

HRB Public Review Glossary of Terms



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A

Abbreviation

A shortened form of a word or phrase: HRB is an abbreviation of Health Research Board

Annex(es)

An extra part of the main document that may help explain things in detail but that is not essential

Appropriate

Suitable or proper under the circumstances

C

Clinical Status

A clinical measure of the condition of the patient, their disease and treatment at a given time point that is used by doctors, nurses or others that work in the health service

Commercialisation

The process of managing or running something mainly for financial gain

Confidential

Intended to be kept secret

Conflict of interest

A situation in which the concerns or aims of two different people/groups are clashing/opposing; or

A situation in which a person is in a position to gain personal benefit from actions or decisions made in their official role

Constructively

In a way that has or is intended to have a useful or beneficial purpose

Credible

Able to be believed; convincing; capable of persuading people that the research will be successful

Criteria

Principles or standards by which something may be judged or decided

D

Disclose

Make (secret or new information) known

Dissemination

The act of spreading something, especially information, widely; circulation; making people aware of research results

E

Expertise

Expert skill or knowledge in a particular field

Equitable

Fair and impartial, unbiased

F

Functional status

An individual's ability to perform normal daily activities required to meet basic needs, fulfil usual roles, and maintain health and well-being; a person's ability to go about day-to-day life

Fundamental purpose

The main reason why the research is to be done

Funding Application

A form completed by researchers in request for money to carry out research, outlining what research they want to do and how they want to do it

Financial scrutiny

Critical observation or examination of the proposed budget, analysis of how the researchers plan to spend the money

I

Impact

A noticeable effect or influence

Impenetrable

Impossible to understand

Integrity

The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles, truthfulness

J

Jargon

Special words or expressions used by a profession or group that are difficult for others to understand

Knowledge user

A Knowledge User is defined as all those who would be able to use research results to inform their decisions. This includes clinicians, managers, policy makers, patients/families and others

L

Lived experience

The knowledge or skill gained through a period of hands-on experience of something, especially that gained through everyday life e.g. as a patient or carer

M

Mandatory

Required by law or mandate; compulsory

Mutual confidentiality agreement

A contract through which both people/groups agree not to disclose (make public) information covered by the agreement

P

Participant

An individual who is studied in a trial, often, but not necessarily, a patient

Panel Review

The HRB uses a system of review panels to assess research funding applications. Separate review panels are established for each scheme. Panels consist of multi-disciplinary experts as well as public reviewers, depending on the funding scheme. Whilst panel members are generally from outside Ireland, national experts may participate from time to time.

Peer Review

Assessment of scientific, academic, or professional work by others working in the same field

Perspective

A particular attitude towards or way of looking at something; a point of view

PPI contributor

Members of the public involved in a research study are referred to as PPI contributors. A PPI contributor should be actively involved and part of decision making.

Prompts

Words or symbols on the form to show that the reviewer needs to provide input e.g. checkboxes, textboxes

Projected Outputs

Planned/expected yield from the research work such as published results from a research project

Proportionate

Matching in size or amount to something else

Prioritising the Research Questions

Deciding which research questions to answer first based on their level of importance

Public and Patient Involvement

Public and patient involvement (PPI) in research means that the public and patients are involved in planning and doing research from start to finish and help tell the public about the results of research.

R

Reimburse

Repay (a sum of money that has been spent or lost)

S

Selection criteria

The rules or standards by which funding decisions may be judged or decided

Service users

The term 'service user' includes:

- people who use health and social care services as patients;
- carers, parents and guardians;
- organisations and communities that represent the interests of people who use health and social care services;
- members of the public and communities who are potential users of health services and social care interventions

Sustainable

Able to be maintained (carry on) at a certain rate or level

Scrutinises

Examine or inspect closely and thoroughly

Subsidising

Paying part of the cost of producing (something) to reduce prices for the buyer or costs for the commercial partner

T

Transparent

Process is open to public scrutiny; easily understood