Implementing National Contract Value Review (NCVR) process in Wales through a collaborative approach

NCVR is a UK approach to improve the speed and efficiency of study set-up making it easier to conduct commercial research in the NHS.

NCVR supports up-front transparency of cost values to the sponsor and the national coordination of the resource required to undertake a commercial study in the UK.

As part of the transparency, all NHS organisations across the UK have been added to confirm whether they adhere to the cost values within the UK commercial interactive costing tool or not.

The resource required to undertake the study is negotiated between a ‘national resource reviewer’ who carries out the negotiation with the sponsor on behalf of all sites in the UK participating in the study and the sponsor.

Avoiding duplication of effort!

NCVR builds on one cost, one contract which resulted in a more efficient way to set-up commercial studies in Wales through reducing duplication of cost and contract reviews.

Implementation of NCVR in Wales was through the ‘NCVR oversight group for Wales’ with representatives from each NHS organisations across Wales.

Wales adheres to the cost values within the commercial costing tool providing full upfront transparency to sponsors reducing the need for further cost negotiation => faster set-up of commercial studies in Wales!

Faster set-up of commercial studies in Wales contributes to the vision of Wales being an attractive place to conduct research and giving patient access to more clinical trials that has a positive impact on the health, wellbeing and prosperity of the people in Wales!