

## **Expressions of Interest (EOI)**

We are aware that you may still be receiving EOIs for new studies. Currently we are only processing studies related to the COVID 19 outbreak.

- If you receive an EOI for a COVID-19 study please forward to [researchmanagement@uhs.nhs.uk](mailto:researchmanagement@uhs.nhs.uk) with an indication of whether you wish, or not, to act as Principal Investigator. The R&D central office will take this forward for you.
- If you receive an EOI for a study not related directly to COVID 19 please forward to the R&D office and we will communicate with the sponsor about the potential to process the study at a later date.

## **Amendments**

We are currently receiving a number of amendments from sponsors to suspend study recruitment and to accommodate COVID 19 into existing protocols. These amendments are being prioritised and processed as quickly as possible.

We are also receiving a number of amendments for non-COVID19 studies to, for example, extend studies.

We are in the process of notifying Sponsors that we are currently unable to process non-COVID19 study amendments within the standard 35 day timeframe and may not be able to process them until the crisis has passed.

## **Monitoring visits**

For reasons of staff, patients and visitor safety, the Research and Development Department at University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust has halted on-site monitoring activities for ALL studies until further notice. For studies allowed to continue for reasons of patient benefit and safety, we require that ALL monitoring be conducted remotely. The remote monitoring process will be agreed on a case by case basis to ensure safety with the minimum data required. For studies requiring remote monitoring we will contact CROs/Sponsors to make the necessary arrangements. For all other studies we will contact CROs/Sponsors when the relevant study team has capacity to resume activity.

**Thank you for your support and cooperation during this challenging time.**

Regards,

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