

About Documas

Documas is a comprehensive and dynamic software application for research management tailored to address the complexities and challenges of a constantly evolving NHS R&D landscape.

Three external drivers

- Research governance framework for health and social care: sponsor and host research organisations have a responsibility to ensure research projects are managed and overseen in line with regulation and Department of Health standards;
- Local Clinical Research Network host organisation requirements: ICHT as LCRN host has a responsibility for employing a data governance system that can support national reporting requirements;
- NIHR and BRC approval timeline requirements: externally imposed timelines and benchmarks require ICHT to track and report on approval metrics for project approval and patient recruitment against a national demographic.

Key benefits

- Direct access to data held on your portfolio
- Reduced timelines for R&D approval (subject to external factors)
- Prompts and reminders for key stages in project governance
- Repository for all approved electronic research documents in your portfolio
- Faster communications and approvals from support departments
- Greater transparency in, and understanding of, the research approvals process

Governance and oversight

- Holding all project information in one location to allow for appropriate oversight
- Providing a single standardised system for project approvals across the Trust and College
- Allowing researchers to access data held on their portfolio of research to promote transparency and minimise gaps in information
- Providing JRCO staff with visual prompts and reminders for compliance with national timelines
- Providing an auditable system to improve project management
- Providing partial automation of approval processes to streamline procedure
- Accommodating an electronic document repository for all research related documents for audit and ease of sharing
- Providing key stage alerts to researchers eg upcoming annual reports.