

Rt Hon Greg Clark MP
Chair, Science and Technology Committee
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Dear Mr Clark

Many congratulations on your appointment as Chair of the Commons Science and Technology Committee for this Parliamentary term. I am writing following the 31 October 2019 letter from the Rt Hon Norman Lamb, following the oral evidence session on Clinical Trials Transparency, an integral component of Research Integrity, at which HRA Chair, Professor Sir Terence Stephenson, and Director of Policy, Juliet Tizzard, gave evidence.

Since that time we have finalised our Research Transparency Strategy, called 'Make it Public: transparency and openness in health and social care research', taking into account feedback from our public consultation run in summer 2019 and based on advice from the Research Transparency Strategy Group. The feedback and advice demonstrated a real commitment to research transparency from a wide range of patients, researchers and research organisations and a strong desire for change.

I'm pleased to report that the Board of the Health Research Authority has now approved the Make it Public strategy and it has the support of the devolved administrations and from the Department of Health and Social Care. The central vision of the strategy is that trusted information from health and social care research studies is publicly available for the benefit of all. To achieve that, we have developed a plan to ensure that all approved clinical trials appear on a public registry, results of clinical trials are reported and participants in all health and social care research are given information about those results. We will be working with stakeholders across the research system, patients and the public under three broad areas: making transparency easy; making transparency the norm; and making information public.

Full delivery of the strategy and technology to support it, which we are working on with our colleagues in the devolved nations, is still subject to funding. We expect a decision by the start of the new financial year, at which point we will launch the strategy.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the Strategy in more detail with you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Teresa Allen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'T' and a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

Teresa Allen
Chief Executive