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Mark Toal is Deputy Director for Research Systems in the Science, Research and Evidence (SRE) Directorate of DHSC. Mark’s Branch has oversight of the NIHR budget, its procurement and contracting policies, its data and digital systems, its approach to impact and a number of aspects of NIHR policies, as well having sponsorship of the Health Research Authority.

Mark came into this role after ten years working in a wide range of policy, strategy and delivery roles across DHSC where he has worked on a range of subjects including A&E and elective care waiting times, transforming primary care and developing special measures for hospitals, emergency preparedness and response. He has also worked in other Government Departments, including the Department of Energy and Climate Change and the Food Standards Agency.