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# Wigan Health and Care Research Forum

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**People at  
the Heart**

**Listen and  
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# Welcome - Introduction

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- Why are we here today?
- Research from a National perspective
- WWL's Research Strategy
- What do we want to achieve today?
- Who's here and who's not here
- The beginning of a journey

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# Why are we here today?

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*“Clinical Research is everyone’s future, Saving and Improving Lives.”*

*[\(National Institute for Health and Care Research\)](#)*

You are joined by health and care professionals, the wider research community, and in the future with our patients and residents from neighbourhoods in Wigan.

Together we aim to develop an understanding of potential areas for health and care research, based on the priorities and health inequalities of people living and working in the Wigan borough.

The Forum will hear about and build on health improvement work already undertaken within the borough and consider these from a research perspective and will facilitate mutually beneficial research partnerships, taking a health and wellbeing approach which contribute to improved health and wellbeing outcomes.

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# Our opportunity to grow, adapt and improve

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## [Saving and Improving Lives: The Future of UK Clinical Research Delivery](#)

Department of Health and Social Care

- The value of research – increased visibility during the pandemic
- Patient-centred research
- The spirit of collaboration
- Digitally enabled research
- Strengthen the research workforce
- **A highlight on inequalities.**

“We want every community to take the opportunities to get involved in research – from those in rural settings, to ethnic minorities, who have traditionally been under-served by research.”

“We need to work with these groups to ensure they feel confident and comfortable to participate, and we need to address the mismatch between research activity and disease prevalence, to align clinical research with the areas of greatest need.

Together we can level up healthcare and improve outcomes for everyone right across the UK.”

# Inequality in access to research

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## Saving and Improving Lives: The Future of UK Clinical Research Delivery

UK Government tell us that **UK geographies** that experience **high rates of disease** also have **the lowest number of patients taking part in research**.

The areas where there are the **lowest levels of participation** also align closely to areas **where incomes are lowest**, and indices of **deprivation are highest**.

More diverse participation will help ensure that the health service continues to serve and be available to all.

[‘Increasing Diversity in Research Participation: A good practice guide for engaging with underrepresented groups’](#). *NHS England*



# Integrated Care Systems

The [Health and Care Act 2022](#) sets new legal duties on Integrated Care Boards around the **facilitation and promotion of research in the health service**, and the use of evidence obtained from research in the health service.



NHS England are encouraging ICPs to develop a research strategy to unify research across ICP partners



# To increase access to research, we need to.....



- increase research undertaken **locally**
- extend research in settings such as **primary care, community care, mental health services, public health and social care**
- co-ordinate and **develop the research workforce across all settings.**

[NHS England » Maximising the benefits of research: Guidance for integrated care systems](#)

- **identify** and address **local research priorities and needs**, and work collaboratively to address national research priorities
- drive the **use of research evidence for quality improvement** and evidence-based practice



# WWL's research strategy

**Aim One** - Develop partnerships which maximise our research potential and ability to meet the needs of our patients.

**Aim Two** - To nurture a culture that embeds research as a core component of high-quality service delivery and develop and sustainable research active workforce.

**Aim Three** - Develop our core infrastructure to provide effective support to Research Governance, Clinical Delivery and Research Sponsorship.



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# What do we want to achieve today?

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Setting the scene

Creating a network of like-minded individuals

Identify initiatives and opportunities and priorities

Plan future meetings and communications

# Who's here?

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- Delegate List – many organisations
- Who isn't here?





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# Agenda

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