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Workshop 2.4 Overview

W2.4: Good practice in planning, conducting and reporting pilot trials

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This interactive workshop is run by the international Pilot and Feasibility Studies (PAFS) collaboration. In 2016, this collaboration published the CONSORT extension for pilot trials, and a paper setting out a conceptual framework for defining pilot and feasibility studies which now forms the basis of funding guidance from: the UK National Institute for Health Research and the health Research Board, Ireland. The collaboration has recently undertaken further work in several areas including sample size, progression criteria, consent and ethics for pilot trials, and the conceptual framework.

The workshop will be a series of short talks describing recent research and current thinking and group work sessions using participants own examples to discuss good practice.

The goals are:

- To provide participants with an understanding of an overarching conceptual framework for pilot/feasibility studies including updates
- To enable familiarity with CONSORT extension for pilot trials, differences from main CONSORT statement
- To discuss good practice in setting objectives, analysis, sample size, and progression criteria based on recent research, and outline current guidance on planning and writing protocols and consent practices

The workshop is suitable for anyone interested in planning, conducting, or reporting a pilot/feasibility study. Participants are strongly encouraged to bring their own examples.