

Update on the Regional Research Delivery Network



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Dr Sharon Barrett, Network Director North London RRDN





We fund or part-fund over 10,000 front-line research delivery staff throughout the NHS



We're funding more than 1,000 active health and social care research projects

NIHR funds, enables and delivers world-leading health and social care research



More than 2,000 researchers hold our career development awards



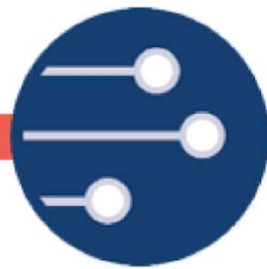
More than a million participants take part in research supported by the NIHR each year

Health and care research in the UK

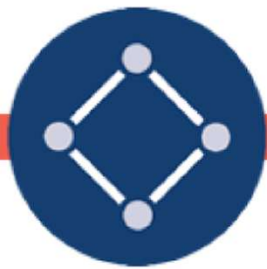
- NIHR funds, enables and delivers all aspects of health and social care research to improve people's health and wellbeing and promote economic growth
- Support for research delivery via the Research Delivery Network (RDN) includes studies funded by government, industry and charity partners
- The government's strategy is to make the UK the best place in the world for commercial companies to bring new treatments and technologies
- The new government priority projects set out a clear roadmap for how the UK can become one of the world's most attractive destinations to conduct high quality research
- The RDN is designed to ensure a strong and seamless connection between industry and the NHS.



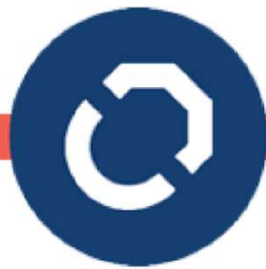
NIHR's mission is to improve the health and wealth of the nation through research.



Funding high quality, timely research that benefits the National Health Service, public health and social care



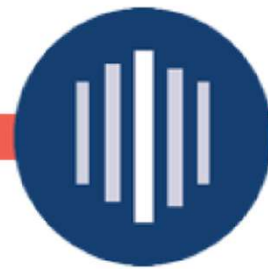
Investing in world class expertise, facilities and a skilled delivery workforce to translate discoveries into improved treatments and services



Partnering with patients, service users, carers and communities improving the relevance, quality and impact of our research



Attracting, training and supporting the best researchers to tackle complex health and social care challenges



Collaborating with other public funders, charities and industry to shape a cohesive and globally competitive research system



Funding applied global health research and training to meet the needs of the poorest people in low and middle income countries

Our areas of strategic focus



Building on learnings from the research response to COVID-19 and supporting the recovery of the health and social care system



Building capacity and capability in preventative, public health and social care research



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Embedding equality, diversity and inclusion across NIHR's research, systems and culture



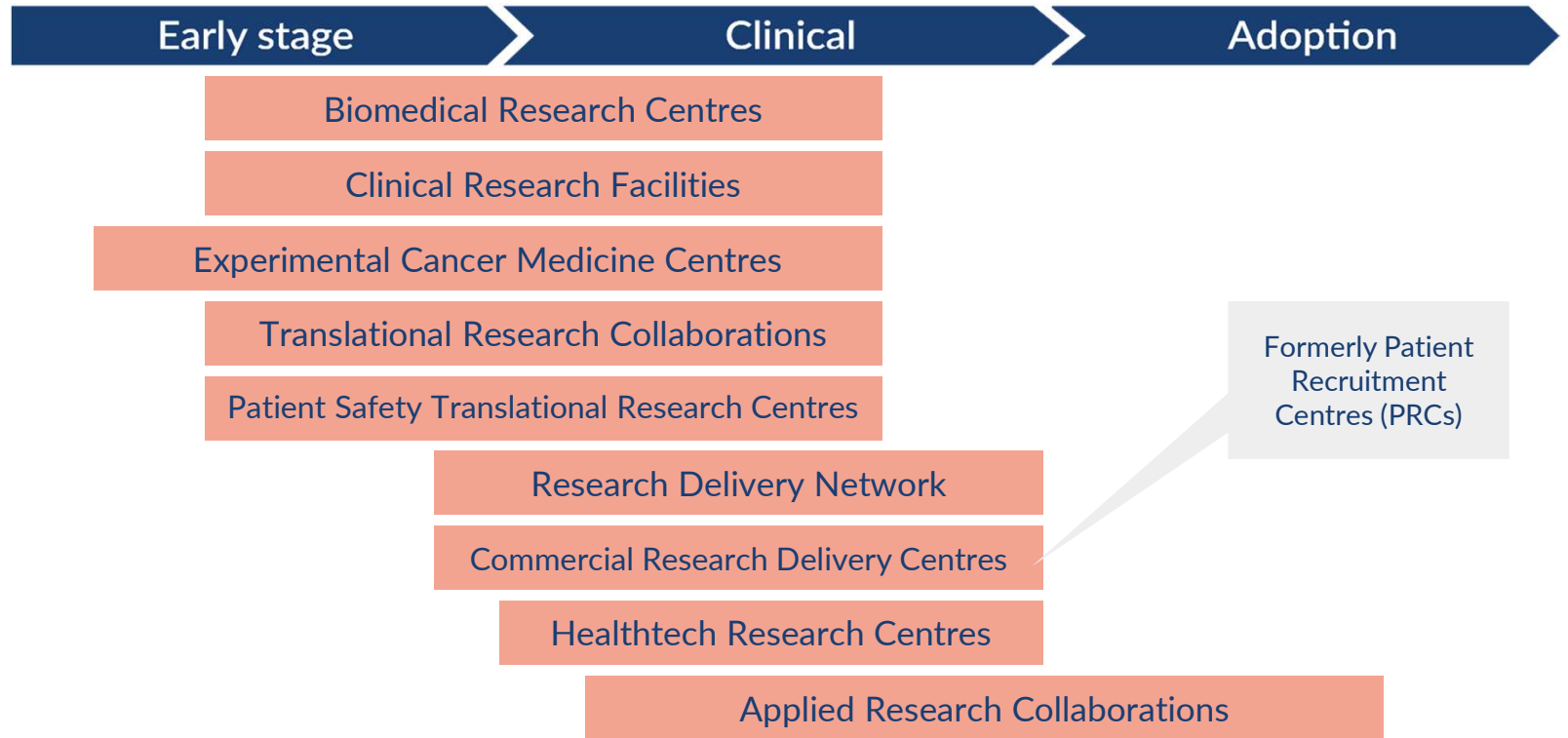
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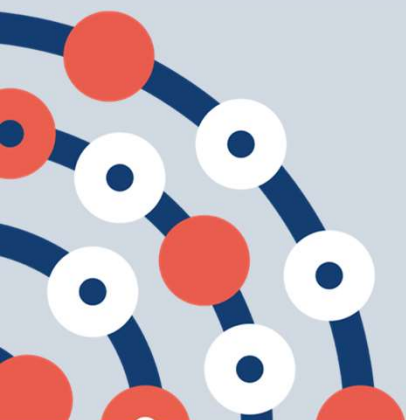
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Research Delivery Network vision, mission and purpose



