Working with the NIHR Clinical Research Network North West Coast

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The National Institute of Health Research (NIHR)

• Established by the Department of Health and Social Care to improve the nation’s health and wealth through research
• Plays a key role in the Government’s strategy for economic growth, attracting investment by the life-sciences industries
• Together, we represent the most integrated health research system in the world
CRN Structure

1. North East and North Cumbria
2. North West Coast
3. Yorkshire and Humber
4. Greater Manchester
5. East Midlands
6. West Midlands
7. West of England
8. Thames Valley and South Midlands
9. Eastern
10. Kent, Surrey and Sussex
11. Wessex
12. South West Peninsula
13. North Thames
14. South London
15. North West London
Aintree University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Alder Hey Children’s NHS Foundation Trust
Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust
Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Liverpool Women’s NHS Foundation Trust
Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust
The Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
North West Boroughs NHS Foundation Trust
Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen University NHS Trust
Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust
St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust
University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust
Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Wirral Community NHS Trust
Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

NHS Blackburn and Darwen CCG
NHS Blackpool CCG
NHS Chorley & South Ribble CCG
NHS East Lancashire CCG
NHS Fylde & Wyre CCG
NHS Greater Preston CCG
NHS Halton CCG
NHS Knowsley CCG
NHS Morecambe Bay CCG
NHS Liverpool CCG
NHS South Cheshire CCG
NHS South Sefton CCG
NHS Southport & Formby CCG
NHS St Helens CCG
NHS Vale Royal CCG
NHS Warrington CCG
NHS West Cheshire CCG
NHS West Lancashire CCG
NHS Wirral CCG
CRN Support

The CRN supports studies by:

• Funding research support posts in the NHS and providing national training – ensuring researchers have access to experienced frontline staff
• Funding to meet the costs of using facilities, such as scanners and X-ray
• Helping identify and recruit patients, enabling researchers to complete their study on time and on target
• Support academics with linking them to regional and national leads within the specialty areas
Task Force

• Flexible workforce of Research Nurses, Research Facilitators and Data Administrators to provide complementary support to existing study teams

• Placements are temporary and time limited – to cover capacity issues to help in the local delivery of a study

• Application for support via Task Force Request form – submitted to Research Matron

• Allocation of staff determined at weekly RDM/Matron meetings
What is the Study Support Service

A high quality, consistent research delivery function

• The NIHR CRN facilitates the development, set-up and delivery of clinical research studies in the NHS

• A wide range of guidance and procedures to support research delivery in the NHS has been developed

• The Study Support Service has been introduced to ensure greater consistency to this offering

• Regardless of the topic of research, or location, the researcher should receive the same level of support for Portfolio Studies.

Not a new service but streamlined and standardised what was already being done (one CRN approach)
Early Contact and Engagement with Researchers (ECER)

- ECER is the network’s first point of contact with the researcher or sponsor. It provides the opportunity to raise awareness of the full range of network support available to help deliver the study to time and target.
- Pre-application support on subjects such as regulatory approvals, attribution of costs and costing templates, recruitment pathways, training requirements and local intelligence.
- Single point of contact to researchers or sponsors to enable study-wide co-ordination and rapid resolution of any queries.
CRN Support

The NIHR has established a network of AcoRD specialists based in each Local CRN to:

• Sign post researchers to resources and training to understand the principles of AcoRD
• Provide specialist advice and support for activity attribution
• Support resolution of attribution queries.

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Questions