

Clinical Research Practitioner Register National Verifier Cohort

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Background

Verification is an auditing process that will ensure there is a consistent, transparent and fair process for the assessment of applications at a national level. Verifiers will perform a second level of confirmation to the process for local sign-off.

Verifiers are recruited, advised and trained as part of a national cohort supported by the Academy for Healthcare Science (AHCS) and NIHR. This is an unpaid role. All verifiers will be asked to sign the AHCS code of conduct and there is dedicated administrative support available from the Academy.

The national cohort of verifiers will play a very valuable role in ensuring that there is confidence in the rigour and application of the CRP Register QA Framework and consistency across the different organisations where CRP's are employed. Verifiers will be ambassadors for the register. Verifiers will also be asked to contribute to review activity on the implementation, performance and outcomes of the application process.

In the first year of the register (April 20221-2022) verifiers were drawn from the nurse leadership community, including leaders who contributed to the development of the CRP Directory and Register. Now the register is more established the Academy is committed to supporting CRP verifiers.

Verifier's will need to have sufficient time available to attend an online training event and review an agreed number of applications. It is anticipated that application review will take no more than 2 hours. Verifiers will be able to discuss applications with a named moderator if they are unable to reach a decision about a particular application.

The CRP Register Quality and Assurance group will provide an opportunity to bring verifiers together to discuss trends and quality issues.

Criteria to become a verifier:

- Be willing to work within the AHCS operational policies and procedures applicable to the role
- Holds the relevant professional knowledge, skills and understanding to be able to verify the evidence submitted
- Demonstrate active support and understanding for the professional development of the CRP community and the value of accredited registration
- Normally hold current registration on a statutory register or the CRP accredited register
- Be willing to discuss applications with peers and moderators
- Agree to identify conflict of interests
- Agree to work to the Academy's Code of Conduct for CRP Register verifiers
- Be willing to undertake NIHR/AHCS verifier training and have the time and support to complete agreed activities and contribute to review and evaluation activity

Verifier Role

Verifiers will be expected to commit to reviewing an agreed number of applications and to attend where possible a quarterly online meeting of the CRP Register Quality and Assessment Group.

Training and support will be given. Verifiers will be provided with templates to provide their feedback and given guidance on coming to judgement and providing feedback.

Verifiers will input into improvements and adjustments required and contribute to the development of an equivalence process for experienced CRPs who do not have a first degree.

Application process

Verifiers for the CRP Register pilot have been selected based on their involvement and commitment to the development of the CRP Register. Verifiers will have the opportunity to make a final decision about their involvement after attending the mandatory training session.

At this stage they will need to sign the code of conduct including the conflict of interest declaration.

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