

**NIHR Research Design Service North West
Division of Health Research, Faculty of Health and Medicine, Lancaster University**

NHS Engagement Officer (Greater Manchester) -Trust Research and Development Secondment- one day per week

Fixed term until 31st March 2021.

We are looking to appoint an NHS Engagement Officer who will be seconded from their current NHS Trust Research and Development Management role (Band 7 or 8a) to work with the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Research Design Service North West. The post holder will be based in the service's central office at Lancaster University but able to work from their own NHS Trust location or the local RDS service nearest location for ease and will work with the Directors of the service. You will work closely with the Communication and Information Manager and the Central Office Co-ordinator supporting an effective and efficient research design service across the North West Region delivered through our three local service teams. We wish to appoint one Officer to cover the Greater Manchester Clinical Research Network area working in collaboration with another Officer covering the North West Clinical Research Network area.

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For more information on the role please contact Catherine Gedling (Director)
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The key aspects of the post are to:

- Develop engagement strategies with NHS Trust R & D Management/ Directors to promote the RDS North West and the services it can provide, creating a point of contact with each NHS Trust within their relative Clinical Research Network area.
- Work with the RDS North West Regional Executive to address the needs of the local NHS Trusts and their research design support needs.
- Gain an understanding of the advice pathway to be able to promote the service across the North West region.
- Work with the Communications and Information manager to develop communications tools to support this engagement activity contributing ideas for communications channels and material developments.
- Work with local RDS service teams Trust Link Advisers in their own engagement activities with NHS Trusts.
- Support and promote RDS events to the NHS Trusts and respond to NHS Trusts requests for RDS input into local events/ support programmes.
- Work with the other NHS Engagement Officer for the other Clinical Research Network area to develop and share best practice.
- Work with other RDS across England and the National RDS Office on RDS promotional activities and sharing of best practice.

Applications to be submitted by 12 noon 22nd of May, by CV and statement of application to c.gedling@lancaster.ac.uk

Interviews will take place on the 7th of June at Lancaster University