

# SWAT SELECTION

When starting the process of SWAT selection, research teams will need to identify the type of SWAT they wish to embed (e.g., recruitment / retention), and specify the type of SWAT intervention.

Research teams are **highly encouraged** to engage with the Trial Forge SWAT Centre (TFSC) when doing this, as they offer the most up-to-date advice on SWAT priorities and can provide support and guidance throughout the research planning and delivery process.

The following flowchart outlines how research teams can select SWATs by establishing SWAT priorities, identifying suitable SWATs, ensuring they are carried out in areas of need, and signposting research teams to relevant sources for further information and resources.

## USEFUL RESOURCES

- Priority I and II
- Trial Forge website  
(Evidence packs on recruitment/retention strategies)
- Northern Ireland SWAT repository  
(List of completed/ongoing SWATs, SWAT protocols)
- Trial Forge SWAT Centre



### STEP 1

Liaise with the TFSC to establish a current list of recruitment / retention priority SWATs.

### STEP 2

Can one (or more) of the TFSC Priority SWATs be embedded within your trial?

**IF YES**

Embed the SWAT

**IF NO**

Is your host trial being conducted in a condition or patient population where SWAT replication is needed?

**IF YES**

Embed the SWAT

**IF NO**

Identify and establish a SWAT appropriate for your trial. The useful resources may help with this

**SWATs:** small studies playing a big role in making clinical trials better