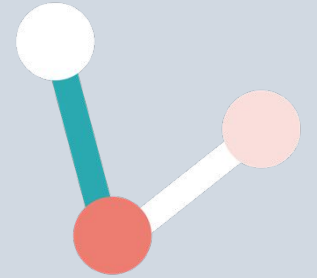




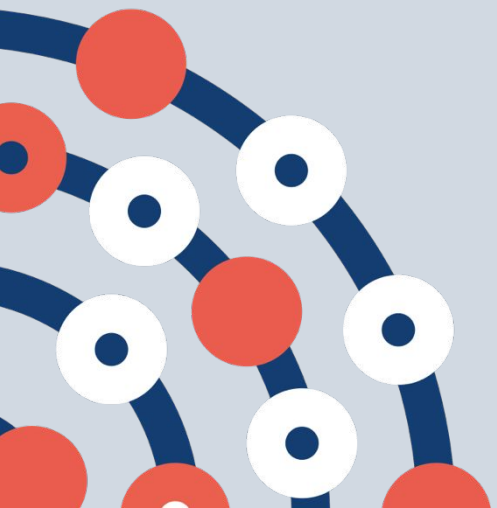
NIHR Research Ready Communities Programme & Staff Learning Opportunities



NIHR North West Regional Research Delivery Network



What is the NIHR and the NIHR North West Regional Research Delivery Network?



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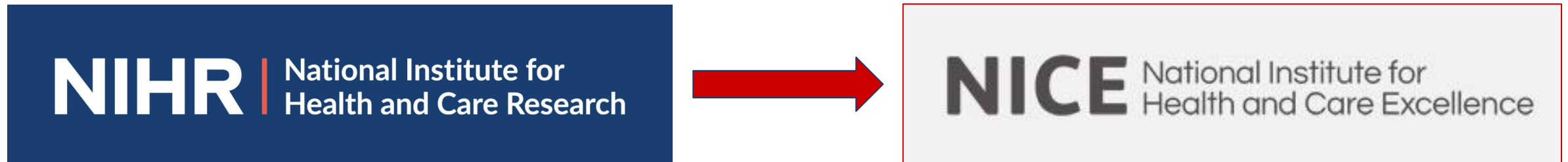
We fund, enable and deliver world-leading health and social care research that improves people's health and wellbeing, and promotes economic growth.



National Institute for Health & Care Research (NIHR)

NHS England

A system was created in 2006 to plan, fund & deliver research at both system & local levels across the NHS - **the NIHR** – which is now tasked to work across all settings/providers for health/care research.



Supporting Research Delivery at Delivery Level

NIHR Research Delivery Network

The NIHR Research Delivery Networks form a large part of the NIHR - with main focus on facilitating what researchers set out to do.

All of us here today collectively work within the North West Regional RDN and contribute to research indirectly or directly.

The North West RDN core team are contracted to MFT NHS Trust - but work across the footprint of the three North West Integrated Care Systems.



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How we do that?

We support both non-commercial (ie academia) and the life-science industry and collaborate with partners such as yourselves to put you all together.

We “network”.

NIHR Research Delivery Network

Our Role?

We then also

- Provide support to enable sites to become active
- Provide funding / infrastructure (when applicable)
- Provide research training / workforce development support

NIHR North West Regional Research Delivery Network

Workforce & People Team

Following a major management of change process, the NW RRDN team members are currently being appointed into a structure which has a revised focus/strategy, based on customer and stakeholder feedback & input.

Based in both the Manchester Foundation NHS Trust Oxford Road campus, plus Liverpool Science Park.

The Workforce & People Team is led by Mary Speake and will work across all health & care organisations supporting a range of projects related to workforce requirements / availability & sustainability.



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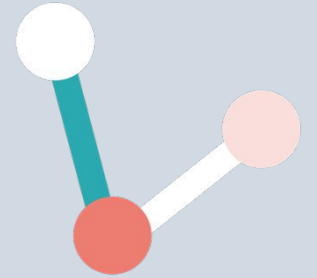
Study Participation Inclusion Team

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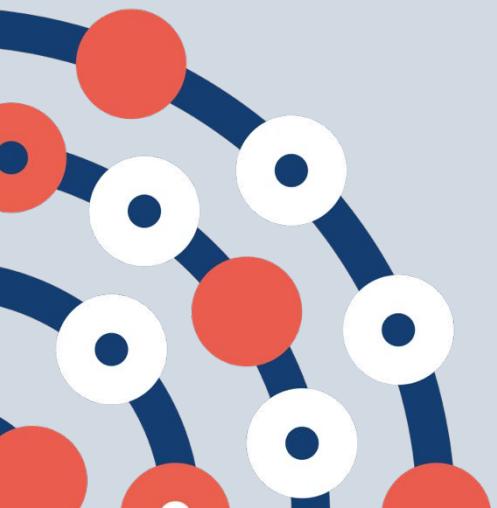
Study Participation Inclusion is a new function / service and the team members have a rich history of working in this area, including providing a Community of Practice for Public Engagement in Research Delivery.

