**Endorsement of Research Projects by the BSH Research Committee (BSH RC)**

Guidance notes:

1. The BSH Research Committee is committed to supporting research projects that help to advance and improve outcomes for people with heart failure.

2. Endorsement does not carry any financial backing.

3. Submit the attached template outlining the study proposal. Applications should be restricted to a maximum of 3 pages. The Research Committee chair will acknowledge receipt and forward to the appropriate taskforce lead.

4. Applications will be kept confidential, intended to help determine if the study meets the remit of the BSH RC and identify overlap with existing endorsed projects. No legal responsibility will be accepted for any breach of confidentiality.

5. Following submission, it will be discussed at the next BSH RC meeting or via email and feedback will be given by the Research Group Chair or Taskforce lead within 6 weeks from submission.

6. The process of endorsement is not intended to be/subjected to a peer review process by the Committee and no feedback on the study design will be given.

7. It is not necessary to submit a full study proposal in addition although this would be helpful.

8. Following successful endorsement, a letter of support will be provided by the Chair of the Research group or by the relevant lead of the Taskforce on behalf of the committee.

9. When a project is endorsed, a letter will be sent stating that ‘The BSH RC supports this application’. This does not imply that the study design is robust and/or should be funded.

For all enquiries please contact the BSH Research Committee Chair via administrator@bsh.org.uk

**BSH Research Form Requesting Endorsement**

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| Please restrict the length of application to 3 pages max  |
| **Name of Lead Applicant:** |  |
| **Contact details**  |  |
| **Lead centre:**  |  |
| **Date of Application:**  |  |
| **Relevant Taskforce:**  |  |
| **Study Title:**  |  |
| **Key Aims:**  |  |
| **Hypotheses:**  |  |
| **Unmet Need:**  |  |
| **Background:**  |  |
| **Study design:**  |  |
| **Setting:**  |  |
| **Sample size:**  |  |
| **Inclusion criteria:**  |  |
| **Exclusion criteria:**  |  |
| **Outcome measures:**  |  |
| **Assessment and follow-up:**  |  |
| **Statistical Analysis:**  |  |
| **Expected value of results and potential clinical benefit:**  |  |
| **Centres Involved:**  |  |
| **Which funding streams are you applying to:**  |  |