

Location: Glasgow, G81 4DY

Salary: NHS Band 7 equivalent

Contract type: Fixed term

Position type: Full-time

Hours: 35.00 hours-per-week

Job Summary

The post holder has general responsibility for providing support to NRS staff and organisations for issues relating to industry-sponsored clinical research. Although the majority of the portfolio is made of pharmaceutical studies, the role includes support for other industry-led projects, including diagnostics, medical devices and use of health data.

This post will report to the NRS Central Management Team General Manager.

Background

NHS Research Scotland (NRS) is a partnership involving Scottish NHS Boards and the Chief Scientist Office (CSO) of the Scottish Government. The overarching aim of NRS is to ensure that NHS Scotland provides the best environment to support clinical research and it aims to increase the number of studies and the level of patient recruitment to research projects undertaken across Scotland.

On an annual basis, NRS supports over 500 industry-led studies across the whole of Scotland, involving several thousand participants, with a potential value totalling over £15m.

The NRS Central Management Team (CMT) provides support to the wider NRS collaboration by providing a range of services, including liaison and support for companies seeking to place trials within NHS Scotland.

Scottish Health Innovations Ltd (SHIL) is a company owned by the NHS and Scottish Ministers, which works in partnership with NHS Scotland to support health research and innovation. SHIL receives a grant from the Chief Scientist Office of the Scottish Government to deliver CMT.

Activity areas

Overall

- Responsibility for supporting the development and delivery of the NRS commercial portfolio of studies within Scottish Health Boards, enabling NRS to maximise potential activity.

Reporting and data

- Primary responsibility for overseeing the quality of commercial data
- Work with CMT colleagues to review and improve robust and accurate systems to allow tracking and reporting of commercial projects from feasibility to completion.

Performance monitoring and delivery

- Work with Board, and NRS Network & Portfolio staff to actively monitor study performance
- Work with colleagues in CMT to further develop reports to highlight commercial study performance, bottlenecks and capacity for improvement
- Provide reports as required to NRS Management Board and CSO

- Meet on a regular basis with company representatives, monitor company portfolios and develop collaborative approaches to resolving issues
- Account manage existing NRS partner collaborations
- Support the development of wider strategic interactions with other clients seeking to place trials in Scotland.

Service development

- Support the development of both approval and delivery systems for commercial research
- Work with Boards and companies to address any issues with study setup or delivery
- Identify and promote best practice across Health Boards with respect to the conduct of clinical trials.

Feasibility and business development

- Oversee and ensure the smooth running of the central NRS feasibility service, including links with NIHR to ensure equity for Scotland in UK feasibilities and site selection.
- Further develop mechanisms for handling site selection and feasibility enquiries
- Support wider efforts within CMT and NRS to market and promote the capabilities and success of NRS to industry
- Work with CMT colleagues to ensure provision of simple, clear communications with industry.

General

- Be familiar with, and adhere to, the principles of patient and company confidentiality, GCP, Information
- Governance, Research Governance and any other relevant legislation or guidance. Any other duties as defined by the CMT General Manager.

Relationships and travel

The post holder will work closely with Health Board commercial managers, NRS Network and Portfolio managers, Scottish Government (CSO), Scottish Enterprise, SDI, and company representatives. They will also develop working links with colleagues in the rest of the UK, including NIHR, Health and Care Research Wales, HSC R&D NI, ensuring that Scotland is able to equitably participate in UK trials.

The role will require frequent travel across Scotland.

Attendance is required at regular NRS meetings, including supporting the Industry Partnership Forum, as well as occasional UK meetings including cCOG and the NIHR RMG.

To apply for this position please submit a covering letter along with your CV to Lyndsey Wilson, Scottish Health Innovations Ltd, lyndsey.wilson@shil.co.uk.