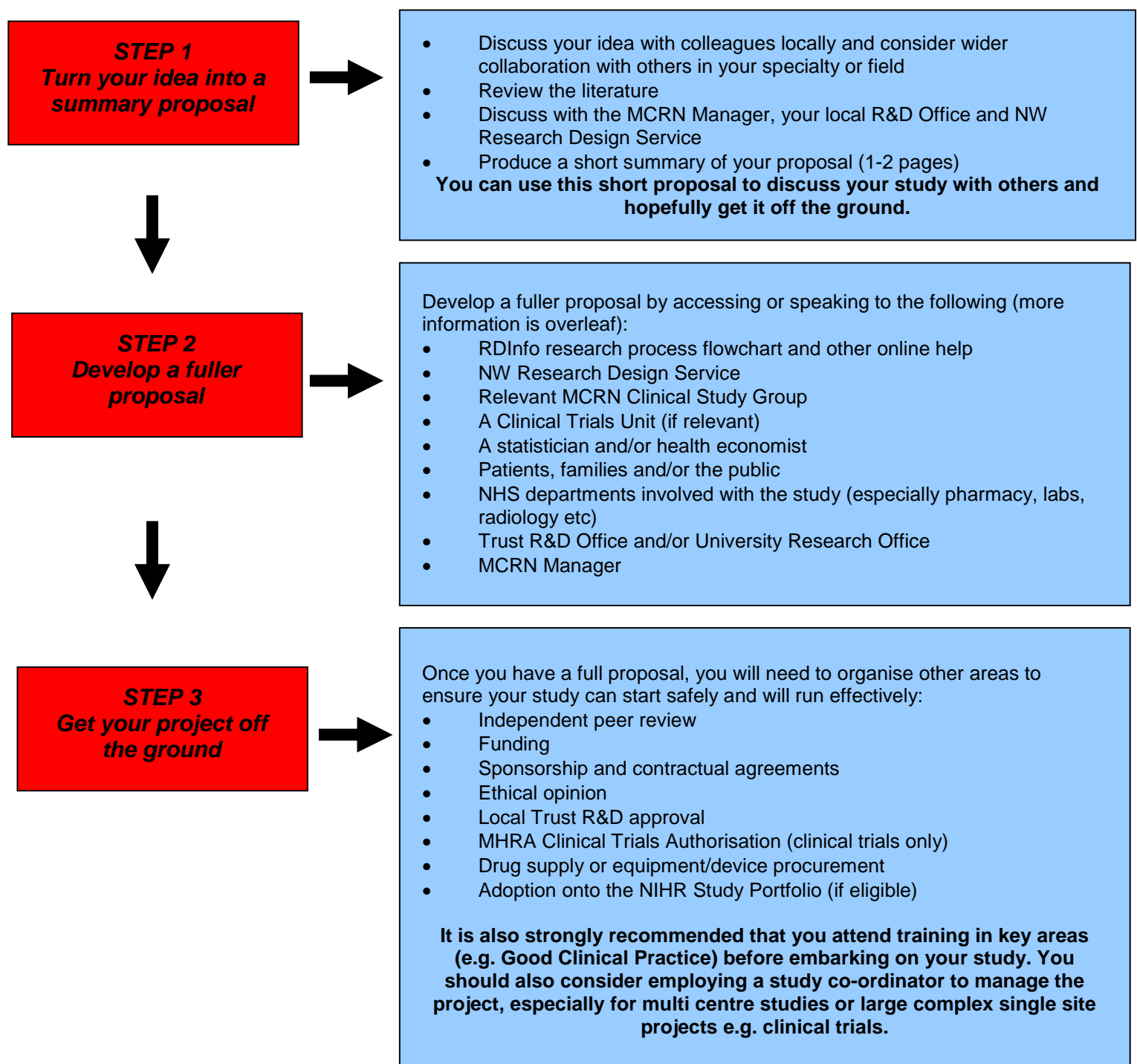


Developing a paediatric research study

In the increasingly complex world of clinical research, it is vital that research studies are well designed in order to comply with governance requirements and also to maximise their chance of success. This leaflet provides some basic information to get you started, but you are strongly advised to get in touch with your employing organisation's R&D Office for advice and support.



USEFUL WEBSITES

RDInfo - <http://www.rdinfo.co.uk/>

Comprehensive site covering a number of key areas:

- The research process (research process flowchart)
- Research funding (RD Funding)
- Research advice (RD Direct)
- Research training (RD Learning)

North West Research Design Service (RDS-NW) - <http://www.rds-nw.nihr.ac.uk/>

RDS-NW provides advice on research design to researchers in the North West who are developing proposals for national, peer-reviewed funding competitions for applied health or social care research (especially Research for Patient Benefit).

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) - www.nihr.ac.uk

Information on how the NIHR works and what benefits there are for researchers. Sections of particular interest:

- Research - information on funding streams available
- Infrastructure - information on research networks and other key facilities that support research

Medicines for Children Research Network (MCRN) - www.mcrn.org.uk

Website of the MCRN Co-ordinating Centre, information on:

- MCRN Clinical Study Groups
- MCRN study adoption
- Involving patients and families in research

Greater Manchester, Lancashire & South Cumbria MCRN - www.gmlc-mcrn.org.uk

Your local research network supports many NIHR adopted paediatric research studies (not oncology). Information on:

- Services and support offered locally by the network team
- Training and education

Integrated Research Application System (IRAS) - www.myresearchproject.org.uk

Portal to allow simultaneous and easy applications for key approvals, including ethics, Trust/HEI R&D and MHRA CTA.

National Research Ethics Service (NRES) - www.nres.npsa.nhs.uk

Information on applying for an ethical opinion for all research projects conducted in the NHS.

NIHR Clinical Research Network (NIHR CRN formerly UKCRN) - www.ukcrn.org.uk

The "Training" section gives details of courses available and the "Clinical Research" section provides details on:

- NIHR Study Portfolio and adoption
- NIHR Co-ordinated System for Gaining NHS permissions (CSP) - essential for all new studies
- Research Passport - reducing the need for multiple honorary research contracts for multi centred studies
- Clinical Trials Units

Clinical Trials Toolkit - www.ct-toolkit.ac.uk

Comprehensive Department of Health website aimed at trialists wishing to conduct studies in the UK.

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Other Trust R&D Departments - visit local Trust websites or check http://www.rdforum.nhs.uk/links/trust/_index.html

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