



Research

(contact R&D for advice and to register project for approval: research@bdct.nhs.uk)

- Designed to derive new generalisable knowledge
- Quantitative: designed to test a hypothesis
- Qualitative to explore/ identify themes
- Methodology: addresses clearly defined questions, aims and objectives
- Study design may involve allocating patients to intervention groups
- Normally requires research ethics committee review: if involves patients/Patient information.

Types of research

We undertake many different types of research at Bradford District Care Foundation Trust but we are extremely committed to the delivery of National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) funded research:

UKCRN Portfolio Adopted Studies

- The National Institute for Health Research Clinical Research Network (NIHR CRN) Portfolio is a database of high-quality clinical research studies that are eligible for support from the NIHR Clinical Research Network in England; these include Industry adopted Commercial studies.
- Research funded by the NIHR and partners should be eligible for adoption onto the United Kingdom Clinical Research Network (UKCRN) portfolio. For full details on the eligibility criteria please view the following go to the [UKCRN website](#).

Non-Portfolio Studies

- These are studies that do not meet the criteria for adoption by NIHR and are therefore not entitled to network funding or support. It is always worth checking if the funder may be able to become an eligible partner.

Commercial Studies

- Commercial research is defined as research that is funded and sponsored by a commercial organisation. In this contract research the company designs the protocol and own any results and arising Intellectual property. Commercial contract research must be fully funded but may be adopted by the NIHR portfolio and therefore eligible for facilitation from the local networks. For information on national support for commercial research please click [here](#).

Student Research

- We support student research, through [ACORN](#) workshops which will help students with their project.

Clinical Audit

(Contact the audit office for advice and to register project: Joanna.shinners@bdct.nhs.uk / 01274251663/4/2)

- Designed and conducted to produce information to inform delivery of best care
- Designed to answer: 'Does this service reach a predetermined standard?'
- Measures against standards
- No allocation to intervention
- Does not typically require research ethics committee review

Service Evaluation

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- Designed and conducted solely to define or judge current care
- Designed to answer. "What standard does this service achieve"?
- Measures without reference to a standard
- No allocation to intervention
- Does not require research Ethics committee Review