NATIONAL OFFICE FOR RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEES

2020-2025

Mar 2020
National Office established
3 staff

Apr 2020

Oct 2020
NREC COVID-19 tenure
19 members
ministerially appointed

Nov 2020
Public call for NREC members

May 2021
EU Medical Devices Regulation applicable
Transposed as
S.I. 671 of 2023
NREC-Clinical Trials (NREC-CT) and NREC-Medical Devices (NREC-MD) established
54 members ministerially appointed

Jun 2021
Piloting a coordinated single national decision for clinical trials in collaboration with the HPRA
Transition of clinical trials from local RECs to NREC-CTs

Dec 2021

Jan 2022
EU Clinical Trials Regulation applicable
Transposed as S.I. 41 of 2022

May 2022
EU *In Vitro* Diagnostic Regulation applicable
Transposed as S.I. 257 of 2022
Remit of NREC-MD expanded

Jun 2022
+17 members
ministerially
appointed

Sep 2022
Development of national framework for ethical biobanking

Dec 2022
National Irish COVID-19 Biobank REC established
15 members
ministerially appointed

Dec 2023
National Conference on Research Ethics
Co-hosted by the
National Office and HRB

Jan 2024
NREC-CTs expand from two to four committees
+26 members ministerially appointed

Feb 2024
Ireland joins MedEthicsEU
National Office has Board and EU
Member State representation

Jan 2025
EU Clinical Trial Regulation fully in force
Clinical Trials Directive /
S.I. 190 of 2024 revoked

Mar 2025
14 staff