The Clinical Trials Regulations – The Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) Regulations (SI 2004 1031), as amended

Orange Background: European Commission Directives Blue Background: The Clinical Trials Regulations

These statutory instruments are secondary legislation to the Medicines Act and have transposed the European Directives into UK law.

EC Clinical Trials Directive (2001/20/EC)

The Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) Regulations
SI 2004 1031

The principal Regulations (the main statutory instrument) governing the conduct and management of clinical trials of investigational medicinal products (CTIMPs). A brief description has been published by the MHRA:

www.mhra.gov.uk/home/groups/l-unit1/documents/websiteresources/con2022633.pdf

EC Clinical Trials Directive (2005/28/EC)

The Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) Amendment Regulations SI 2006 1928

- Amended the wording of the GCP conditions and principles
- · Clarified the sponsor can delegate functions but not responsibility
- Introduced the reporting of serious breaches of GCP/protocol
- Introduced Investigator Brochure update/validation requirements
- Introduced Trial Master File & archiving requirements (named individual)
- · Sharing of information between ethics committees and the MHRA
- The Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) Amendment (No 2) Regulations
 SI 2006 2984
- Amended the requirements for consent in the emergency setting for incapacitated adults.
- Inclusion, prior to consent being obtained by a legal representative, is now possible under defined circumstances.

Amendments to the UK legislations

The Medicines for Human Use (Clinical Trials) and Blood & Safety Quality (Amendment) Regulations SI 2008 941

- Amended the requirements for consent in the emergency setting for minors.
- Inclusion, prior to consent being obtained by a parent or legal representative, is now possible under defined circumstances.
- The Medicines for Human Use (Miscellaneous Amendments)
 Regulations SI 2009 1164
- Amended the timelines for reporting urgent safety measures to competent authorities/ethics committees for trials occurring during a pandemic period.
- Urgent safety measures are now reported 'as soon as possible' instead of 'within 3 days' which is the requirement for all other periods.