Development of NHS Organisations Research Contracts Reviewers Community Teams Platform

**What?** We have developed a new Teams channel bringing together representatives from Contract Reviewers for NHS R&D Offices in Wales for a peer support platform.

**Why?** The platform is a place where contract queries, support, agreements can be discussed (where able to do so due to confidentiality). Where we can work together and help each other. When studies are multi-site studies across Wales but reviewed once on behalf of all Welsh NHS Organisations, this platform could be place to share and record reviews amongst sites in Wales to save time in same negotiations for the same contract amongst individual NHS Organisations.

**Where we were**
Previously NHS Organisations have worked together and through meetings and workshops developed the concept of **One Costs, One Contract**. So for multi NHS site studies in Wales, a lead reviewer reviews on behalf of all NHS Organisations in Wales.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, as a response to the urgent research **One Site Wales** was developed. One research site (one site agreement) with multiple other sites across NHS Organisations in Wales (pass through agreements from research site to other sites), supported by the Health and Care Research Wales Support and Delivery Centre.

**Where we are**
A new group recently developed to provide a forum and community of contract reviewers together in the NHS from NHS Organisations in Wales. A place where discussions can be facilitated via a Teams channel and face to face as required to provide a support network. It’s a way of identifying new and improved ways of working, sharing information, and providing support to each other.

**Where we hope to be**
The outcome of this group will become the active discussions around contract reviews to assist study set-up and delivery in a national context. Increase sharing of information that positively impacts (for example identifies challenges early on, plans resolutions collectively) with contracts. Facilitate problem solving at a national level and in real time to positively impact the speed and quality of national research delivery.

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