

## **For: Developmental Research Project Grants**

### **Guidance for detailing your proposed research project**

The outline of your research should not exceed 3500 words.

There is a separate section for references.

We ask that you upload a Gantt chart, and there is a non-mandatory section for additional figure/document uploads.

The following areas should all be incorporated, but not necessarily in the order listed below.

#### **1. The need for the study and how the research question is relevant to the needs of those affected by stroke**

- What are the principle research questions the study will address?
- Why is the study needed?
- Evidence from the medical literature should be provided, including discussion of the need for the study in light of any systematic reviews that have been completed.
- Are there any other studies that are currently underway (both nationally and internationally) which are relevant to the proposed study?
- How will the results of this study be used?

#### **2. Proposed project design**

The adjudication panels have requested that as much detail as possible be given concerning the methodology of the proposed research.

#### **3. Description of the research, its design and methods in the context of previous research/ preliminary findings**

Please detail how this project has been shaped and influenced by previous research. Please include any relevant data from preliminary or previous studies and a description of how this provides supportive evidence that your proposed study is needed.

#### **4. Predicted outcomes of the research**

Please describe what outcomes will be measured in the study.

#### **5. Difficulties that can be foreseen and plans for mitigation**

Please detail any potential issues that may affect the project and cause the start to be delayed, or affect the smooth progress of the research (e.g. patient recruitment difficulties, access to scanning etc) should be outlined in as much detail as possible. Please outline any mitigation to address such issues. Views from the NIHR Clinical Research Network (NIHR CRN, or equivalent in Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales) on the feasibility and proposed accrual targets of your study are especially relevant.

#### **6. Team expertise**

Applicants should outline the particular contribution each member of the project team will make towards the project. The team should include all the relevant expertise that will enable delivery of the proposed project.

**7. Plans to manage and deliver the project**

Please detail this. You may refer to a visual aid e.g a Gantt chart, but we require specific detail.

**8. Collaboration with NHS research organisations**

Support in developing studies is available from University Research Support Services, NIHR Research Design Services, UKCRC Registered Clinical Trials Units and devolved stroke research specialties. When preparing their proposal, applicants are encouraged to seek support from these organisations. If a project will involve the use of CRN resources, applicants are encouraged to contact their local research network to discuss support costs, feasibility and recruitment.

**9. Impact of the research**

Please describe the impact the proposal may potentially have upon research and patient care, or any other impact that the study may have. Please describe the next steps after the proposed research is completed.

**10. Knowledge mobilisation/dissemination plan**

Please outline how the applicants plan on disseminating the results of the study and outline their knowledge mobilisation plan.