

Research Governance in Social Care [1]

What is 'Governance':

- ⌘ internal relationships between agents;
- ⌘ mutual dependency;
- ⌘ common purpose.

Research Governance Framework for Health & Social Care [2]

Principles:

- ⌘ transparency;
- ⌘ indivisibility;
- ⌘ checks & balances;
- ⌘ accountability;
- ⌘ 'enactability'.

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Key agents:

- ⌘ funders;
- ⌘ sponsors;
- ⌘ ethical reviewers;
- ⌘ research employers;
- ⌘ principal investigators;
- ⌘ care organisations.

Research Governance Framework for Health & Social Care [4]

Definitions:

- ⌘ *current/past data on service users/carers, professionals in CSSRs or contracted orgs;*
- ⌘ *the attempt to derive generalisable new knowledge by addressing clearly defined questions with systematic and rigorous method.*

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Actions for DH:

- ⌘ consultation on Plan;
- ⌘ develop guidance;
- ⌘ proposals for ethics review;
- ⌘ follow-up baseline assessment;
- ⌘ list 'RGF - ready' Councils;
- ⌘ list RGF sponsors.

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Actions for care organisations:

- ⌘ duty of care;
- ⌘ access;
- ⌘ quality checks;
- ⌘ checks on agents;
- ⌘ recording and monitoring;
- ⌘ information;
- ⌘ legal requirements.

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Actions for funders:

- ⌘ *proper use of funds;*
- ⌘ *good value for money;*
- ⌘ *role of sponsor;*
- ⌘ *risk assessment.*

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Actions for sponsors:

- ⌘ *Independent review;*
- ⌘ *ethics review;*
- ⌘ *written agreements;*
- ⌘ *monitoring and audit;*
- ⌘ *dissemination.*

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Actions for research providers:

- ⌘ responsibilities under the RGF:
 - *good conduct*
 - *experience and expertise*
 - *management and monitoring*
 - *review and dissemination.*
- ⌘ approval care organisation;
- ⌘ ethical approval;
- ⌘ responsibilities under law.

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Key milestones:

April 2003	publication SC Implementation Plan;
Sept. 2003	proposals for ethics review;
April 2004	sponsors sign up;
April 2004	new baseline assessment
April 2004	80% CSSRs RGF 'ready'
May 2004	no RGF research without sponsor
May 2004	no RGF research in non RGF CSSRs;
April 2005	national SC ethics system;
Dec. 2005	no RGF research without ethics review.

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Problems:

- ⌘ scope;
- ⌘ levers;
- ⌘ ethics review;
- ⌘ resources.

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Options for ethics review:

- ⌘ NHS RECs;
- ⌘ specialist SC RECs;
- ⌘ regional consortia;
- ⌘ Universities;
- ⌘ pluralism.