

Glasgow Clinical Trials Unit Guideline

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Title	Guidelines for Identifying Category of Research Funding Organisation		

Funding organisations should be classified in accordance with the funding categories defined in SOP 51.010: Eligible Funding, Non-Eligible Funding (NEF), Investigator-Initiated Industry-Funded Studies and Mixed Funding.

Grant applications deemed 'eligible' for NHS support and treatment costs are identified as being to organisations included on the Chief Scientist's Office list of 'eligible funders' <https://www.nhsresearchscotland.org.uk/uploads/tinymce/NRS%20CSO%20Eligible%20Funders%20List%2019%20February%202025.pdf>.

Where funding is received from a combination of eligible and non-eligible/commercial sources, the funding should be classified as eligible. AcoRD attribution principles apply and Sponsor team costs funded through infrastructure funding mechanisms should not normally be included.

The AcoRD documents (Attributing the Costs of Health and Social Care Research and Development- Scotland) (<https://www.nhsresearchscotland.org.uk/uploads/tinymce/AcoRD-Guidance-Scotland.pdf>) identifies, and differentially attributes costs to, two categories of organisation on this list:

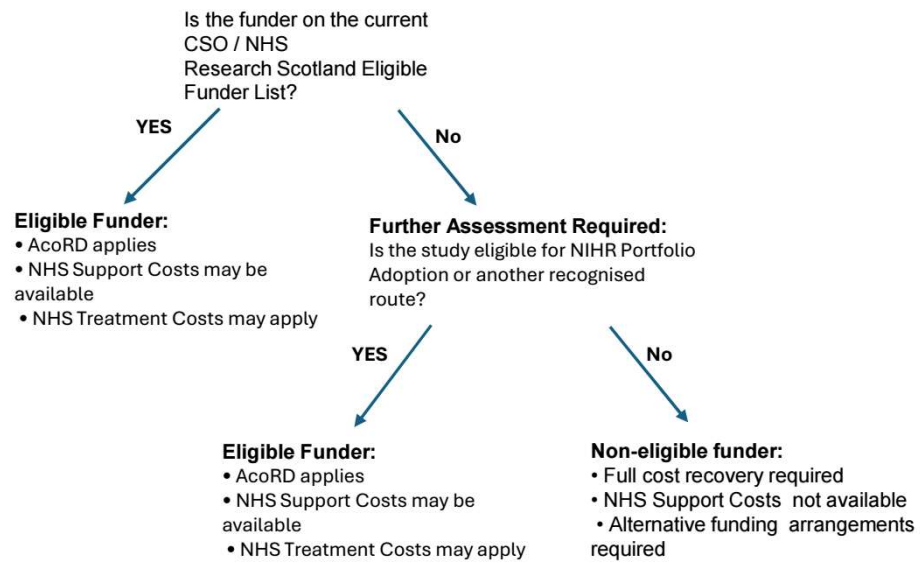
- members of the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC)
- Government organisations e.g. research councils, Health Directorates

In addition, other grants/awards that meet the conditions of 'adoption' to, and are 'adopted' by, the NIHR portfolio, including Scottish-only studies (Adoption of non-commercial Scottish-only studies:

<https://www.nhsresearchscotland.org.uk/uploads/tinymce/NRS%20Funding%20Guidance%20-%20Annex%203%20Extended%20Review%2003-12-2024.pdf>)

will be considered to be eligible e.g. industry-funded investigator-initiated studies that are NIHR-adopted may be treated as eligible funding; however, investigator-initiated industry-funded studies should also be categorised in accordance with SOP 51.010 and reviewed against the funding categories in Form 51.010E.

Funding category decisions should be documented in Form 51.010E: R&I Study Strategic Plan and used to determine the applicable costing framework and level of Sponsor review.



If uncertain, seek advice from R&I Finance.

Awards from organisations not on the CSO list, and not able to meet the conditions for NIHR portfolio adoption (as above), are not eligible for NHS support or treatment costs and therefore have to be fully funded (though can be from a variety of sources, including where departments agree to absorb any/or specific costs).

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