case it is classified as class IIb.

Software intended to monitor physiological processes is classified as class IIa, except if it is intended for monitoring of vital physiological parameters, where the nature of variations of those parameters is such that it could result in immediate danger to the patient, in which case it is classified as class IIb.

All other software is classified as class I



It is currently unclear what regulation will look like for the validation for AI and how it will work for adaptive algorithms.

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## Data access

- Identifiable or anonymous data
- From multiple organisations including NHS Digital, NHS trusts and GP practices

## Proof of concept

- Preliminary research and internal validation

Study limited  
to working  
with data

### 2. Select one category from the list below:

- Clinical trial of an investigational medicinal product
- Clinical investigation or other study of a medical device
- Combined trial of an investigational medicinal product and an investigational medical device
- Other clinical trial to study a novel intervention or randomised clinical trial to compare interventions
- Basic science study involving procedures with human participants
- Study administering questionnaires/interviews for quantitative analysis, or using mixed quantitative and qualitative methods
- Study involving qualitative methods only
- Study limited to working with human tissue samples (or other human biological samples) and data
- Study limited to working with data (specific project only)
- Research tissue bank
- Research database

If your work does not fit any of these categories, select the option below:

- Other study



## Routinely collected data - Legal basis

- Consent is not the legal basis for processing under GDPR. Requirement for transparency.
- Common law on confidentiality – only the care team should have access to identifiable information unless section 251 consent waiver is approved by CAG.
- National-opt out does not apply to anonymous data.



**General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): Consent in Research and Confidentiality**

## Robust anonymisation of data

- Remove all direct identifiers
- Minimise data collected
- Consider anonymity of the combined data
- Pay attention to rare diseases and outliers in cohort
- Genetic data may not always be automatically identifiable



## Identifiability, anonymisation and pseudonymisation

### Guidance note 5

This guidance was developed with the participation of the Information Commissioner's Office.

## Data user/sharing agreements

- **Appropriate safeguard to protect anonymous data**
- **Limit use of data to protocol**
- Forbid attempts to identify patients or combine data from other projects/sources
- Limit onward sharing and outline how data should be dealt with at end of study.
- **Outline **security** arrangements for storage and processing**
- **Intellectual property**

## Commercial strategy and IP

- Principle 10: Define the commercial strategy
- Consider provision for IP whenever sharing data to ensure use of NHS data returns benefit to NHS
- NHSX and Office of Life Science working on data sharing principles for NHS and commercial models
- Proposed National Centre of Expertise to facilitate

## Routinely collected data – Ethics

Anonymised data studies are often exempt from NHS ethics...

- We are sending some studies for proportionate review
- We review all other data studies by committee

Consent is not required as data is anonymous, but patient wishes should be considered from an ethical perspective, as well as to meet the GDPR requirement for transparency

- We are reviewing the Trust generic consent forms
- We are reviewing our Trust transparency statement
- We are considering our PPI strategy and working with HDRUK.

## **Public Opinion and Trust**

Building and maintaining public and patient trust is vital to the development of AI in the NHS.

Effective communication and transparency is key.

## **Understanding Patient Data**

**<https://understandingpatientdata.org.uk/>**

Look out for forthcoming work around public attitudes to commercial uses of patient data

# Cambridge Biomedical Research Centre



## Data Ethics Canvas

### Data sources

Name/describe key your project's data sources, whether you're collecting data yourself or accessing via third parties.  
Is any personal data involved, or data that is otherwise sensitive?

### Limitations in data sources

Are there limitations that could influence your project's outcomes?  
Consider:  
> bias in data collection, inclusion/exclusion, analysis, algorithms  
> gaps or omissions in data  
> provenance and data quality  
> other issues affecting decisions, such as team composition

### Sharing data with others

Are you going to be sharing data with other organisations? If so, who?  
Are you planning to publish any of the data? Under what conditions?

### Ethical and legislative context

What existing ethical codes apply to your sector or project? What legislation, policies, or other regulation shape how you use data? What requirements do they introduce?  
Consider: the rules of law; human rights; data protection; IP and database rights; anti-discrimination laws; and data sharing, policies, regulation and ethics codes/frameworks specific to sectors (eg health, employment, taxation).

### Rights around data sources

Where did you get the data from? Is it produced by an organisation or collected directly from individuals?  
Was the data collected for this project or for another purpose? Do you have permission to use this data, or another basis on which you're allowed? What ongoing rights will the data source have?

### Your reason for using data

What is your primary purpose for collecting and using data in this project?  
What are your main use cases and business model?  
Are you making things better for society? How and for whom?  
Are you replacing another product or service as a result of this project?

