

Claiming Research Participant Travel Costs

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Version History Log

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1 Introduction, Background and Purpose

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to describe the procedure to use for research participants to claim travel expenses incurred during a research study.

2 Who Should Use This SOP

This SOP is aimed at the following people:

- Staff working in research teams on either sponsored or hosted studies (Research Nurses and Clinical Trials Support staff).
- York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust R&D Unit staff.

3 When this SOP Should be Used

At any point during a research study when a research participant is able to claim money for travel costs incurred during study visits.

4 Procedure(s)

- There are three forms available to use for this purpose (R&D/F122, R&D/F123 and R&D/F124). The Research Nurse/CTA will complete the relevant form with the research participant at the study visit. However, it is the Finance Departments request that the form for payment by cheque is only used if the participants specifically requests it.
- Original receipts are required and these need to be handed into the finance office/cashiers office in order for the claim to be made.
- Every form is required to be signed by the research participant.
- Every form is required to be signed by the Head of R&D, or the Research Adviser in his/her absence.
- The R&D Unit study reference is required on every form.
- The budget code is required on every form – if this is not known ask the Unit Administrator.
- Once the form has been completed and signed, take a photocopy of the form and all the original receipts.
- If using form R&D/F122 the Research Nurse/CTA can then take the participant to the cashiers office to claim the money, and give a copy of the form and receipts to the Unit Administrator.

- If using forms R&D/F123 or R&D/F124 the Research Nurse/CTA can give the original form and receipts and a copy of the form and receipts to the Unit Administrator. Who will pass the claim form onto the finance office.

5 Related SOPs and Documents

R&D/F122	Refund of Research participant Travel Costs – Cashiers office
R&D/F123	Refund of Research participant Travel Costs – Cheque
R&D/F124	Refund of Research participant Travel Costs – Direct bank transfer

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