



# REGU/REGIS Newsletter | Issue 13 | 10 July 2024

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## REGIS News

### Simplified and Revised HOD Template

**Audience:** Research Office

In order to prepare for our next release, scheduled 17th July, a revised simplified HOD template has been designed for nominated users to action the HOD upload process and will be available in our [Quick Reference Guide](#) section this week.

Please note: This template DOES NOT replace the existing HOD Template that research offices currently using.

A nominated superuser introduction meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 10th July with invitations sent to all nominated users, if you have been nominated and have not received this meeting invitation, please kindly get in touch with Patrick Lau: [Patrick.Lau1@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Patrick.Lau1@health.nsw.gov.au).

### Ethics and Site Dashboard Updates

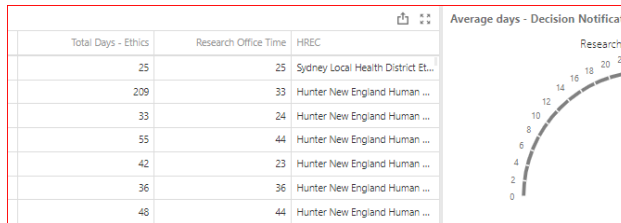
**Audience:** Research Office

Updates have been made to the ethics dashboard based on feedback provided by research offices. The addition of 'Grand Total and Annual Total Approved Research' and simplifying the application filtered list table with the removal of the classifications columns, to accurately reflect the total research per LHD.

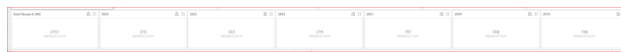
Updates to the site dashboard based on feedback provided by research offices. The addition of 'Grand Total and Annual Total Authorised Research', addition of a filter 'Other Classifications' to allow further filtering, addition of a column 'HOD Approval Time' and removal of the 'Eligibility' column.



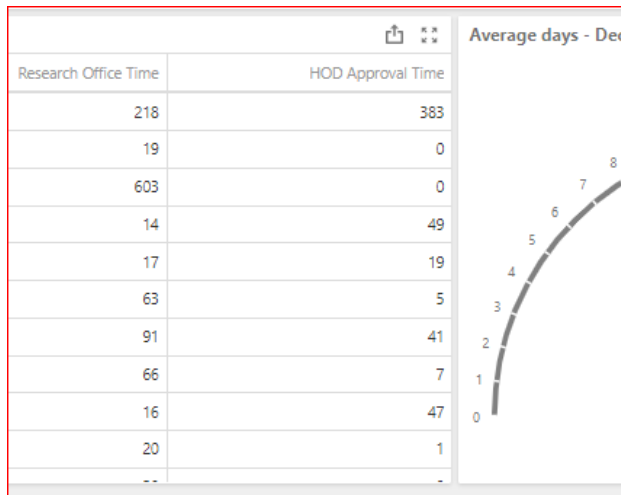
1 - Grand total and annual total approved Research.



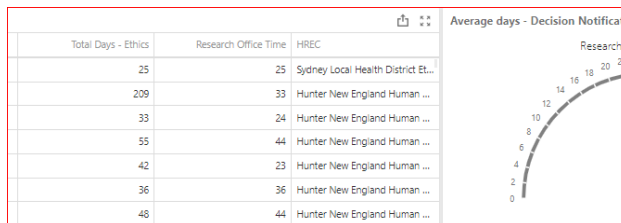
2 - Removal of the classifications columns.



3 - Other classifications filter.



4 - HOD approval time.



5 - Grand total and annual total authorised research.

### Upcoming Release

**Audience:** Research Office & Researcher

There are 2 system changes that are scheduled to be released in the coming weeks.

## 1. Clinical Trial Decision Tree

This enhancement will assist Researchers in correctly identifying when the study is a clinical trial according to the WHO and Clinical Trial Governance Framework definition.

This enhancement is a series of questions in the Project Registration, it will also clearly indicate when a study is required to be entered into the NSW Statewide (or SWSLHD) CTMS.

## 2. General HOD upload

This system enhancement will allow Research Offices to update their own Heads of Department by uploading the data directly into REGIS.

[Release notes are available here](#) and will be made available on the REGIS homepage.



## NSW Health Research Handbook Update

**Audience:** Researchers/Research Offices



The Research Ethics and Governance Unit (REGU) has developed a NSW Health Research Handbook that will be a living document intended for localisation by NSW Health Organisations to govern their day-to-day operations involving human research activities.

This handbook will be a great resource which we are excited to launch in the very near future so watch this space!

## Forum Focus

**Audience:** Research Offices

Have you joined the conversation yet? Each newsletter we will highlight one of the questions/conversations in the forum. This week it's in the Research Governance category.

**Question:** We have a study, where our LHD site is obtaining informed consent with patients (we will have an SSA in place), but the intervention is occurring off site (at the medical research institute), the sponsor is querying if the LHD site needs to be added to the CTN, or only the location where the actual intervention is occurring (ie the medical research institute)? thanks in advance.

**Answer:** Head on over to the NSW Research Office Forum (category Research Governance) and join the conversation.

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*Feel free to join any of the conversations, the strength in this [forum](#) is your engagement.*

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## MTPConnect Snapshot Report Released

**Audience:** Everyone

The MTPConnect, Australia's life sciences innovation accelerator, released a new report [Australia's Clinical Trials Sector - Advancing innovative healthcare and powering economic growth](#) in June.

This is a great resource that provides a holistic and comprehensive overview of the current state of the clinical trials environment in Australia. It provides vital metrics around the economic and health impacts of clinical trials, a detailed analysis of clinical trial activity and outlines Australia's position in the global market and priority focus areas to support sector growth.

The report also highlights five emerging opportunities for consideration including patient engagement, digital health solutions, precision healthcare, innovative trial designs, and medical device trials.

## 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** with further sessions to be scheduled. [Click here to view the themes, topics and previous Lunch & Learns.](#)

**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:** The last cycle of Researcher training for 2024 will be held in **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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