### Communicating your purpose

Do people understand your purpose – especially people who the data is about or who are impacted by its use?  
How have you been communicating your purpose? Has this communication been clear?  
How are you ensuring more vulnerable individuals or groups understand?

### Positive effects on people

Which individuals, groups, demographics or organisations will be positively affected by this project? How?  
How are you measuring and communicating positive impact? How could you increase it?

### Negative effects on people

Who could be negatively affected by this project?  
Could the way that data is collected, used or shared cause harm or expose individuals to risk of being re-identified? Could it be used to target, profile or prejudice people, or unfairly restrict access (eg exclusive arrangements)?  
How are limitations and risks communicated to people? Consider: people who the data is about, people impacted by its use and organisations using the data.

### Minimising negative impact

What steps can you take to minimise harm?  
What measures could reduce limitations in your data sources? How are you keeping personal and other sensitive information secure?  
How are you measuring, reporting and acting on potential negative impacts of your project?  
What benefits will these actions bring to your project?

### Engaging with people

How can people engage with you about the project?  
How can people affected correct information, appeal or request changes to the product/service? To what extent?  
Are appeal mechanisms reasonable and well understood?

### Openness and transparency

How open can you be about this project? Could you publish your methodology, metadata, datasets, code or impact measurements?  
Can you ask peers for feedback on the project? How will you communicate it internally?  
Will you publish your actions and answers to this canvas openly?

### Ongoing implementation

Are you routinely building in thoughts, ideas and considerations of people affected in your project? How?  
What information or training might be needed to help people understand data issues?  
Are systems, processes and resources available for responding to data issues that arise in the long-term?

### Reviews and iterations

How will ongoing data ethics issues be measured, monitored, discussed and actioned?  
How often will your response to this canvas be reviewed or updated? When?

### Your actions

What actions will you take before moving forward with this project? Which should take priority?  
Who will be responsible for these actions, and who must be involved?  
Will you openly publish your actions and answers to this canvas?

## References and reading

### AI

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### Medical Devices – Software

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### Data regulation and ethics.

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Anonymisation: managing data protection risk code of practice. ICO 2012.  
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# International Research Sponsorship in the NHS

