

## What is CSP?

The National Institute for Health Research Coordinated System for gaining NHS Permission (NIHR CSP). It is a system which standardises and streamlines the process of gaining NHS Permission (also known as R&D approval) for commercial or non-commercial clinical research studies in England.

## Why use CSP?

- Efficient process for gaining NHS Permission
- Support and advice from the Local Clinical Research Networks (LCRNs)
- Access to NHS service support for non-commercial studies
- Single point of access, via the Integrated Research Application System (IRAS).

## What studies can be processed through CSP?

CSP is available for studies that are eligible for inclusion on the NIHR Portfolio. All applications, both commercial and non-commercial, are assessed to determine whether they are eligible to use CSP. Find out more at [www.crn.nihr.ac.uk/portfolio\\_eligibility](http://www.crn.nihr.ac.uk/portfolio_eligibility).

## Before you apply

- Confirm that the project is 'research'. Go to [www.hra.nhs.uk/research-community/before-you-apply/determine-whether-your-study-is-research/](http://www.hra.nhs.uk/research-community/before-you-apply/determine-whether-your-study-is-research/) for guidance
- Contact your Lead LCRN and encourage participating teams to contact their LCRN for feasibility discussions
- Confirm participating teams are ready to be involved
- Determine what other approvals are required
- Visit IRAS at [www.myresearchproject.org.uk](http://www.myresearchproject.org.uk) for a checklist of the required submission documents.

## Simple time saving steps

- Apply for NHS permissions in parallel with ethics approval
- Get the Principal Investigator's support before sending out Site Specific Information (SSI) applications and let them know the SSI application is on its way
- Ensure any amendments are also included.

### For commercial applicants:

- Use the Study Start-Up Routemap [www.crn.nihr.ac.uk/study\\_startup](http://www.crn.nihr.ac.uk/study_startup) for clear signposting for getting the approvals and permissions you need
- Use the unmodified clinical trial agreement [www.crn.nihr.ac.uk/agreements](http://www.crn.nihr.ac.uk/agreements)
- Use the Industry Costing Templates [www.crn.nihr.ac.uk/costing](http://www.crn.nihr.ac.uk/costing) to assist with the costing process
- Contact your LCRN early to initiate contract/budget discussions.

Find out more at [www.crn.nihr.ac.uk/csp](http://www.crn.nihr.ac.uk/csp)

Contact the CSP Helpdesk: [crcc.csp@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:crcc.csp@nihr.ac.uk)

Contact the CSP Unit: [crcc.cspunit@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:crcc.cspunit@nihr.ac.uk)

More information on LCRNs can be found at: [www.crn.nihr.ac.uk/about\\_us](http://www.crn.nihr.ac.uk/about_us)

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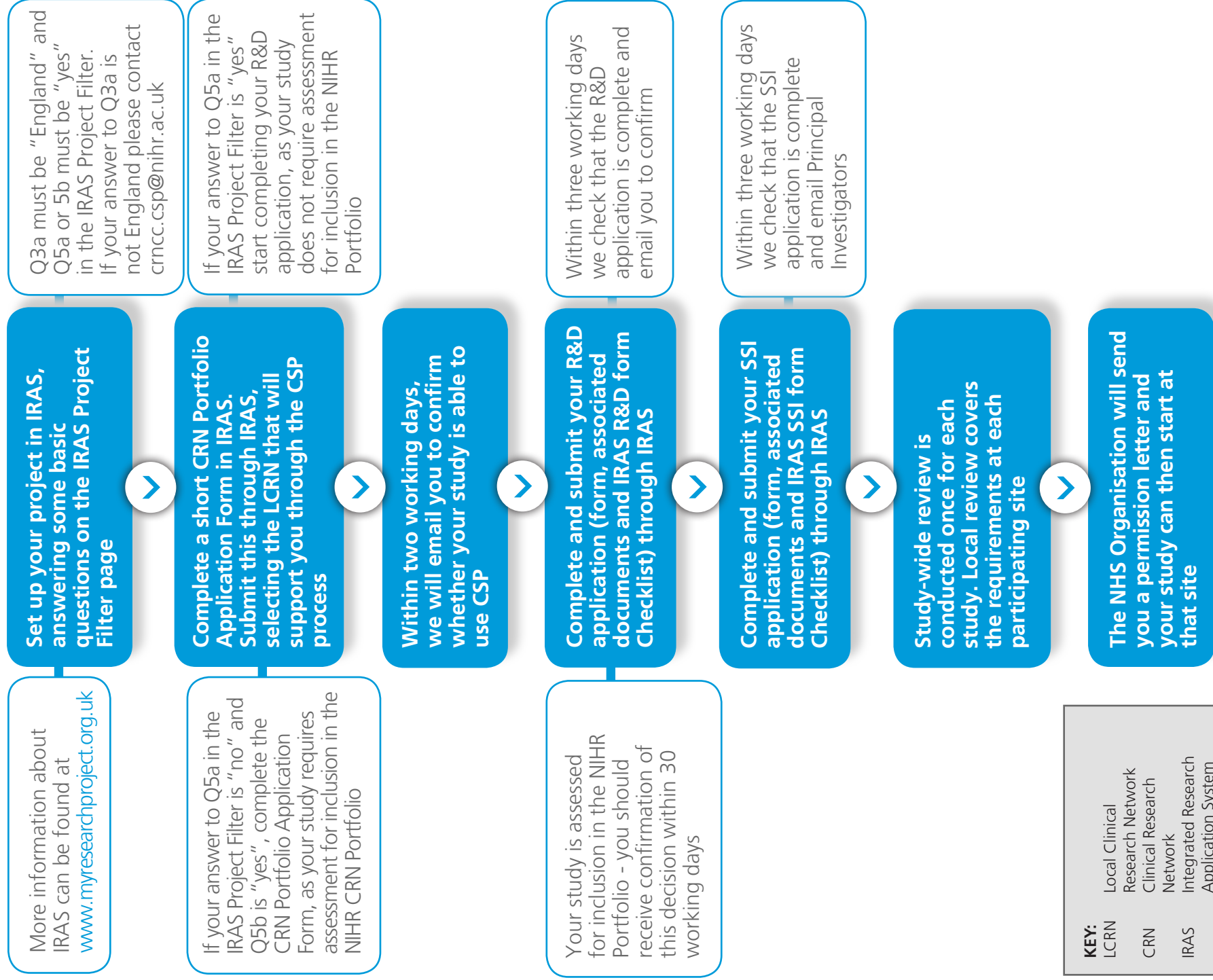
# Gaining NHS Permission for clinical research

## A guide for researchers



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**KEY:**

- LCRN Local Clinical Research Network
- CRN Clinical Research Network
- IRAS Integrated Research Application System
- SSI Site Specific Information