The team will be led by Kat Moklak-Dutton and will work across all health & care organisations supporting a range of projects related to research inclusion and public engagement, which incorporates work such as Research Ready Communities.





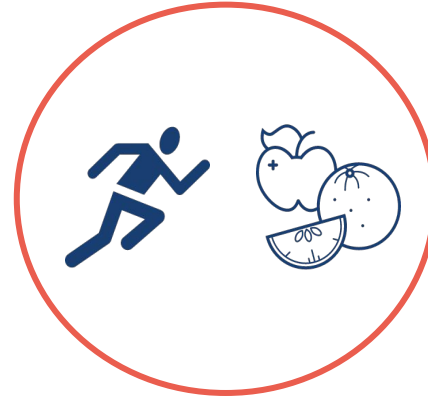
What is 'Research Ready Communities'?



Health and social care research helps us to...



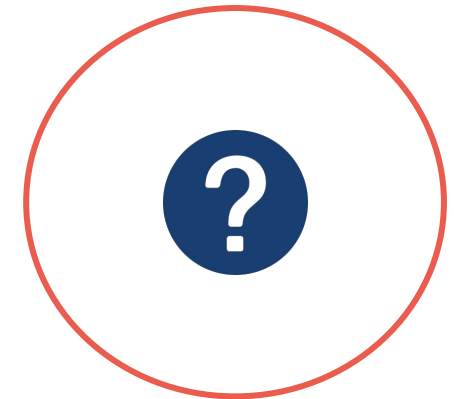
**Find and improve
treatments**



**Prevent illness and
look after ourselves**



**Improve Diagnosis
and treat earlier**



**Identify gaps and
what's missing**

Research Ready Communities

In order to spread the word and allow wider participation, the NIHR CRN - now known as RDN - developed a programme of community engagement and activity known as Research Ready Communities.

Click on the pictures below to hear from the people involved in previous regional Research Ready community projects.



Pendleton & Charlestown, Salford



Mill Hill & Bangor Street, Blackburn

Research Ready Communities

We've now run two Research Ready Community projects in our region and are looking for partner organisations who have core objectives to address inequalities in their local area.

To work with us to potentially bring a better understanding of what health and care research means to your community requires:-

- a programme Sponsor - an organisation representative
(constituted group as a minimum)
- 2-4 Community Champions, possibly established group volunteers.

Programme Pathway



Community Champions - what does the role involve?



Community Champion Support



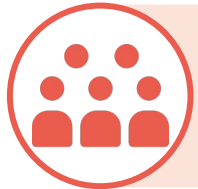
Free training with certificate and skills development



A toolkit of resources and materials



A dedicated staff contact to support you throughout the programme



Peer support and collaboration with your fellow Community Champions



Reimbursement of out of pocket expenses via BWD Council

Training Conversations and Activities



What is health and social care research?



How can people take part in research and how do we keep them safe?



The Research Ready Communities programme and Community Champion role/Research Champion role



Practical skills - community conversations and community mapping

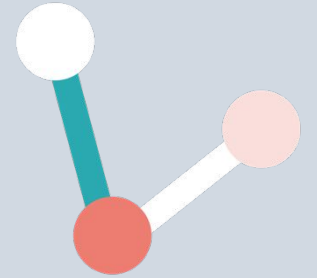
Breaking this information down.....

Becoming a Community Champion involves:-

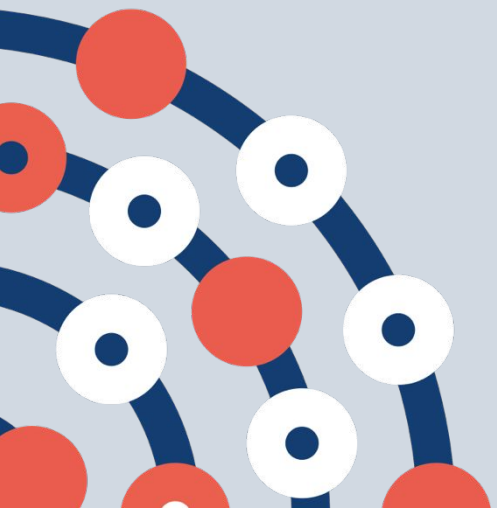
- A one day Community Champion Induction, plus
- A day of Community Champion Training

Both days involve:-

- Quizzes
- Group conversations
- Activities based on case studies
- 121 chats to practice use of a questionnaire
- Testing out potential group activities
- Use of flip charts
- Use of electronic polling and surveys where appropriate



What can Research Ready Communities Achieve?



