

Cancer Research Project Managers' Network: Nurturing Team Science

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Aims & vision

- 1) Project managers will be recognised as having valued roles that are integral to research teams as part of the Team Science ethos that underpins cancer research delivery.
- 2) Research project management will be a recognised and valued profession that drives the delivery of exceptional scientific research.
- 3) Manchester will lead the way in defining and developing research project management as an independent and recognised profession.

How project managers can support outstanding research

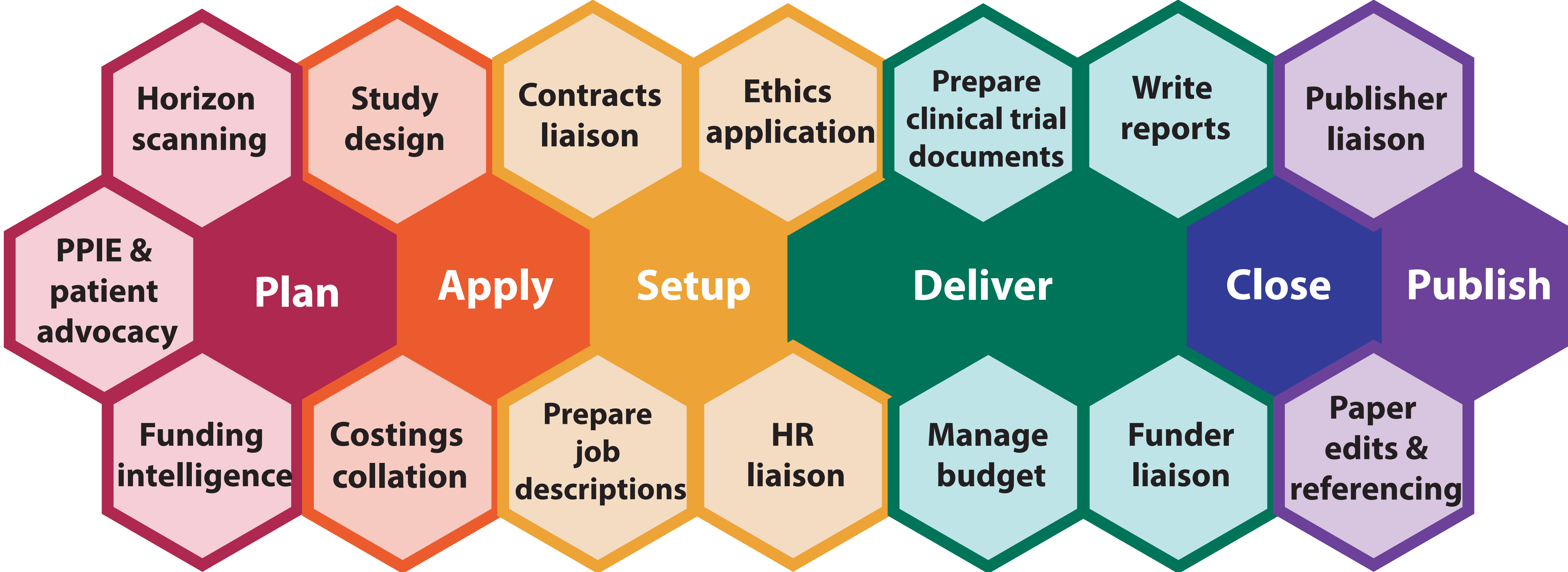


Figure 1. Project managers play a key role in delivering research at all stages of the project lifecycle. They have a wide breadth of knowledge and experience and can advise on and assist with many operational aspects of research projects.

Academic champions

"The organisational, financial and knowledge skills that project managers bring to the research team are crucial. Without them our ability to change ideas into projects and identify new and better treatments for our patients at pace would be greatly diminished. They're simply great!"
-- Prof John Radford

"Our RRR project managers facilitate my work immensely; they 'give me wings' and help me manoeuvre through the complex research administrative mire!"
-- Prof Corinne Faivre-Finn

"A project manager can help a group to maximise its research potential – having both the scientific knowledge and overarching understanding of the research focus to continually drive identification of funding opportunities, grant applications and manuscript development, whilst other team members focus on lab work or leadership and teaching responsibilities. Importantly, a project manager can also provide an extra connection between group leaders and lab team members to help foster an efficient and collaborative team approach." -
-- Prof Stephen Taylor

"My PM, Kim Reeves, is my right-hand woman - #Teamscience would be nothing without her as she delivers my existing portfolio of research and is always looking for ways to expand it."
--Prof Ananya Choudhury

Figure 3. Academics working with project managers value their work enormously.

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Figure 2. The valuable contribution project managers make to research is increasingly being recognised through authorship on peer-reviewed journal articles.

Conclusion

Our mission is to utilise existing experience and influence within the Cancer Research Project Managers' Network to encourage and empower individuals to change perceptions and expectations of the PM role in order to enhance cancer research delivery.

Interested? Want to find out more about the Cancer Research Project Managers' Network, or what a project manager could do to support your research? Contact:

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