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## Figure 1 - Addressing the challenges to design and deliver PBT clinical trials

- i] Identify the scientific question Determine the primary aim of the proposed study
- ii] Clinical trial design and methodology Develop a network of clinical trial units to work with investigators to optimise study design.
- iii] Patient and public involvement and equipoise Use the very strong Patient and Public Involvement in CTRad and site specific groups. Detailed assessment of patient and clinician equipoise.
- **iv] Disease specific trial development** Engage with the NCRI Clinical Study groups (CSG) for each tumour site. CTRad will host PBT trials workshops.
- v] Collaboration and development FacilitateMalMM and accelerate study development. Encourage the next generation of clinical trial leaders and facilitate senior mentoring. Engage with other countries to identify the opportunities for international recruitment.
- vi] Radiotherapy Quality Assurance Work with the UK RTTQA group to optimise support for the planned clinical studies
- **vii]** Engagement with funding bodies Work with funders to optimise and prioritise opportunities to fund academic PBT clinical trials.
- viii] Translationally rich clinical trials Evaluate novel therapies in combination with PBT radiotherapy including embedded translational research