Dear Colleague,

**ETC per patient values for studies transitioned into the new ETC model where CCGs are the responsible commissioner.**

As part of our implementation of the new system for ETCs which has been live since 1 October 2018, we have undertaken a transition exercise for existing studies that are continuing to recruit and where CCGs are the responsible commissioner for the ETCs.

To ensure there is an ETC value for each study that has been transitioned we have:

- collated information on existing ETC commitments from CCGs and research Sponsors
- contacted key research funders for information on ETCs that were defined in research funding applications
- calculated the ETC value for studies from existing HRA Schedule of Events in the HRA approval submissions where there was no ETC value available from the CCG returns.
- worked with the remaining sponsors/research teams to confirm ETC requirements where no ETC per patient value was available.

This collective information has now been added to the relevant NIHR CRN Central Portfolio Management System (CPMS) study records and will be used to determine the reimbursement to providers from the ETC CCG funding allocation based on patient recruitment from 1 October 2018.

To review the ETC per patient value that has been allocated to studies for which you are the sponsor please access the individual study record in the CPMS study record via your normal route. Your Local CRN can advise if you are unsure.

Please ensure that the Chief investigators and Principle investigators at each site for each study are also directed to this information as necessary and that they cascade this to their R&D and finance departments.

There are a limited number of studies where we are engaging with research teams on a
case by case basis to resolve individual issues and therefore an ETC per patient value has not yet been confirmed in CPMS. These studies are listed in Annex A. We will confirm arrangements for these studies directly with sponsor/research teams.

By using a number of sources to establish an ETC value for existing studies it is hoped data has been captured for all studies. Once the first payment schedules have been released, any existing studies that have not been included in this exercise will be expected to follow the new process requirements to establish the ETC study value. We aim to make the first payment to providers in February 2019 for patients recruited between 1 October and 31 December 2018.

Specialised Commissioning The new arrangements for Specialised Commissioning study ETC payments will only apply to studies newly funded on or after 1 October 2018. For studies funded prior to 1 October, previous arrangements will continue to apply; we will not revisit funding arrangements for these studies.

The latest details regarding the new ETC arrangements are located and updated via a dedicated NIHR webpage at www.nihr.ac.uk/nhs-england-consultation.

Further information

For further clarification or questions regarding individual studies, please:
- Refer to the dedicated NIHR webpage www.nihr.ac.uk/nhs-england-consultation
- Contact supportmystudy@nihr.ac.uk or 0113 34 34 555, and the query will be sent onto the responsible Partner for further escalation.

Yours faithfully

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Annex A

Studies with ETC values yet to be confirmed in CPMS:

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