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RAFT3: DALES

Supporting letter to accompany study leave requests

To whom it may concern,

Many thanks for your support of the work of your region's Trainee Research Network. Trainees in your hospital or Deanery are keen to take part in RAFT's 2018 national NIHR Portfolio study, DALES (**D**rug **A**llergy **L**abels in the **E**lective **S**urgical population). DALES explores patient-reported drug allergy labels and anaesthetist knowledge and attitudes to peri-operative prescribing. The study involves three locally-agreed days of data collection within a six-week window. Further information on the DALES study can be found at:

<https://www.raftrainees.com/project-summary.html>

Study leave will be required to fulfil the duties of Local Investigator, Site Lead or Regional Lead. However, the benefits to any trainee taking part are:

- Gaining practical skills in running an [NIHR portfolio study](#), e.g. the process of site registration with local research and development departments
- Undertaking [Good Clinical Practice training](#) and acquiring a certificate valid for two years
- Contributing to accruals for their Trust / Board; we project recruitment of over 12,000 patients and 3,000 anaesthetists nationally
- Fulfilling aspects of the RCoA curriculum [Annexe G](#) relevant at Basic, Intermediate and Higher level training, e.g. AR_BK_10, AR_IK_05, AR_IK_06, AR_IK_07, AR_IK_08 and AR_HK_03
- Developing their local region's [Trainee Research Network](#)

We hope you can support your trainees by granting study leave on the requested days.

With best wishes,

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