



# REGU/REGIS Newsletter | Issue 11 | 12

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### Forum Spotlight

Celebrating Our 100th Member! 🎉

**Audience:** Research Office

We are thrilled to announce that the NSW Health Research Ethics and Governance Forum has reached a significant milestone—100 registered users! A special shout-out to our **100th member, Pamela Blaikie** from St. Vincent's Hospital Network (SVHN).



Our forum is more than just a platform; it's a digital campfire 🔥 where the brightest minds from various Local Health Districts (LHDs) gather to share stories, ask those "no stupid questions" questions, and sip the metaphorical marshmallow-laden cocoa 🍷 of collaborative knowledge.

Thank you to our 100 members for your enthusiasm and active participation. The forum remains an exclusive space for you. Let's make the most of this incredible community! 🙌🎉

## Forum Focus

**Audience:** Research Office



### Forum Highlights #1: Approved Survey Platforms - QuestionPro? 📊

This week's spotlight shines on an engaging discussion about using **QuestionPro** as an approved survey platform. Brianna from **CCLHD** started the conversation on 17th April, seeking insights from the community about authorising studies with **QuestionPro**, as her institution currently only approves **REDCap**, **QARS**, or **MS Forms** for survey projects.

This is a great question because it's one of those everyday questions we often encounter at work, yet no single policy will have the answer. Hence, the importance of sharing it across the forum environment. Even if this isn't a question you need to answer today, it may very well come up soon. Our forum provides a valuable space for addressing such queries, ensuring you are prepared with the collective knowledge of our community.

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*You can follow the full thread and contribute your thoughts [here](#).*

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## Forum Highlights #2: LHD/NSW Health Researcher Passport

This fortnight's forum highlight features a thought-provoking discussion about creating an NSW Health Researcher Passport. Initiated by an anonymous user in November 2023, the conversation explores how a centralized researcher passport system could streamline the contingent worker process across Local Health Districts (LHDs).

**Bec Lavery:** Bec from NNSWLHD contributed valuable insights on leveraging **HETI's ClinConnect** system, which is used for placing university students in LHDs, as a model for the researcher passport. She highlighted how **Northern NSW LHD Workforce** manages the process for students undertaking research as part of their qualification and provided an example of the external researcher application process. This involves basic requirements, risk assessment of research activity, and determining the necessary contingent worker status.

This was an exemplary update from **Bec** giving practical perspective on how existing systems like **ClinConnect** could potentially be adapted to support a **Researcher Passport** model. This contribution proves the importance of collaborative problem-solving and sharing best practices within our community.

  L-o-v-e it!

**Why It Matters:** The idea of a centralised **NSW Health Researcher Passport** is significant because it could reduce administrative burdens and improve efficiency for researchers moving between **LHDs**. This proposal has sparked interest and positive feedback, demonstrating the collaborative potential of our forum.

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*Follow the full thread and join the conversation [here](#). Let's continue to explore and develop these ideas together!*

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## Live Forum Q&A With The REGU and REGIS Teams

**Audience:** Research Office

### Get Ready for a Live Forum Q&A Event with REGU and REGIS Teams

Mark your calendars!  On **28th June, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM**, we will host our inaugural **Live Forum Q&A** event of the year. This is your chance to engage directly with the **REGU** and **REGIS** teams, who will be answering your questions in a live webinar format.



#### How to Participate:

1. **Submit your questions [HERE in the Forum](#)** ahead of the event. Only questions posted in the Forum will be addressed during the live session.
2. **Save the date and time:** Friday, 28th June, 10:00 - 11:00 AM.
3. **Teams invite:** A Teams invite will be sent closer to the event, so keep an eye on your inbox!

This event is designed to provide a friendly engagement and ensure you get the answers you need from REGU and REGIS teams. Don't miss out on this opportunity to have your questions answered live!

Post your questions now and be part of an engaging and informative session!

## Upcoming events and dates

**Audience:** Research Office/Researcher



## 2024 Events and Dates

**REGIS Research Office Lunch & Learn 2024:** Lunch & Learn webinars have been scheduled for **11 July, 13 August, 18 September and 17 October** with further sessions to be scheduled. [Click here to view the themes, topics and previous Lunch & Learns.](#)

**Live Forum Q&A Event with REGU and REGIS Teams:** On **28th June**, from **10:00 to 11:00 AM**, the REGU and REGIS teams will host a live Forum Q&A event. Invitations will be sent through to research offices prior to the event.

**Research Office REGIS Training:** The last cycle of Research Office training for 2024 will be held in **August**. [Register your interest here.](#)

**Researcher REGIS Training:** Researcher training will be held in **July** and **September**. [Register your interest here.](#)

## Previous Versions of REGU/REGIS Newsletter

**Audience:** Research Office/Researcher

All previous version of the fortnightly email are available from the REGIS website: <https://regis.health.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/regis-office-webinars/>

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