

# Research Governance Lead Introduction

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*Below you will find a brief introduction to Rebecca Harper, Research Governance Lead. You can contact Rebecca if you need help with the governance process. To find out more about research governance please explore our website and visit [the Health Research Authority website](#).*

## **Tell us about your role?**

I've seen our expansion from our days working across Bradford and Airedale right through to our current position supporting all West Yorkshire member practices. My role has adapted as our team has moved from a Primary Care Trust, to a Commissioning Support Unit, to our current base working across the West Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).

As Research Governance Lead I support our CCGs to meet their statutory requirements for research, taking the lead to oversee and support the governance and feasibility aspects of studies. I also support researchers to navigate their way through the governance process.

## **How did you come to work in R&D?**

I began my career in the field of dentistry as a dental nurse in 1999, joining the NHS in 2000. Since qualifying as a Registered Dental Nurse in early 2001 I've worked in many areas of health. My involvement in research began in 2009 when I worked privately as a consultant eye tracking researcher. I soon moved back into the NHS, taking up a research post in Bradford back in the days of the Primary Care Trust and I've worked in audit and research ever since, having recently completed a MSc dissertation in Health Research at the University of Leeds.

I haven't only worked in health, though – I used to work in television production. For a time I was a Location Manager on 'Location, Location, Location'!

## **What is your favourite part of your job?**

My favourite part of my job is knowing that I am one very small cog in the wheel of high quality health research, ultimately leading to safer, better treatments (sometimes even cures!) for patients.

## **When should people contact you?**

If you need any help or advice during the governance process, or if you need to discuss excess treatment costs, then please get in touch. You can reach me Monday-Thursday on 01274 237690 or via email: [rebecca.harper@bradford.nhs.uk](mailto:rebecca.harper@bradford.nhs.uk).

I look forward to hearing from you.