

## Clinical Trials Accelerator Platform (CTAP) Information on Patient Identification Centres (PICs)

### What is a Patient Identification Centre (PIC)?

A PIC is an NHS Trust that acts as a referral centre, referring potentially eligible patients to a recruitment centre for trial participation, without performing any further research activities for the trial.

CTAP centres cover  
~90% of the UK CF population.

### Why use PICs?

The inclusion of PICs provides access to a wider pool of people with CF, helping meet local and national trial recruitment targets. PICs also ensure trial opportunities are open to as many eligible members of the UK CF community as possible.

### What **can** PICs do?

- Perform pre-screening
- Introduce the trial to a potentially eligible patient
- Make a 'research referral', referring the patient to the recruitment site for trial participation
- Transfer relevant medical information required for trial participation to the recruitment centre
- Report AEs, SAEs and SUSARs to the recruitment centre

### What **can't** PICs do?

- Take informed consent
- Perform any trial-specific procedures
- Refer the patient's standard clinical care to the recruitment centre
- Withdraw the patient from the trial
- Complete data entry for the trial
- Support monitoring of the trial



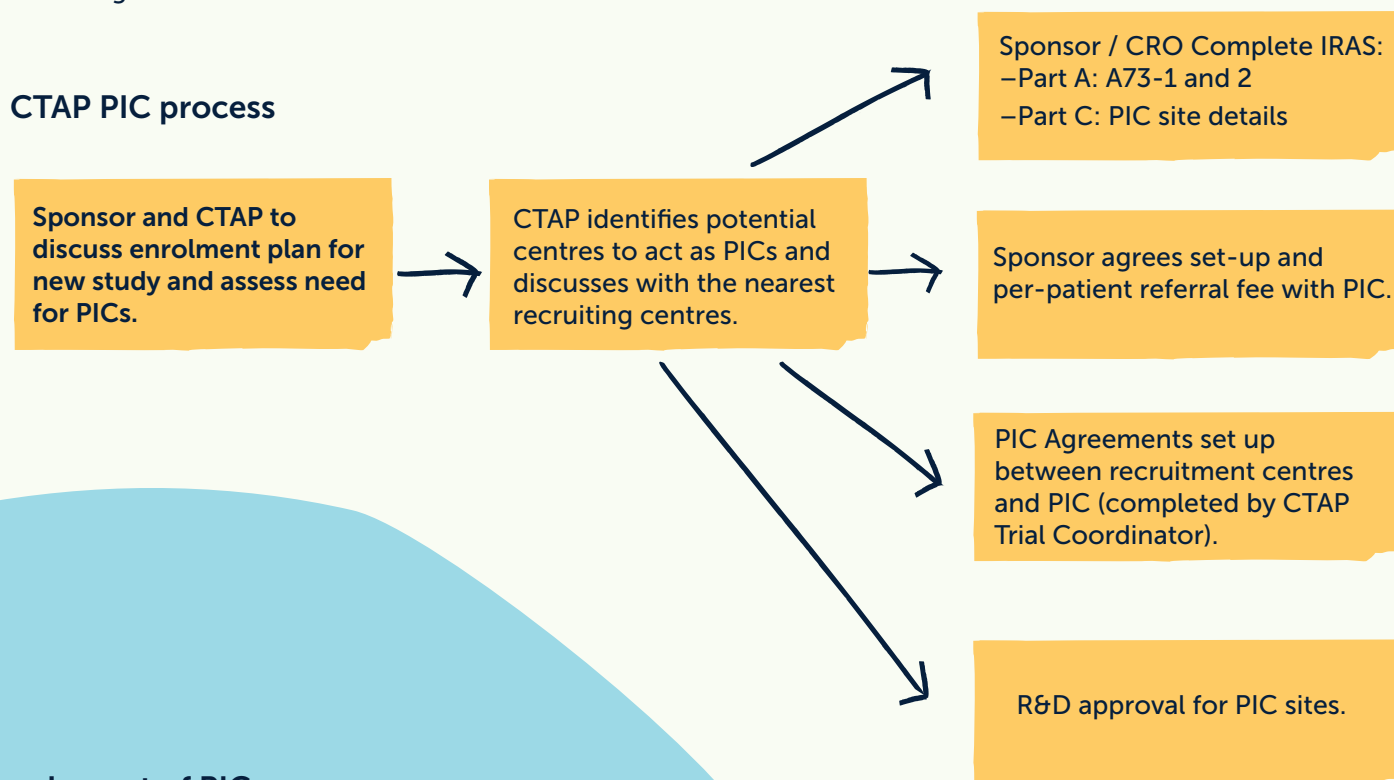
## How can CTAP help with PICs?

CTAP's PIC model ensures the 27 CTAP centres collaborate as a true network, widening access to high-priority clinical trials and supporting sponsors to meet recruitment targets.

CTAP can

- Support sponsors with identification of suitable and interested PICs
- Instruct CTAP Trial Coordinator at a recruitment site to oversee set-up of PICs including execution of a PIC agreement (see process below)
- Provide guidance on UK regulatory processes for using PICs

### CTAP PIC process



### Impact of PICs

Nearly 50 patients have been enrolled on to clinical trials through utilisation of the CTAP PIC model (to date, all but one referred patient was successfully enrolled on to the trial they were referred to).

The London Network (six sites) has successfully used a PIC system on multiple CF trials.

If you would like further information on using PICs please contact the CTAP coordinating team, [clinicaltrials@cysticfibrosis.org.uk](mailto:clinicaltrials@cysticfibrosis.org.uk)



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