

## Peer Review



## Trial Planning Phase

**The Peer Review station** follows the Funding Proposal station and precedes the Funding Secured station. This process occurs in parallel with Protocol Development. Peer Review is good practice and is relevant to all trials. This station is part of the 'trial planning phase' group of stations.

Peer review is where a number of 'experts' examine the proposed trial to consider aspects such as design quality, feasibility, acceptability and importance of the topic etc. 'Experts' in this context will usually include views from relevant clinicians, allied health professionals and other professional groups, methodologists, patients and members of the public.

If an application for external funding has been submitted, then peer review will be undertaken as part of this process.

If external funding is not required, and therefore peer review has not been conducted as part of the funding process, the sponsoring organisation will be able to assist with this matter.

It is important to note that both [ethical approval](#) and [NIHR Portfolio](#) adoption (if appropriate) will require sufficient demonstration of appropriate peer review.