

HRA LATEST

Welcome to the second issue of our newsletter. This issue focuses on the progress we are making on commitments made in our [2013/14 Business Plan](#). We have also launched our [Annual Review for 2012/13](#), which captures some of our achievements during our first full year of operation, as well as our vision.

We are introducing two new [decision tools](#), aimed at establishing whether a study is *really* research requiring Research Ethics Committee review. We have also published a paper outlining our proposals to tackle [transparent research](#).

Finally, there is a research report on who takes part in Phase 1 trials – shedding light on the assumption that it really is just students and the homeless.

Please circulate this to your colleagues, and, if you would like to receive this newsletter direct in future, please [subscribe](#).

From the next issue, in July, we are expanding HRA Latest to cover news from across the research community.

Please could you also note our copy deadline for article from partners is 28 June 2013; all articles for consideration should be sent to hra.comms@nhs.net.

NEWS from the HRA

Care Bill to establish the HRA as an NDPB

The Care Bill, which proposes to establish the HRA as a Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB), is now ([more...](#))

Our proposals on the publication of research outcomes

Transparency in health research has long been a subject of debate; this week, the House of Commons ([more...](#))

Who Volunteers for Phase I Trials?

A number of assumptions are made about volunteers for Phase 1 trials; the reality, however, is somewhat surprising. ([more...](#))

HRA assessment for the approval of research in the NHS – next steps in the feasibility study

The HRA announced last autumn that it would undertake a feasibility study to explore how an HRA Assessment may address long held concerns and frustrations at the duplication of effort in gaining approvals in the NHS ([more...](#))

Progress with collaborative projects

As a part of our first stakeholder forum in February, we explored ([more...](#))

New decision tools launched to help researchers

Is my project research? Do I need NHS REC review? The HRA has launched ([more...](#))

Further improving the Gene Therapy Advisory Committee

GTAC reviews have already seen improvements as a result of coming under the control of HRA. ([more...](#))

Proportionate review being expanded (Single booking line)

Our proportionate review service continues to be a success – around 1000 applications were processed through this service last year. ([more...](#))

Improvements to the review and approval process for Phase 1 studies

We continually strive to improve the service which we provide; a number of changes to the review and approval process for Phase 1 studies ([more...](#))

Janet and Jonathan speak at AMS event

Janet Wisely and Jonathan Montgomery spoke at an event hosted by the Academy of Medical Sciences ([more...](#))

Website update

HRA is developing a new website, to be launched in July ([more...](#))

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