

## **Update on COVID-19 research in Suffolk – 02/07/2020**

### **Key Updates:**

- A regional group has been set up to pick up our readiness within the region to host vaccine studies. We are expecting up to 10-12 studies to come through for rolling out in the region. It is expected that these will involve cross-trust collaboration in order to successfully deliver.
- Preparations for potentially restarting studies that were paused as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic continue across local trusts and primary care. Studies are being risk assessed to assess the safety, viability and local capacity and readiness, and trust R&D teams are working with study teams to make amendments to studies that will help them to safely restart.
- The COPCOV study which was paused due to concerns over the use of hydroxychloroquine has been given the go ahead from the MHRA to restart – this is likely to involve ESNEFT.
- A new study looking to better understand COVID-19 in care homes has started in the region – currently 3 Suffolk/north east Essex care homes are signed up to take part.