

ESRC-NIHR Dementia Research Initiative 2018 Guidance on interventions and NHS costs

Intervention costs

The fundamental principle is that the cost of an intervention should be met by the organisation that provides that intervention. So, interventions delivered in the NHS should be subject to the NHS cost calculations outlined below. The cost of non-NHS interventions should be calculated and justified clearly in the research proposal so that the Panel can judge value for money. These costs should normally be met by the organisation that will provide and deliver the intervention. If you have questions regarding intervention costs please email dementia@esrc.ukri.org.

NHS costs

Applications may be made for costs associated with NHS studies. Possible costs included in NHS studies comprise:

- Research costs
- NHS treatment costs
- NHS support costs

Where a research study takes place in or involves the NHS, Department of Health and Social Care guidance on the responsibilities for meeting patient care costs associated with research and development in the NHS applies. **If successful, the research grant will not include NHS support and/or treatment costs, although the Panel will take NHS support and treatment costs into account when considering the value for money of the research.**

Research costs of a study: The funders will only fund costs which fall under this heading, at 80% FEC. These are the research costs associated with the grant such as costs of research staff.

NHS support costs: These are the additional patient care costs associated with the research, which would end once the research and development activity in question has stopped, even if the patient care service involved continues to be provided. These might cover items such as extra patient tests, extra in-patient days and extra nursing attention. Researchers should contact their local NHS research and development department initially. If they are unable to help directly or if there is no local NHS research and development department, contact the local Comprehensive Local Research Network (CLRN) Senior Manager.

NHS treatment costs: These are the patient care costs that would continue to be incurred if the patient care service in question continued to be provided after the research and development activity has stopped. In determining NHS treatment costs the applicant must assume that the patient care service being assessed will continue even though there may be no plans for it to do so. Where patient care is being provided which differs from the

normal, standard treatment for that condition (either an experimental treatment or a service in a different location from where it would normally be given), the difference between the total treatment costs and the costs of the 'usual standard care' (if any) constitutes excess treatment cost/saving, but is nonetheless part of the treatment cost, not an NHS support or research cost. These costs should be determined in conjunction with your NHS trust partner(s) and their commissioners.

If applying for NHS support costs or treatment costs, applicants should complete the NHS costs form: <https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities/esrc-nihr-dementia-research-initiative-2018/>. Please note that Je-S does not allow the upload of MS Excel files, therefore please convert the completed template to a PDF and upload it to the application as an 'Other' type attachment. Please detail the file's description as 'NHS support and treatment costs'.

This form will be used to clarify Support and Treatment costs that you are requesting from the NHS as part of your application for funding. Any funds you wish to receive from the NHS should be entered on this form and not in your Je-S application. **Entering NHS costs in these sections of your Je-S application could invalidate your proposal.**

Justification for the costs detailed in this form must be clearly provided in your Justification of Resources document. Please note that any grant from the ESRC will not include NHS Support costs or NHS Excess Treatment Costs/Savings. These will be paid directly from the NHS.

A 'Letter of Support' from the lead NHS provider acknowledging the amount requested and confirming that these are the likely costs must also be included with the proposal. It will be your responsibility to ensure these costs are verified by your organisation.

For further information, please see:

- Responsibility for meeting patient care costs
- Attributing revenue costs of externally funded non-commercial research in the NHS (ARCO)
- EL(97)77: Meeting patient care costs associated with research and development in the NHS detailed guidance

Additional advice and guidance can be obtained from your local Trust's Research and Development Office or from the Department of Health and Social Care Research and Development Finance team. Please find the contact form on the [DHSC website](#).

For research based in Scotland	Advice can be sought from the Chief Scientist's Office. For advice on NHS funding and policy, research ethics, IP, information and communication, please contact: Chief Scientist's Office, telephone: 0131 244 2246
For research based in Wales	Refer to NHS research and development in Wales
For research based in Northern Ireland	Refer to the NHS research and development in Northern Ireland.