

# Estimating Site Performance 2 – ESP2

## Key facts



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# What is ESP2 doing?

ESP2 aims to test a tool that might identify which sites are likely to fail to recruit as planned. It asks trial managers and anyone else responsible for opening trial recruitment sites to make predictions about site recruitment after considering eight 'red flags' identified in a pilot study.\*

\* See <https://trialsjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13063-019-3287-6>.



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# What are the red flags?

1. Previous poor site performance
2. Slow approvals process
3. Strong staff/patient preferences
4. The site recruitment target
5. The trial protocol and its implementation at the site
6. Lack of staff engagement
7. Lack of research experience among site staff
8. Busy site staff.



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# Who can take part?

1. You are responsible for setting up trial recruitment sites and carrying out site initiation training with site staff.
2. Your trial is currently opening new recruitment sites.
3. Your trial is testing one or more interventions. Your trial can be randomised or non-randomised but cannot be cluster randomised.
4. You and your trial recruitment sites can be anywhere in the world.
5. You are willing to make at least 1 prediction. There is no limit to the number of predictions you can make.



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# What do you have to do?

1. Register at <https://w3.abdn.ac.uk/hsru/ESP2/>
2. Make a recruitment prediction on this website as soon as possible after completing site initiation training.
3. The ESP2 team will be in contact 6 months later and then again 12 months later to see how recruitment actually went at each site for which you made a prediction.



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# Where can you get more information?

1. <https://w3.abdn.ac.uk/hsru/ESP2/>
2. [ESP2@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:ESP2@abdn.ac.uk)





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