Student Research Projects

If you are a student working within the Trust and need to do research as part of your studies:

- Ensure your study is classed as research. Please see "Is it research?"
- Make sure you apply well in advance of the date you hope to start your research.
- Follow the advice of your academic and NHS supervisors to design your research. Please note that for projects at or below Masters Level, the chief investigator for the study should be your academic supervisor.
- Check the requirements of your University. For example your project may need to go to a University ethics committee before you can apply for NHS Permission and NHS ethical approval.
- Check that the University is prepared to act as the sponsor for your project (within the meaning of the Research Governance Framework) or complete a Trust Sponsorship application form to request STHK sponsorship.
- Prepare all your study documents (e.g. protocol, study information sheet for participants, consent form, data collection form).
- Complete the Integrated Research Application Form (IRAS) and Site Specific Information (SSI) forms on the IRAS website www.myresearchproject.org.uk
- Submit your application for NHS ethical approval as described on the HRA Research Ethics Committee (REC) website Applying for Ethical Review.
- Submit your application for NHS Permission from the Trust as described on the Gaining NHS Permission page.
- When you have the necessary approvals from your University and written confirmation of NHS Permission and NHS ethical approval you can begin your project.
- If you have any questions about the process for gaining NHS permission from the Trust please contact the RD&I Department.