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The National Institute for Health Research online service for patients provides information about health and social care research in the UK and lists ethically approved studies currently taking place:

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If you need advice about our services, facilities or staff, or would like to make a comment, please contact PALS at:



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Does Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust (SCFT) carry out research?

Yes. Research is part of everyday care in the NHS.

Will I be able to take part in research?

If we have a research project that is relevant to you a member of staff will discuss it with you. You can also ask your clinician what research is available to you.

What research is SCFT currently undertaking?

Please follow the link below for the research pages on the Trust website. There you will find our newsletter which lists all of our current research projects:

sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/about-us/research.htm

What is research and why do we do it?

Research provides evidence to know if treatments and care are safe and effective. It is how new treatments and knowledge are developed for better health and care.

What will happen if I take part?

There are different types of research and every study is different. Researchers will explain what's involved in their particular study before you decide if you want to take part. This could include taking a medication, completing a questionnaire, or participating in an interview.



Do I have to take part?

No. Research is voluntary, and if you agree to take part, you can withdraw at any time.

Is SCFT research regulated?

Yes. All NHS research involving patients is approved by a national research ethics committee.

Why is NHS research regulated?

To protect the rights, safety, dignity and well-being of patients. Your safety is our top priority.

How is my data protected?

Researchers must comply with the General Data Protection Regulation, as laid out in the Data Protection Act 2018 when processing personal data. We can only use your data lawfully.