# Background



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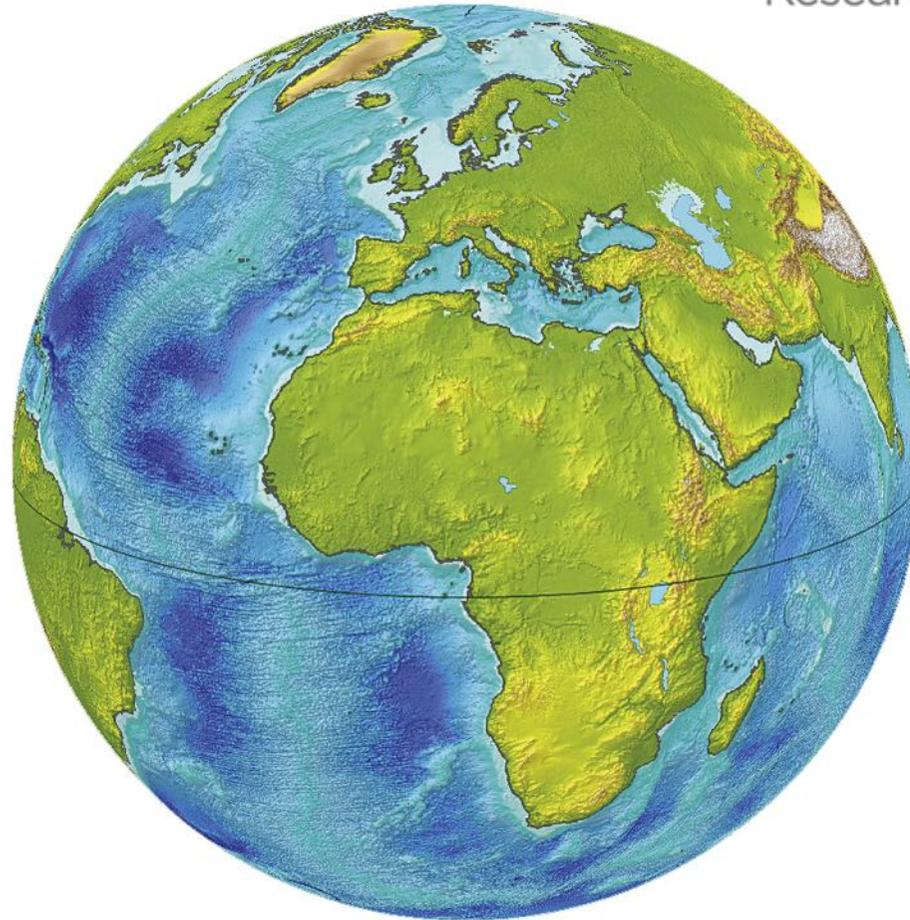
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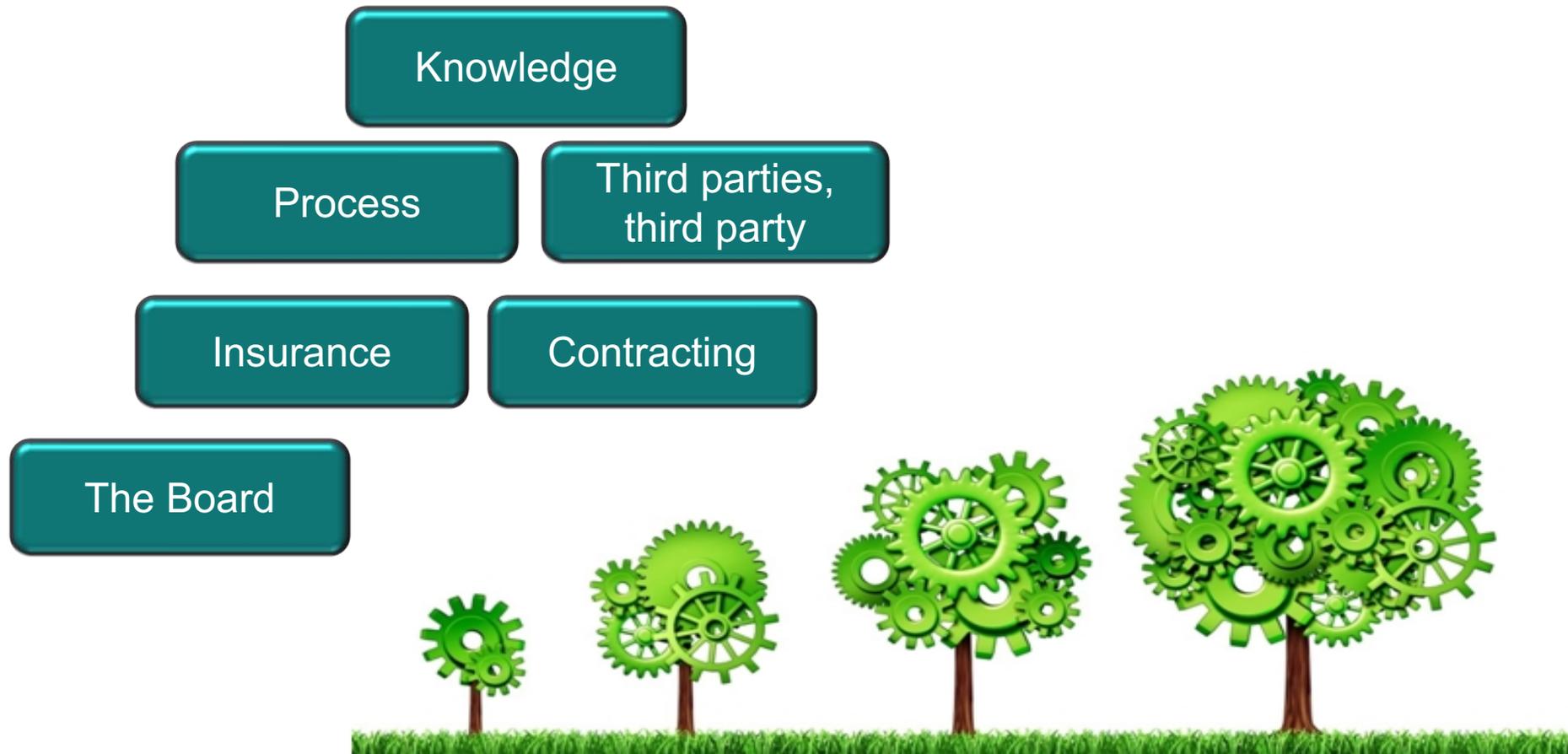
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Trust Strategy

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# Challenges



# Risk Mitigation

Reduce



Solo Sponsorship  
CTU/CRO  
Project Management

Avoid



Territories  
Central Distribution (If possible)

