

Accredited Registers Programme

Notification of Change

Summary of proposed changes

Notification of change from: **The Academy for Healthcare Science (The Academy)**. Once accredited any relevant changes that a register wishes to make will need to be assessed by the Authority to ensure ongoing compliance with [the Standards for Accredited Registers](#). Part of this assessment includes a review of information received from anyone sharing their experience. Below is a summary of the proposed changes for consideration.

<p>Summary of Proposed Changes</p>	<p>The Academy is an overarching body for the healthcare science profession, working alongside specialist professional bodies and societies to promote healthcare science and the healthcare science profession. The Academy's Accredited Register admits practitioners working as Healthcare Science Practitioners, Medical Illustrators and Higher Specialist Scientists, in fields such as biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, medical technologies, diagnostics, digital health services and regenerative medicine. The Academy also operates a Credentialing Register for the Life Sciences Industry that is accredited by the Authority.</p> <p>The Academy is proposing to add Clinical Research Practitioners to its register. The Academy describes Clinical Research Practitioners 'as an umbrella title for a family of roles in research delivery that have a patient-facing element and where the post-holder is not currently registered to a healthcare profession. The post-holder will often be a degree graduate, though not always, who may be working to deliver research in a variety of different settings, including community and social care environments and as part of public health initiatives.'</p> <p>The Academy notes that adding this group to its register will help ensure that 'their skills and expertise can be assured to patients and the public, employers and partners, including the Life Sciences Industry. In addition, the skills and expertise of individual Clinical Research Practitioners can be better valued and developed and the professional identity of Clinical Research Practitioners as a group can become recognised within the delivery of research and the health and social care workforce.'</p> <p>The Academy has developed its <i>Standards of Proficiency</i> which sets out the minimum standard that a person must meet in order to join the register. These were developed following consultation with Clinical Research Practitioners, National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)</p>
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	<p>Research Delivery Managers, NIHR national Workforce Development Leads and senior leaders in nursing and management of clinical research operations. There are 16 Standards which are consistent with the Academy's existing standards for other occupations its registers. Clinical Research Practitioners will be subject to the same quality assurance and registration standards as other existing registrants. Complaints against Clinical Research Practitioners will be heard by the NIHR Clinical Research Practitioners Registration Council with any appeals being heard by the Academy's Regulation Board.</p> <p>The Academy has advised that its governance and administrative structure will not need to be significantly changed to manage the new occupation. The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Head of Registration Services will sit on the Academy's Regulation Board.</p>
Main standards which may be affected	Standards 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Proposed Timescales	AHCS would like to make these changes as soon as possible.