

# Project Definitions

## What is a *Research* Project?

*“The attempt to derive generalisable or transferable new knowledge to answer questions with scientifically sound methods including studies that aim to generate hypotheses as well as studies that aim to test them, in addition to simply descriptive studies”*

Extract from the HRA ‘Defining research’ table

Features often associated with a research project include:

- Ethical approval
- A treatment/intervention which is different to standard care
- Treatment may be allocation via a process of randomisation
- Uses a set protocol to determine treatment, care or service
- Usually collected information additional to that recorded as standard care

**Example:** RECOVERY is an international clinical trial which aims to identify treatments that may be beneficial to people hospitalised with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. The project is generating new knowledge on the effects of multiple different treatments on major outcomes among this patient group.

### Who can support me with a research project?

Research & Development departments can provide advice, guidance and support with research projects.

