**NIHR Non-commercial Partner List**

1 Introduction

1.1 The [Eligibility Criteria for NIHR Clinical Research Network Support](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/eligibility-for-nihr-clinical-research-network-support/23746)(Cited 14 Mar 2023)effective from December 2017 ,sets out the criteria governing the eligibility of studies for National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network (CRN) support. It therefore relates only to England. Studies that are automatically eligible for consideration for NIHR CRN support are studies that are funded by the NIHR, other areas of central Government, and NIHR non-commercial Partners.

If the funder is not considered an automatically eligible partner, the project must fulfill the criteria applied in the extended review process. NIHR training schemes may also be considered eligible.

1.2 The purpose of this document is to provide a list of non-commercial funding organisations that meet the NIHR Partner criteria below. This reference guide is intended to enable researchers and other users to easily identify NIHR non-commercial Partners and is updated every two weeks by the NIHR CRN.

2 NIHR Partner Criteria

2.1 As set out in the Eligibility Criteria for NIHR Clinical Research Network Support (January 2018) effective from Jan 2020, NIHR non-commercial Partners are those organisations that:

Award research funds as a result of open competition across England with high quality peer review; and

Fund research that is of clear value to the NHS; and

Take appropriate account of the priorities, needs and realities of the NHS in making decisions about the research that they fund.

2.2 NIHR non-commercial Partner status is confirmed via a self-declaration process. Non-commercial organisations are required to sign a self-declaration that they meet the NIHR non-commercial Partner criteria and to confirm the funding streams that are applicable. Further information on self-declaration as an NIHR non-commercial Partner is available on the CRN website[[1]](#footnote-1).

2.3 It is important to note that:

* NIHR non-commercial Partners that operate multiple funding streams must self-declare against the NIHR Partner criteria with respect to all of the existing funding streams they administer. NIHR non-commercial Partners that operate a mixture of funding streams, some of which are eligible and some of which are not (or operate funding streams that are not intended to provide funds for research purposes), are denoted with an asterisk (\*) in the table provided in section 3. You are advised to contact a member of the Eligibility Team at the NIHR CRN (via [portfolio.applications@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:portfolio.applications@nihr.ac.uk)) for further information on the eligibility of these NIHR non-commercial Partners’ funding streams.
* All studies supported by an NIHR non-commercial Partner are still required to meet all other NIHR Clinical Research Network Eligibility Criteria before being considered automatically eligible for consideration for NIHR CRN support.
* The research funders denoted by (‡) in the table provided in section 3 have “self declared” that at least one funding stream they administer meets the NIHR non-commercial Partner criteria as stated in the Department of Health policy document Eligibility Criteria for NIHR Clinical Research Network Support (January 2018). The NIHR Clinical Research Network has included these organisations in good faith.

**Appendix 3** [**Current list of NIHR non-commercial Partners**](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/nihr-non-commercial-partner-list/11458) **(Cited 14 Mar 2023)**

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