

Pre-Sponsorship Review Panel (PSRP) FAQs

1. Why has the PSRP been introduced?

The Pre-Sponsorship Review Panel is a joint initiative from the four partners of the Joint Clinical Research Office (JCRO), namely the universities of Brighton, Sussex, Brighton and Sussex Universities Hospitals NHS Trust (BSUH) and Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SPFT). In coming together to review applications for sponsorship, the organisations are pooling together experience and expertise to improve quality of submissions to the HRA/NHS RECs. This will reduce start up times for research studies.

2. Previously, I received sponsorship from the University of Sussex, will it now change to the PSRP?

The PSRP is only a review body and cannot provide sponsorship. It will recommend sponsorship to each of its four research governance mechanisms. For the University of Sussex, the **Sponsorship Sub-Committee** will receive recommendations prior to formally granting sponsorship.

3. I am in the process of responding to Sponsorship Sub-Committee comments to an existing application. Will I need to send these to the PSRP?

Any sponsorship applications that have currently been reviewed by the Sponsorship Sub-Committee will not need to be submitted to the PSRP. Only new applications going forwards will be considered through this route.

4. Are amendments, SAEs and NHS REC reports submitted to the PSRP?

No. The PSRP only reviews new sponsorship applications. All other sponsorship business will continue to be reviewed by the Sponsorship Sub-Committee according to its usual meeting schedule. For any urgent business, please contact researchsponsorship@sussex.ac.uk.

5. Who sits on the PSRP?

The PSRP is comprised of representatives of the four organisations and is a combination of academic researchers, clinical researchers, research governance specialists and other professional service staff who can input into review. The PSRP has been designed so that the necessary review by key staff in each organisation occurs in parallel with evaluation of research design to avoid delays when considered by the partner's formal sponsorship mechanisms. The Chair is Nicky Perry from BSUH.

6. Who do I contact with any questions?

The PSRP can be contacted via psrp@sussex.ac.uk.

The Sponsorship Sub-Committee can be contacted via researchsponsorship@sussex.ac.uk

Weblinks

University of Sussex Sponsorship - <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/staff/research/governance/sponsorship>

Pre-Sponsorship Review Panel –

<https://www.bsms.ac.uk/research/support-and-governance/pre-sponsorship-review-panel.aspx>

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