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Dear Professor Perkins

**HRA and Health and Care
Research Wales (HCRW)
Approval Letter**

Study title:	Ventilation Strategies in COVID-19; CPAP, High-flow, and standard care
IRAS project ID:	282338
Protocol number:	26/19-20
REC reference:	20/HRA/1696
Sponsor	University of Warwick

I am pleased to confirm that [**HRA and Health and Care Research Wales \(HCRW\) Approval**](#) has been given for the above referenced study, on the basis described in the application form, protocol, supporting documentation and any clarifications received. You should not expect to receive anything further relating to this application.

Please now work with participating NHS organisations to confirm capacity and capability, in line with the instructions provided in the “Information to support study set up” section towards the end of this letter.

How should I work with participating NHS/HSC organisations in Northern Ireland and Scotland?

HRA and HCRW Approval does not apply to NHS/HSC organisations within Northern Ireland and Scotland.

If you indicated in your IRAS form that you do have participating organisations in either of these devolved administrations, the final document set and the study wide governance report (including this letter) have been sent to the coordinating centre of each participating nation. The relevant national coordinating function/s will contact you as appropriate.

Please see [IRAS Help](#) for information on working with NHS/HSC organisations in Northern Ireland and Scotland.

How should I work with participating non-NHS organisations?

HRA and HCRW Approval does not apply to non-NHS organisations. You should work with your non-NHS organisations to [obtain local agreement](#) in accordance with their procedures.

What are my notification responsibilities during the study?

The standard conditions document “[After Ethical Review – guidance for sponsors and investigators](#)”, issued with your REC favourable opinion, gives detailed guidance on reporting expectations for studies, including:

- Registration of research
- Notifying amendments
- Notifying the end of the study

The [HRA website](#) also provides guidance on these topics, and is updated in the light of changes in reporting expectations or procedures.

Who should I contact for further information?

Please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance with this application. My contact details are below.

Your IRAS project ID is **282338**. Please quote this on all correspondence.

Yours sincerely,
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List of Documents

The final document set assessed and approved by HRA and HCRW Approval is listed below.

<i>Document</i>	<i>Version</i>	<i>Date</i>
Contract/Study Agreement template [mNCA]	2.1	01 July 2018
Covering letter on headed paper [HRA Cover Letter]	1.0	01 April 2020
Evidence of Sponsor insurance or indemnity (non NHS Sponsors only) [Insurance letter]		30 July 2019
IRAS Application Form [IRAS_Form_01042020]		01 April 2020
IRAS Checklist XML [Checklist_03042020]		03 April 2020
Letter from sponsor [Sponsorship Approval Letter]	1.0	01 April 2020
Organisation Information Document [RECOVERY OID]		01 April 2020
Other [Co-CI Danny McAuley - CV]	1.0	30 September 2019
Other [RECOVERY Supportive Care Consultee Cover Letter]	1.0	01 April 2020
Other [RECOVERY Supportive Care_Consent form Consultee]	1.0	01 April 2020
Other [RECOVERY-SC Short Patient Information Leaflet]	2.0	03 April 2020
Other [Site list]	2.0	03 April 2020
Other [Northern Ireland Assent Form]	2.0	03 April 2020
Other [WCTU Response to REC]	1.0	03 April 2020
Participant consent form [Recovery Supportive Care - Deferred Consent Form]	1.0	01 April 2020
Participant information sheet (PIS) [Recovery-Suportive Care PIS]	2.0	03 April 2020
Research protocol or project proposal [RECOVERY SC Protocol]	v2.0	03 April 2020
Schedule of Events or SoECAT [SoECAT]	0.4	02 April 2020
Site List [List of potential sites]		
Summary CV for Chief Investigator (CI) [Gavin Perkins - CV]	1.0	11 February 2019

Information to support study set up

The below provides all parties with information to support the arranging and confirming of capacity and capability with participating NHS organisations in England and Wales. This is intended to be an accurate reflection of the study at the time of issue of this letter.

Types of participating NHS organisation	Expectations related to confirmation of capacity and capability	Agreement to be used	Funding arrangements	Oversight expectations	HR Good Practice Resource Pack expectations
There is one type of participating NHS Organisation completing all of the research activities as detailed in the study protocol.	Research activities should not commence at participating NHS organisations in England or Wales prior to their formal confirmation of capacity and capability to deliver the study.	An Organisation Information Document has been submitted and the sponsor is intending to use a separate site agreement. The agreement is unmodified.	Please note that the SoECAT submitted for this study has not been authorised by an AcoRD Expert. HRA or HCRW sign off is for versioning only. This sign off does not constitute authorisation of the content of the SoECAT or confirmation that the cost attribution is appropriate.	A Principal Investigator is expected to be in place at the NHS organisation.	No Honorary Research Contracts, Letters of Access or pre-engagement checks are expected for local staff employed by the participating NHS organisations. Where arrangements are not already in place, research staff not employed by the NHS host organisation undertaking any of the research activities listed in the research application would be expected to obtain an honorary research contract from one NHS organisation (if university employed), followed by Letters of Access for subsequent organisations. This would be on the basis of a Research Passport (if university employed) or an NHS to NHS confirmation of pre-engagement

					checks letter (if NHS employed). These should confirm enhanced DBS checks, including appropriate barred list checks, and occupational health clearance.
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Other information to aid study set-up and delivery

This details any other information that may be helpful to sponsors and participating NHS organisations in England and Wales in study set-up.

The applicant has indicated that they do intend to apply for inclusion on the NIHR CRN Portfolio.