

To:	Trust Board
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Healthcare standard	

Title:	NIHR Research & Development (R & D) Operational Capability Statement		
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Purpose of the Report: To provide the Quality Governance Committee with an update on implementation of National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Research & Development (R & D) Operational Capability Statement			
The Report is provided to the Board for:			
	Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Assurance
	Approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary/Key Points:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In May 2011, the NIHR (National Institute for Health Research) introduced the Research Support Services (RSS) Framework which is a key component of the government’s health research strategy. The programme will help to standardise good practice across the NHS organisations. ➤ The NIHR expects that all organisations planning to sponsor or participate in NIHR funded research have R & D (Research and Development) Operational Capability Statement in place. In addition, NHS organisations receiving Trust Research Capability Funding must also comply with the requirements of the New RSS framework.. ➤ The R & D Operational Capability Statement provides a board level operational framework which supports the Research & Innovation (R & I) Department in undertaking the management of R & I within United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust. ➤ The R & D Operational Capability Statement also provides the Joint Director 			

of R & I/Director of LCRF/IP Lead a board-approved framework for approving clinical research studies and working with Clinical Directors, Business Unit Managers, Operational Leads from supporting departments and investigators in a timely way.

- It Provides an overview of the United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust's R & D capabilities and research interest
- The NIHR expects that the Operational capability Statement to be ratified by the Trust Board.
- Previous versions of the Operational Capability Statement were approved by the Trust Board on 24 April 2012 and 3rd March 2015
- The updated version of the Statement with minor amendment was approved by the Trust R & I Committee on 15th May 2018.
- After discussion with Dr Neill Hepburn, it was presented to the Clinical Management Board (CMB) on 21st June 2018. The CMB approved and recommended that it should be presented to the Trust Board for information purpose.
- The report was presented to the Trust Board on 27th July 2018. The Board recommend that it should be presented to Quality Governance committee first in November and then to the Trust Board
- The report was presented to the Quality Governance Committee on 20th November 2018 and the committee recommended to present to the Trust Board for information.

Recommendations:

The report was approved by the Trust R & I Committee and the Clinical Management Board and it is recommended to note and approve the update version.

Strategic Risk Register

Performance KPIs year to date

Resource Implications (eg Financial, HR)

Assurance Implications

Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Implications

Equality Impact

Information exempt from Disclosure

Requirement for further review?