



PCRS-UK Policy: Criteria for supporting external research projects

The agreed criteria are:

1. Fits with PCRS-UK current strategy / priorities
2. Relevant to respiratory care in a primary or community care setting
3. Developed by an established academic unit or to be a high methodological calibre as assessed by independent researchers'
4. Independent project – not sponsored by commercial organisation
5. Reviewed / supported by two independent researchers who are not party to the application
6. Evidence that patients have been involved / support the need for the project (or PCRS-UK Lay patient and carer reference group has reviewed and supports it)
7. Cost neutral to PCRS-UK (except in exceptional circumstances where potential gain to PCRS-UK offsets any potential costs)
8. Approved by PCRS-UK Executive Chair (or deputy) and another PCRS-UK lead

For projects meeting the stated criteria, PCRS-UK will:

- Provide a letter of support confirming the need for and relevance of the study to respiratory care in a primary or community care setting
- Promote the study to its membership / wider database to support recruitment to the study
- Contribute to other activities to be agreed by PCRS-UK and the host organisation on a case by case basis
- Support the dissemination of the study results as appropriate through relevant PCRS-UK communication channels

Reviewed by PCRS-UK Executive: May 2017

Approved by Trustees: October 2018

Next Review Date: October 2020