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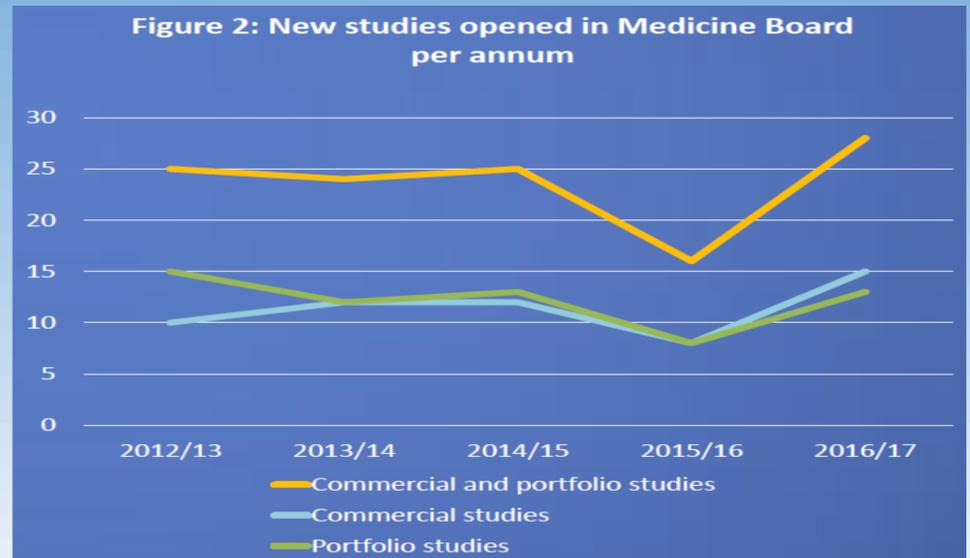


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The introduction of new research roles has facilitated research provision

Methodology: The Clinical Research Facility (CRF) located within the University Hospital of Wales is a dedicated early phase to late phase research facility. In 2015/2016 out of all studies supported by the CRF 20% were Medical Clinical board trials, This makes it the second largest specialty in the CRF second to Haematology.

This highlighted the need for two new roles within the medical Directorate to support the increasing demand and was created early 2016. The role of research liaison officer aids set-up of studies and the research nurse co-ordinates and delivers the day to running of the studies and cares for the participants. Below is a diagram highlighting important reasons why clinical research is important within the NHS.



Results/Conclusion: Since the roles have been created there has been a noticeable increase in the number of medical board research trials for commercial and portfolio studies, the data shows that in 2015/2016 there were 6 new studies, and in the year 2016/2017 there were 18 new studies. This increase has been since the establishment of the roles likely due to the increased capacity of nurse time and research facilitation by liaison officer.

A different strategy was used in mid 2017 and the nurse role was embedded into the CRF, there are many benefits to this move, team working has benefited the role as the CRF team has a lot of research experience so able to impart knowledge, it is a supportive environment, and facilitates running more intensive trials. There is already a standardised level of quality assurance to

Communication between the CRF and Internal Medicine team has improved in recently by creating shared folders; this has increased efficiency especially for study set up and data management. Ensuring regular structured meetings between the CRF and MCB team to aid and prompt communication and issue resolution.

Unfortunately both of the positions are yearly contracts; this hinders recruitment and retention of trained staff as stability is sought from employment, the Medicine Board should look to extend the duration of this position based on recent uplift in performance and income these positions have yielded.

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