

FEBRUARY - RESEARCH AND CLINICAL TRIALS

Introduction

The session on research and clinical trials outlined:

- The research process
- Including the research idea
- Funding
- Ethics approval
- Types of research
- Role of Patient & Public Involvement & Engagement (PPIE) in research

Questions asked with answers

Is there any consideration to doing quality impact assessment as part of the ethics process?

Yes, they do consider inclusivity and accessibility of research participants.

What are the benefits of current ways of research recruitment?

The SDE can be used to aid the recruitment of participants.

Pseudonymised vs anonymised with respect to the data:

We are creating a visual to explain this better to the public.

When you're pushing back in ethics, what are the time scales?

Funding bodies focus on research methodology and impact, while ethics committees focus on funding on participation protection.

What are the concerns around AI's role in patient identification and recruitment?

AI is not currently used in the NHS research trials due to strict data sharing policies and clinician concerns around data security.

Questions for future experts

- Why does the funding come before ethics?
- Is survey an umbrella term for a research method? - For example is a questionnaire a particular method that falls under surveys?
- Which research methods are used for qualitative data and quantitative data?
- Primary and Secondary settings, who provides the data to the SDE? - For example, how they categorise patient data, how long does it take, when do they do it and how does it get 'into' the SDE?
- Where does the SDE come into the research process?