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## Supporting biosimilar clinical trials in the UK

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The National Health Service (NHS) is a single healthcare system providing care to over 60 million people from cradle to grave, free at the point of access. The NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) is the research delivery arm of the NHS. It provides the world-class infrastructure that allows high-quality clinical research to take place in the NHS. The CRN turns the pledges in the government's Strategy for UK Life Sciences into reality, by creating a better environment for conducting large scale commercial contract clinical research, so that life sciences companies can allocate clinical studies to the UK with confidence. We help researchers to set up clinical studies quickly and effectively; support the life-sciences industry to deliver their research programmes; provide health professionals with research training; and work with patients to ensure their needs are at the very centre of all research activity. We provide free support to help the life-sciences industry deliver high quality research in the NHS. Our Study Support Service provides access to dedicated research staff and support to assist with commercial contract study delivery across all therapeutic areas throughout the whole of England. It offers a flexible package of tools and services that can be shaped to meet the needs of individual companies. We work with companies to support the lifecycle of the study- from finding the right sites to deliver biosimilar clinical trials, through to support in getting the study set up within the NHS, right until end of recruitment.

## Biography

Sarah Cooper is a Clinical Nutritionist by background having completed a PhD in Clinical Nutrition at the University of Sheffield, UK. She has over 12 years' experience of delivering clinical research in a variety of settings. She joined the NIHR CRN in 2010 initially as a Operations Manager for the Specialties and is currently a Business Development Manager (Commercial).

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