What could this lead to?

Five million pounds awarded for Blackpool health inequalities research

[News Home](#) [More from Central Radio News](#)

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Who knows where it could lead to.....

To the left is a great example of what's possible.

Outwith this kind of opportunity, expectations could be:-

- heightened awareness of research in the community
- increased research connections and conversation
- the community invites researchers in / expresses a wish to be more involved
- the project Sponsor could become an independent research site or location

Completed Project Outputs

Pendleton & Charlestown, Salford

Inspiring Community Together Community Champion Team

Key Themes

Lack of Understanding	Negative Personal Experience	Motivation to get involved
<ul style="list-style-type: none">There was often an assumption that research was 'medical'.Many thought research would involve needles and/or proceduresMany thought it would take up a lot of their timeLanguage used is too technical. Research has a lot of 'research speak'; jargon; abbreviations and language that is not easy to understand and turns people off from being interested in research.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Don't know how to get involved. Participants did not know where to find out about research or how they might become involved in research.Can feel disempowering. Some people reported that they felt research was something "done to them".Outcomes of research aren't shared. Some people told us they had given a lot of time to research but had not heard about the findings, outcomes or if it made any difference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To help others, even if the research wouldn't directly benefit them, people could see that it could help other people in the future.Because of experience of a particular health condition.To improve services - will research improve access to, and availability of, GPs, NHS dentists and other primary health and care?

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Outputs

Public event to [report](#) discoveries back to the community.
New cross-sector relationships and understandings of how to link research information into conversations.
Currently completing the development of a public-facing animation for use across all health and care services

Mill Hill & Bangor Street, Blackburn

What is health research?
LANGUAGE BARRIERS, ESPECIALLY FOR ETHNIC MINORITIES, FURTHER COMPLICATE UNDERSTANDING.

What we need to do
SIMPLIFY RESEARCH LANGUAGE OF USE PICTURES

"It's like asking a person who speaks English to read **SHAKESPEARE** you might be able to read the words but will have **no idea** what it means!"
WRITTEN INFORMATION IN GUJARATI IS NOT UNDERSTOOD BY MOST PEOPLE WHO SPEAK THE LANGUAGE

Most people would take part in research
80%
Have no idea how to get involved

No Yes

Barriers being involved in Research
Our community felt **TIME** was a big barrier

Other barriers include

- Concerns about privacy and trust arise, with fears of personal information being misused.
- There's a misconception that research participation may involve high-risk treatments or being treated as a "guinea pig."

Where we want to hear about research
COMMUNITY CENTRES
ONLINE / APPS
GPI / PHARMACY
MOSQUE RADIO

Research focus
HEALTH EDUCATION
ETHNIC MINORITY FOCUS
NEW TECHNOLOGY
MENTAL HEALTH

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New cross-sector relationships and understandings of how to link research information into conversations.
This work is also forming part of a PhD research project and a manuscript has been submitted for publication.

Who to Contact?

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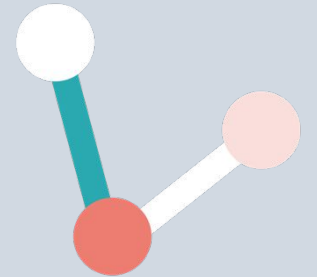
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Study Inclusion Engagement

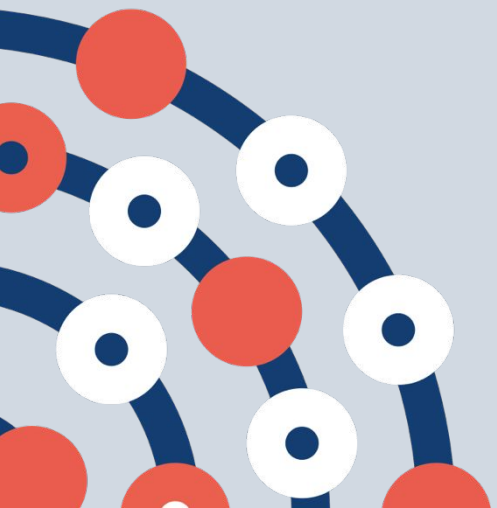
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Health & Care Staff Learning Opportunities



North West Regional Research Delivery Network Career Framework

Supporting Research Delivery

You can support research

- projects to improve services.
- people to take part in research studies.

