

RDN funding Model

From April 2026 the RDN allocation is determined by a new national funding model for Hospitals.

This funding model is comprised of a number of elements:

1. 50% Historic Allocation
2. Activity based: 30% of the allocation is based on the volume of non-commercial NIHR Portfolio activity that takes place at an organisation over a 3-year period.

This is calculated as a combination of recruitment activity, with new weighting for complexity and number of open and recruiting studies.

NIHR considers this to be the best measure for 'workload' that is currently available.

- Study recruitment weightings:
 - Interventional 175
 - Observational 86
 - Largescale interventional 29
 - Largescale observational 1

3. Performance: 20% of the NIHR RDN funding model allocation is based on achievements against a suite of key performance indicators (KPIs) designed to drive progress against UKCRD and 10-year plan.

- Recruitment of Study's first participant
- RRDN KPI
 - Site opened within 60 days of HRA approval or site selection.
 - First Participant, First Visit within 30 days of site readiness.
 - Recruitment to Time and Target (commercial studies).
 - Increase in recruitment to interventional commercial trials.
 - Increase in the number of interventional commercial trials recruiting.

Failing to meet these KPI could result in the reduction of our RRDN allocation.