Accept



There is RISK – Some Degree of  
Fire Fighting

# Future Planning



Funding

QMS Updates

Capacity

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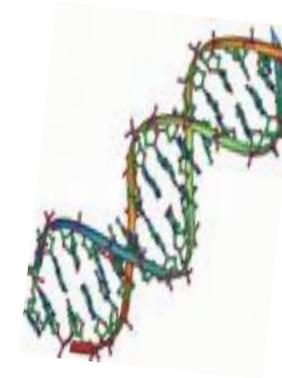
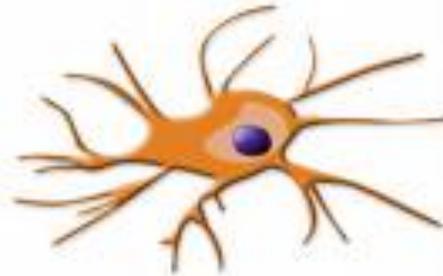
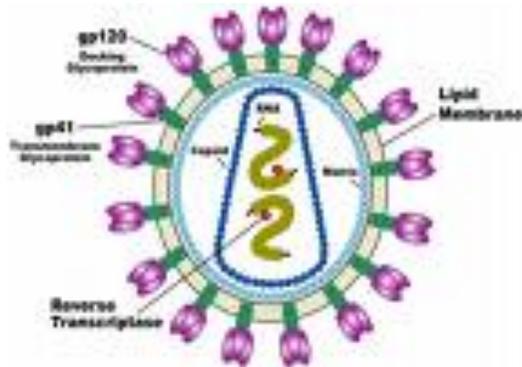


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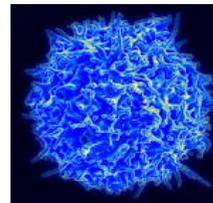
# What are ATMPs?

Biological medicinal products based on genes and/or cells classified as either:

**Gene Therapy  
Medicinal Product**



**Cell Therapy  
Medicinal Product**



**Tissue Engineered  
Medicinal Product**



**Combined ATMP: Medical Device + cells/tissue**

# Product Classification



## Advanced therapy medicinal products advice form

Contact details



EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY  
SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH

**Scientific Recommendation on classification of Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products Request Form and Briefing Information Article 17 - Regulation (EC) No 1394/2007**

*The request for scientific recommendation should be sent to [AdvancedTherapies@ema.europa.eu](mailto:AdvancedTherapies@ema.europa.eu) (no fee required).*

*Submission of scientific recommendation should follow the submission dates listing [here](#).*

*Please send this form in Word format as it is. Do not convert it to PDF.*

*Note that all the fields followed by a red asterisk (\*) are mandatory. If any of the mandatory fields is missing, the request will not be processed.*

**Information on the Request\***

Company developing the product (applicant)	
Person authorised to communicate on behalf of the applicant	
Proposed product invented name or identifier <sup>1</sup>	
Short descriptor (or name when available) of	

- Trial classification
- Regulatory requirements
- Manufacture requirements
- \* Costs \*

## 'Clinical Trials'

SI 2004 No.1031

for Human Use  
Regulations 2004



EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY  
SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH

No.1928

Human Use (Clinical Trials)  
Regulations 2006

### Gene therapy medicinal products

No.1882

Regulations (ATMP and Miscellaneous)

### Web page Cell-therapy and tissue engineering

Gene therapy

Web page

Relevant guidelines

Cell-therapy and  
tissue  
engineering

- The **overarching guideline** for human cell- based medicinal products is the guideline on human cell-based medicinal products (EMA/CHMP/410869/2006)
- Reflection paper on **stem cell-based medicinal products** (EMA/CAT/571134/2009)
- Reflection paper on in-vitro cultured **chondrocyte** containing products for cartilage repair of the knee (EMA/CAT/CPWP/568181/2009)
- Guideline on **xenogeneic cell-based medicinal products** (EMA/CHMP/CPWP/83508/2009)
- Guideline on potency testing of **cell based immunotherapy medicinal** products for the treatment of cancer (CHMP/BWP/271475/06)
- Reflection paper **on clinical aspects related to tissue engineered products** (EMA/CAT/573420/2009)
- Guideline on **safety and efficacy follow-up and risk management** of advanced therapy medicinal products (EMA/149995/2008)

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# Speak to the Regulators



## MHRA regulatory advice meetings

- Pre-grant application/Pre-CTA submission

## MHRA innovation office

- a single point of access to free and expert regulatory information, advice and guidance
- Access HRA, MHRA, HFEA, HTA, NICE
- [innovationoffice@mhra.gov.uk](mailto:innovationoffice@mhra.gov.uk)



