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TO General Managers, SLHD
Clinical Managers, SLHD
Clinical Directors, SLHD
Heads of Department, SLHD

FROM Dr Teresa Anderson AM, Chief Executive, SLHD

SUBJECT **NSW Health Guidance for Clinical Trials Sponsors, Sites and Investigators & Establishment of SLHD COVID-19 Clinical Trial Response Working Group**

I write to advise that the NSW Office for Health and Medical Research (OHMR) has released draft guidelines for conducting clinical trials affected by COVID-19.

Although the documentation has been released in draft version, it is anticipated that it will soon receive official sign-off. **SLHD Departments undertaking Clinical Trials are to follow the attached OHMR Draft 'Guidance for Clinical Trials Sponsors, Sites and Investigators'**.

You will receive notifications regarding any changes to these guidelines as soon as they are released.

Furthermore, our Research Ethics and Governance Offices (REGO) are currently receiving and responding to many queries in relation to COVID-19 and their responses are aligned with the guidance from OHMR.

In order to ensure participant and staff safety and integrity of research ethics and governance in SLHD during the COV-19 pandemic, a COVID-19 Clinical Trial Response Working Group has been established to assist Clinical Trial (and other research) units determine the best courses of action for study participants. The Working Group will meet once a week or as required.

The Working Group is chaired by Professor David Cook, Chair of the Clinical Trials Scientific Sub-Committee (RPAH Zone), and consists of representatives with expertise in conducting and managing Clinical Trials.

I encourage you to contact the Working Group through the Chair, Professor David Cook david.cook@sydney.edu.au or A/Executive Research Manager SLHD, Louise Ford louise.ford@health.nsw.gov.au should you wish to bring any matters to the attention of the Working Group.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teresa Anderson', written over a horizontal line.

Dr Teresa Anderson AM
Chief Executive
Date: 20.3.20