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1 WHY DO WE NEED THIS POLICY?

This policy sets out the policy for the conduct and management of research activity Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

2 WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

The Department of Health defines research as “the attempt to derive generalisable new knowledge to answer or refine relevant questions with scientifically sound methods.”

Many different types of research are conducted in the NHS. Any project or investigation that (a) meets this definition and (b) involves any of the people, material or facilities listed below is regarded as a research study, and is subject to the provisions of this policy document.

This policy does not cover Service Evaluations, Clinical Audits and Quality Improvement Projects



4 Understanding the Process

All members of staff undertaking or considering undertaking research are encouraged to review the contents of this policy. The Trust has a statutory responsibility to ensure that all research involving the Trust or Trust patients is conducted in accordance with the UK Policy for Health and Social Care Research. Trust compliance with this requirement is monitored by the Care Quality Commission.

The Trust commissions research themes within the Trust and all research must be adopted by a theme and approved by theme leaders as part of the Trusts Confirmation of Capacity & Capability process. For more information on current themes see the Trust R&D web pages (<http://www.sussexpartnership.nhs.uk/r-and-d/themes>)

The R&D Governance Office is responsible for assessing, arranging, and confirming local Capacity and Capability for a study to take place in the Trust. All research project queries should be sent to researchgovernance@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk



3 Quality Standards

Sussex Partnership (SPFT) shall comply with the UK Policy Framework for Health & Social Care Research.

Sussex Partnership (Sponsorship Committee shall be responsible for ensuring all SPFT studies are conducted in line with all applicable legislation and guidelines.

The R&D Governance Office is also responsible for monitoring and audit of active research studies, this includes annual monitoring of all studies and on site monitoring of hosted or high risk studies

5 CONTACT

If you still have questions, ask! It is important that this information makes sense to you in your role. The Research Department can be contacted on 0300 3040088 or the R&D team at researchmanager@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk or researchgovernance@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk

