

The Benefits of Centralised Horizon Scanning

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Aim of centralised Horizon Scanning: To increase research opportunities in Wales - offering potential sites, and ultimately patients, a diverse pipeline of non-commercial studies to consider.

What we are doing:

- Since June 2022, we have been scanning all new non-commercial, multi-site studies adopted onto the portfolio, to consider in Wales.
- We approach study teams to inform them about the expert facilities and research infrastructure across Wales, including the skilled research nurses, clinical research practitioners and doctors in Wales.
- We offer support to streamline study set-up across Wales.
- All potential opportunities are triaged with our disease-specific Specialty Leads, Delivery experts or Key Opinion Leaders.
- We use this early feedback to circulate new research opportunities to health boards, primary care sites or social care sites throughout Wales.

Positive outcomes:

- This process ensures that all potential opportunities for patients are considered, irrespective of managing specialty.
- Reduces duplication, saving time within health boards, as the study is identified and triaged once for Wales, and shared to all.
- More Social Care studies have opened and been supported as a result of this process, which were often not identified previously.
- This process has resulted in more studies being set-up in Wales. The process also proactively promotes our all Wales services, while also highlighting the highly skilled NHS research Delivery offering and ensuring Wales is considered for current and future research.

Positive comments received from Sponsors and Study Teams:

“The services you mention would indeed be helpful, as would identification of which sites may be interested.”

“How wonderful of you to reach out. Really appreciated.”

“I greatly appreciate your kind support and thank you very much for getting in touch.”

“Thanks for your e-mail, nice to see the pro-active approach!”

“I really like the ‘Once for Wales’ approach, this sounds like a great way to streamline the process.”

To date, we have supported the set-up of **75** studies, of which **24** are already open in Wales!

