

Grampian Clinical Research Office Quality Statement 2026-2029 V8



We aim to:

- Ensure that all clinical research (projects and activities) are fulfilled in a professional manner consistent with the requirements and expectations of Sponsors, The Principles of Good Clinical Practice (GCP), The UK Policy Framework for Health & Social Care Research and, as appropriate, The Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI 2025 No. 538) or The Medical Devices Regulations 2002 (SI 2002 No 618), to ensure the rights, safety and well-being of participants and the scientific integrity of work undertaken.
- Produce high quality research that is respected in the medical and scientific community; enabling a positive research culture and careers across all clinical and care services.
- Incentivise and develop R&D career pathways for all health and care professionals.
- Embed R&D in health service deliveries, ensuring management promote the requirements of the Quality Management System and staff are aware of their responsibilities in terms of its implementation and maintenance.

This incorporates:

1. Robust and efficient processes for carrying out the highest quality research, to inspire stakeholders, meet individual Sponsors' needs, and support studies to successful completion.
2. Improve equality, diversity and inclusivity, whilst attracting and developing high quality, dedicated staff through on-going investment in our resources and training.
3. Transparent completion of research projects to expectation through systems of quality assurance that monitor our performance to identify improvement opportunities and ensure safe, effective and economic use of resources.

We are committed to complying with the principles outlined above with regular review of our quality objectives and the continuous improvement of our systems.

We shall achieve this by developing a culture that ensures individual commitment to meeting requirements and the achievement of identified objectives.

Quality is everyone's responsibility

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