

Evaluation of the implementation of “Freedom to Speak Up Local Guardians” in NHS Acute Hospitals Trusts and Mental Health Trusts in England: study flowchart.

Work package (WP)	Months
PHASE 1	
WP1a: Review of evidence (AJ; DK; RM; Research Associate/RA)	Months 1-5
WP1b: Gain NHS research ethics and governance permissions (AJ & RA)	Months 1-5
WP1c: Develop telephone survey and finalise list of LGs to contact (MA, JM, DK, AJ, RA)	Months 1-5
PHASE 2	
WP2a: Telephone interviews of Local Guardians in NHS Acute Trusts & Mental Health Trusts and national stakeholders (AJ, DK, JM, MA, RAx2).	Months 6-11 (6 months)
WP2b: Select case study sites. Obtain R&D approvals for case studies.	
PHASE 3	
WP3: Case studies (AJ, DK, JM, MA, RAx2) i) 4 weeks: shadowing LG and documentary analysis ii) 6 weeks: interviews (n=20) and documentary analysis iii) 2 weeks: case analysis (to include RM and DA)	Months 12-21 (10 months)
More details: WP3a: Case Studies 1 & 2	Months 12-14 months (3 months)
WP3b: Case studies 3&4	Months 15-17 months (3 months)
WP3c: Case studies 5&6	Months 18-20 (3 months)
WP3d: Consolidation/Cross-case analysis (to include RM and DA)	Month 21
PHASE 4	
WP4: Finalise cross case analysis & prepare final report studies (AJ, DK, JM, MA, RAx2, RM, DA)	Months 22-27 (6 months)