Researcher prepares & submits ethics forms via IRAS for REC approval

Researcher forwards copies of all ethics documents to REC

REC gives ‘favourable ethical opinion’ (approval)

Researcher forwards ethics approval letter to NHS co-ordinating centre (NRS CC)

NRS CC completes global checks & forwards documents to local R&D offices in relevant Health Boards in Scotland

R&D offices perform local checks & grant R&D permission

Research activity can commence in specific Health Boards in Scotland

Researcher prepares & submits R&D forms via IRAS for R&D approval

Researcher forwards R&D documents to relevant NHS co-ordinating centre, in this case NRS CC in Scotland.

Co-ordinating centre (NRS CC) forwards documents to other relevant co-ordinating centres (NIHR CRN CC in England)

NIHR CRN CC performs global checks & forwards documents to relevant CLRNs

CLRNs contact local Trusts

CLRNs & Trust R&D offices perform local checks

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CLRN produces Governance Report & sends it to local Trust R&D office

Local Trusts grant R&D permission

Research activity can commence in specific Trusts in England

Key

- UK-wide process
- Scottish R&D process
- English R&D process
- Stages where problems/delays encountered