**Wales Commercial Research Delivery funding (VPAG)**

**Commercial Clinical Trial Capacity and Capability Short-Term Funding Request**

**Guidance**

1. **Overview**

Health and Care Research Wales are opening a rolling funding call to submit requests for short-term funding required to support the delivery of commercial pharmaceutical interventional research, where the cost will be incurred between 1 April 2025 until 31 March 2026.

The purpose of the funding is to bolster clinical trial capability, by increasing workforce capacity and infrastructure as well providing agility relevant to the set up and delivery of commercial clinical research. This investment must accelerate the delivery of commercial pharmaceutical interventional research for the measurable benefit of health and wealth in Wales.

The aim is to:

* To support the ambition to make Wales a key partner in the UK offer for commercial research delivery as a competitive partner delivering the highest quality research and harnessing expertise and strengths.
* Provide short-term additional capacity to conduct commercial pharmaceutical interventional research in Wales recognising in year demands.
* Support agility and responsiveness in research delivery related to the clinical trial pipeline in Wales recognising in year demands.
* Support the ambition in increasing research inclusion to ensure people from all eligible communities and those living with the greatest burden of disease can participate in clinical trials.
* Work collaboratively with all parts of the Health and Care Research Wales research infrastructure.

1. **Eligibility Criteria**

The call is open to stakeholders from all health and care specialties, services and the clinical research infrastructure within health and social care in Wales.

1. **Out of Scope**

Below are examples of out-of-scope requests (the list is not exhaustive):

* Requests related to the direct delivery of non-commercial research
* Student posts (such as Master’s Degree and PhD)

1. **How to apply and submission deadline**

This is a rolling funding call for 2025/26 and a decision will be made within four weeks of a submitted application. Applications must be submitted to [research-fundingsupport@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:research-fundingsupport@wales.nhs.uk) using the proforma below.

1. **Questions or Queries**

If you have any questions or queries regarding this funding call, please contact [research-fundingsupport@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:research-fundingsupport@wales.nhs.uk)

1. **Funding Requests Form**

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| **Host organisation:** |  |
| **Lead applicant:** |  |
| **Total amount of funding requested 2025/26** |  |

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| **Request** | **Description** | **Justification & Return on Investment** | **WTE & Duration** | **Cost in 25/26** |
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1. **Declaration - Adherence to national mandates and funding requirements**

Applicants are required to adhere to:

* 1. National mandates and initiatives aimed at streamlining and expediting the delivery of commercial pharmaceutical interventional research, including comprehensive compliance with the [National Contract Value Review](https://healthandcareresearchwales.org/partners-and-industry/costings-and-contracting) process
  2. The use [of Model Clinical Trials Agreement (mCTA), Clinical Research Organisation Model Clinical Trials Agreement (CRO-mCTA)](file:///C:/Users/he094248/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/YAB0T6ZV/IRAS%20Help%20-%20Preparing%20%26%20submitting%20applications%20-%20Templates%20for%20supporting%20documents)
  3. Apply one Wales approaches and models, where applicable
  4. Comply with the all Wales R&D finance policy
  5. Contribute to full financial commercial income transparency
  6. Adhere to the terms and conditions outlined in the funding award letter

Submission of this application confirms you accept these conditions.