Examples:

- find out about research studies in your area of work
- give people opportunities to understand how they can get involved in research
- introduce the study and research team to your patients
- help to implement existing research findings into practice
- become a research champion
- take part in a journal club
- be part of a community of research practice

Delivering Research

As part of a wider research team, you can support studies to meet planned timescales, recruit participants and complete tests and reports for the study.

Responsibilities include:

- inviting people to join research studies
- caring for participants
- carrying out study procedures
- gathering study data
- developing new treatments, procedures or practices based on research findings

Leading Research Delivery

Leaders support colleagues to ensure research studies are run safely and accurately.

There are also specific roles & pathways for research leaders:-

Clinician Researcher

Leading the Delivery of a Function - ie. Clinical Trial Pharmacist / Radiographer

Acting as Sub or Co-Investigator - supporting the Principal Investigator

Leading delivery of a protocol - Principal and/or Chief Investigator

Leading protocol design & delivery - including securing funding to carry out research into a new treatment, intervention, care pathway or regimen - Chief Investigator

Our Combined Training Offer for All Across Research Delivery

NIHR RDN Delegation & Training Aid / RDN NW Training Plan				
Working in a research active environment	Delivering without Freedom to Act / Identifying Potential Participants	Delivering with Freedom to Act	Leading Delivery of a Function or Activity	Leading Delivering of Study at Site
RDN NW Workforce Team Themes				
Developing a Research Interest	Becoming Research Ready & Supporting Research Delivery (Signature log only)	Becoming Research Active - Delivering Research (Delegation log)	Leading Research Delivery (Delegation log)	
Clinical Research is Everyone's Future video Awareness campaigns ie NIHR Your Path in Research Improving Healthcare through Clinical Research - free online course Frontline Research Engagement and Collaboration Community Best patient care, clinical research and you - NIHR CRN & R&D Forum Collaboration Junior Doctor Key (GM only - email for details)	As previous column, plus Royal College Learning Programmes Research Practice in Clinical Settings Research Practice in Health, Care & Community Settings Specialty research induction (ie ST1 - Respiratory) Incorporating Research into your Practise (ie ST2/3 Respiratory, GPVT) Fundamentals level training for Document Management ; IMP Management ; Laboratory Fundamentals Level Training for Administering IMPs & for Individual Studies Bite-sized learning via NIHR Learn - Settings & Specialties ; Future of research ; Research Inclusion ; Health & Care Research Innovations	As previous column, plus Good Clinical Practice Role dependent - Research Delivery Team Essentials Informed consent in Different Communities Informed Consent Remote Consultations Consent & the Vulnerable Adult Consent & Communication in Paediatrics Vaccine research pathway Future Of Health E-Learning (Focus On New Skills For New Roles) Including:- Royal College	As previous column, plus Role Dependent Training Associate PI Scheme Becoming a PI NIHR Clinician Researcher Credentialing Framework	As previous column, plus PI Essentials NIHR RDN PI Masterclass

NIHR Research Delivery-Focused Development Opportunities

Programme Title	Provider / Status	Professional Group
<u>ICA Internships</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Application process closed to final HEE funded programme in NW.</u> <u>New provider application process underway to involve NHS organisation & HEI partnerships with the RRDN.</u> 	NMAHPs - eligible registers determined in application process
<u>Associate PI</u>	Continuous registration process. Operational across all specialty groups	Aims to develop health and care professionals to become the Principal Investigators (PIs) of the future. Excludes research delivery NMAHPs.
<u>Clinician Researcher Credentials Framework</u>	NIHR in collaboration with:- <u>King's College London</u> <u>Newcastle University</u> <u>University of Exeter</u> <u>University of Sheffield</u>	Offers research delivery specific PGCert ClinRes, Dip and MSc Bursaries available for eligible registrants.
<u>Senior Research Leader Programme</u>	NIHR N&M Team	Nurses and midwives in England who have experience in research leadership in health or social care at a local and/or regional level
Senior Research Leader Programme	NIHR AHP Lead	HCPC registrants described as above. Communications scheduled from February 2025. Aiming to commence September 2025.

NIHR INSIGHT Programme North West

Inspiring Students into Research



A collaboration of over **30 health and social care providers**, including 4 of the region's research-intensive universities, led by the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)

This new NIHR initiative seeks to attract **early career health and social care professionals**[†] into research, and contribute to improving the quality of services and the outcomes for those who access them

Over three years (2024-2026) funding is available to support

- 30 Research Master's Studentships* each year
- 6 Master's Programmes at 4 Northwest Universities
- full and part-time study routes
- dissertation with a leading researcher
- a programme of research engagement activities

Round 2 opens March 2025, stay up to date via our [website](#)



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[†] visit the website for more information regarding eligibility

*including tuition fees, at UK/Home rates only, and stipend at UKRI rates.

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