

FAQs:

Q Does CUH use any other system for uploading patient-recruitment data?

A Previously we used other systems, now we only use EDGE.

Q How often do I need to upload recruitment activity information (accruals) to EDGE?

A It is preferred that recruitment activity is done as close to real time as possible for accuracy. As a minimum recruitment activity should be uploaded weekly.

Q Who should upload recruitment activity?

A There should be a nominated person in your research team who has received EDGE training and who is responsible for regularly uploading study recruitment data.

Q How much information do I need to upload for my recruitment in EDGE?

A There is a minimum dataset of fields which needs to be populated. These include: The participant study identifiers, the participant type, and the set of dates related to the actual recruitment.

Q Do I need to work out ETCs for my study?

A No, the value of ETCs will be automatically calculated as part of the research costing process but will be visible for your study in EDGE.

Q I already use EDGE for my research. Do I still need to attend update sessions?

A Yes, the drop-in sessions are mandatory for all research teams in CUH. You can then decide if you want further EDGE training.

Key Facts to Remember:

- If you don't upload your patient-recruitment data into EDGE it won't appear in the national Portfolio (which pulls its information from EDGE)
- The way the CRN remunerates Trusts on behalf of NHS England for ETCs has changed: claiming ETCs is now directly reliant on recruitment activity uploaded to EDGE
- CUH cannot claim ETCs if your recruitment activity is not in EDGE
- The data we put into EDGE is very important. The NIHR use it to check other requirements such as performance metrics against targets
- The responsibility of ensuring there is resource available to fulfil the mandatory requirement of uploading recruitment activity rests with the Principal Investigator (PI)
- To upload recruitment activity into EDGE you must have an EDGE account. To get an EDGE account you need EDGE Training: details of how to book are overleaf

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The NIHR Clinical Research Network (NIHR CRN) Portfolio consists of high-quality clinical research studies that are eligible for consideration for support from the Clinical Research Network in England.

Research activity (recruitment) data from the NIHR CRN Portfolio is used to inform the allocation of NHS infrastructure for research. This includes NHS Service Support Costs and also supports the performance management of the Clinical Research Network.

Recruitment activity (data) is captured in a cloud-based system called "EDGE" which you may have heard of or are already using to upload patient recruitment for your studies.

Are you a member of a Research Team?

Do you recruit to NIHR Portfolio Studies?...

You need to read this NOW!

Did you know....

- If you work on studies adopted to the NIHR Portfolio, it is a mandatory requirement to upload your patient recruitment to EDGE
- Acting now will support your research, your patients and this Trust

Previously in CUH

EDGE was adopted as the database of choice for capturing all research activity for studies listed on the NIHR Portfolio that we participate in.

Recruitment Data captured in the Portfolio had to be recorded in two ways:

1. In CPMS (Central Portfolio Management System) – The national cloud-based Portfolio management system
2. In LPMS (Local Portfolio Management System) or EDGE – The local version of the Portfolio management system

This meant duplicate data entry for research teams and constant reconciliation between the two systems.



What has changed?

1. In October 2018 NHS England changed the way it remunerates Excess Treatment Costs (ETCs) for non-commercial studies
2. CUH can now claim ETCs for all non-commercial studies within new defined criteria
3. The new criteria is ETCs will ONLY be awarded for patient recruitment uploaded into EDGE – so recruitment activity is now directly linked to funding
4. If you do not upload your recruitment data, the Trust cannot claim any ETCs

Other updates include:

- EDGE/LPMS data will now flow directly to and feed the CPMS system...
- Eliminating the need for duplicate data entry

Useful links and additional information:

Questions? Email: CUHedge@addenbrookes.nhs.uk

To book EDGE training: <http://bit.ly/CUHEDGE>

Additional information:

NIHR Clinical Research Network Portfolio:

<http://bit.ly/NIHRportfolio>

Central Portfolio Management System:

<http://bit.ly/CPMSinfo>

NIHR – Excess Treatment Costs:

<http://bit.ly/NIHR-ETCs>

HRA – Excess Treatment Costs:

<http://bit.ly/HRA-ETCs>

CRN – Eligibility Criteria for NIHR Clinical Research Network Support:

<http://bit.ly/CRNeligibility>