## HTA

- Advice on tissues and cells donation, procurement, testing
- [enquiries@hta.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@hta.gov.uk)



# Challenges

## Regulatory - GCP for ATMP

- Comply with the required regulations
- Safety Reporting
  - Consider ATIMP, Tissues and cells, Devices, administration procedures, Conmeds
  - Alert cards
- Long-term follow-up
- Product traceability – 30+ year archiving
- Risk assessment and mitigation

## Commercialisation

- Conflict of interest
- Commercial collaborations
  - Data, IP



# Challenges Continued...

## Funding

- High cost trials
- Long-term follow-up
- Monitoring and auditing



## Manufacturing

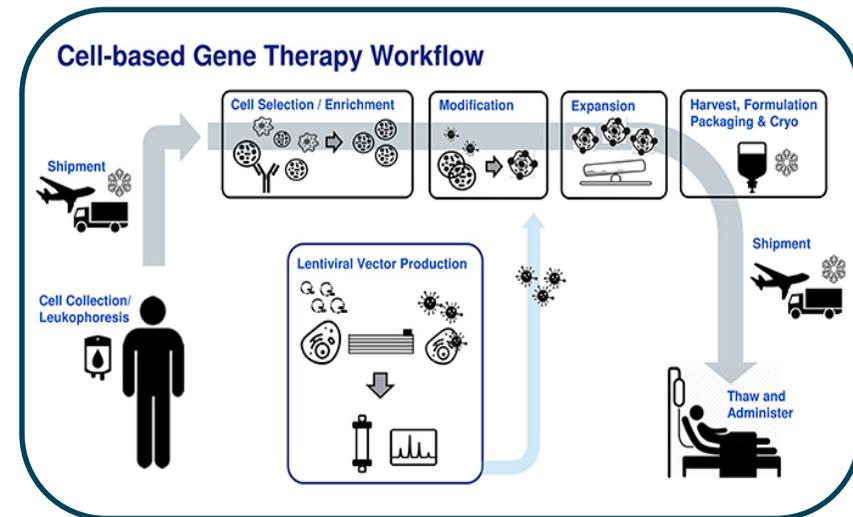
- Outsource manufacturing
- Selection and oversight
- Shortage of manufacturers/QPs/slots
- Manufacture preclinical/clinical batch - comparability
- Specifications/requirements – out of spec
- Contracting/Liability



# Challenges Continued...

## Product Logistics

- Frozen product (<math><-80^{\circ}\text{C}</math>, liquid nitrogen)
- Multiple Cold chain Shipments
- Segregated storage - minimise cross contamination
- Short Shelf life
- Real-time QP release
- Traceability
- **ATIMP Management Plans**



<https://doi.org/10.3389/fmed.2018.00150>

## Trial Site Feasibility

- GMO Risk assessments / notifications
- HTA human application licences
- Emergency facilities/ITU access
- Pharmacy
- Training



# Where to find out more.....



[innovationoffice@mhra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:innovationoffice@mhra.gsi.gov.uk)

## Good Clinical Practice Guide 'Grey guide'



Brussels, 10.10.2019  
C(2019) 7140 final

The screenshot shows the EMA website page for 'Guidelines relevant for advanced-therapy medicinal products'. It includes a navigation menu, a search bar, and a table of relevant guidelines. The table has two columns: 'Web page' and 'Relevant guidelines'. The first row lists 'Gene therapy' with a link to the overarching guideline for human gene therapy medicinal products.

Web page	Relevant guidelines
Gene therapy	The overarching guideline for human gene therapy medicinal products is the Note for guidance on the quality, non-clinical and clinical aspects of gene transfer medicinal products (CHMP/GTWP/07/1639/2008). Questions and answers on gene therapy (EMA/CHMP/GTWP/212377/08). Guideline on scientific requirements for the environmental risk assessment of gene therapy medicinal products (EMA/CHMP/GTWP/08/1639/2008).

### GUIDELINES

on Good Clinical Practice specific to Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products

[https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/files/udralex/vol-10/atmp\\_guidelines\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/files/udralex/vol-10/atmp_guidelines_en.pdf)

<https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/human-regulatory/research-development/advanced-therapies/guidelines-relevant-advanced-therapy-medical-products>



<http://www.hse.gov.uk/biosafety/gmo/>



[enquiries@hta.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@hta.gov.uk)

<https://www.hta.gov.uk/policies/regenerative-medicine-and-regulation-advanced-therapies-medical-products-atmps>

# Thank you!

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