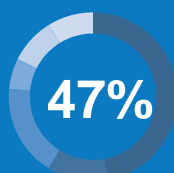


NHS R&D Forum Sponsorship Survey Results - Executive Summary

In 2010 the NHS R&D Forum (RDF) Non-Commercial Sponsors Reference Group conducted a survey. There have been many changes since then and the NHS RDF repeated this survey with the inclusion of some additional questions. The aim of this survey was to understand what fees NHS Organisations are being charged and what models are in use.

Key Findings

Responses



35 responses
47% from NHS
Trusts
41% sponsor 1-49
studies

Sponsor activities

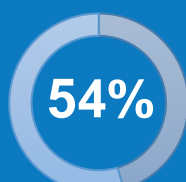


50% don't charge a
sponsorship fee
64% calculate fees on a
per study basis based
on activities

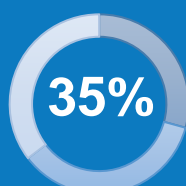
Funders



Half of
respondents do
not pass the cost
of taking clinical
trials Insurance
through to the
funder



54% received no
feedback from
funders when
including
sponsorship
costs in the grant
application

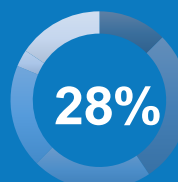


35% do not intend
to charge a
sponsorship
costs fee in the
future

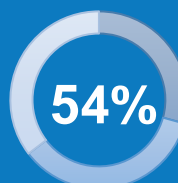
Sponsors



Most have 1-3 WTE
contracting/legal
specialists (governance
specialists/coordinators)
working on sponsored
trial contracting



Majority contract out
sponsor services
(mainly eCRF / database
design 28% and
management 22%)



54% have acted as
co-sponsor and have
had no issues

What does this mean for future practice?

- Framework for sponsorship cost is much needed as no standard approach for cost recovery in place across the system as a whole
- Difficulties with funding model documentation
- Funding approach needs acceptance by Chief Investigators and funders
- Suitable system needed to make tracking studies more efficient
- Opportunity for ongoing conversation with funders and policy makers to support a standard approach for sponsoring health and care organisations
- Next step: Findings from the survey to be progressed by the RDF Non-Commercial Sponsors Reference Group

Any questions regarding this survey? info@rdforum.org.uk
Thank you to everyone who took the time to contribute to this survey