DBS Checks, Standard or Enhanced

A standard DBS check is required if your research involves supervised/controlled access to NHS patients in the course of normal research activities.

An enhanced DBS check is required if your research will involve regularly caring for, training, supervising or being in sole charge of NHS patients.

In addition, a Protection of Children Act (PoCA) check will be required if the research will enable you to have regular contact with children in the course of normal research activities.

How do I apply for a Research Passport?

Confirm that you do need a research passport (consult local R&D office, or the R&D office where you plan to carry out your research).

Download the Research Passport Application Form and the NHS guidance: Completing the Research Passport Form Instructions.

Complete sections 1ç3 of the Research Passport form.

Ask your line manager / supervisor to complete section 4.

Once you have downloaded the form, you should commence arrangements for completing the necessary DBS (Cri