Research Delivery Network

Vision

The UK is a global leader in the delivery of high quality, commercial and non commercial research that is inclusive, accessible and improves health and care.

Mission

Enabling the health and care system to attract, optimise and deliver research across England.

We do this as part of the NIHR's overall mission to improve the health and wealth of the nation through research.



Research Delivery Network (RDN) purpose

- Support the successful delivery of high quality research, as an active partner in the research system.
- Increase capacity and capability of the research delivery infrastructure for the future.

This means
research can:

- Reach more people
- Address changing population needs
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Delivering on RDN's purpose



- RDN focuses on strategic support for the whole portfolio, rather than day-to-day involvement in individual studies, except on request
- Sites are supported to monitor their own performance of individual studies, build study-level capacity and consider research delivery in research applications
- RDN increases understanding of and supports work to address strategic issues that cut across sites, regions or settings. This might be through a strategic project we lead, by supporting projects led by partners, or by providing the intelligence and evidence to enable others to make change
- Agile Delivery Teams provide additional targeted support for individual studies and help us to build capacity and capability where it is needed.



RDN change statements

A new organisation building on the successes of the Clinical Research Network (CRN). The Research Delivery Network (RDN) differs from the CRN in the following ways:

1. A single organisation with greater consistency of experience for customers
2. Collective responsibility and joint leadership of the organisation
3. A collegiate and a customer-focused partner
4. Stronger focus on strategic development of research capacity and capability, nationally and regionally, with partners
5. Emphasis on continuous improvement, learning and value for money in every part of RDN



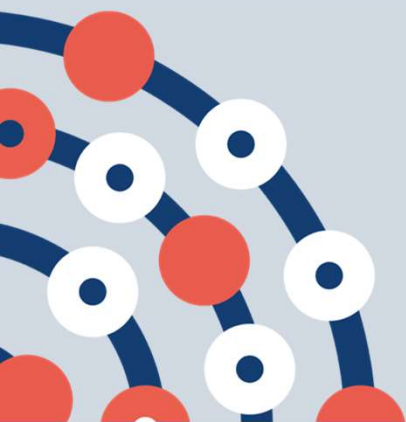
RDN and NIHR Coordinating Centre cross-strategic priorities

The Research Delivery Network works with the NIHR Coordinating Centre to deliver key strategic priorities including:

- Research inclusion
- Data and digital
- Workforce development
- Life sciences engagement



Research Delivery Network - how it works in practice



Governance of the RDN



The Research Delivery Network (RDN) Board was established in April 2024 to lead the RDN. It operates a joint leadership model for the RDN consisting of

- RDN Coordinating Centre Directors
- Network Directors from each of the 12 Regional Research Delivery Networks (RRDNs)
- representatives from DHSC

The Board sets the Network's direction, develops strategies and plans and ensures consistency in their implementation at national and regional level.

How the RDN operates

Operating as a single organisation we:

- Provide greater consistency of experience for customers and stakeholders
- Have collective responsibility and joint leadership
- Run services that allow for local flex according to local needs
- Have a single, consistent approach that makes it easier to share good practice

What the RDN does

- Builds on the success of the Clinical Research Network to deliver high-quality research that enables the best care for our population
- Has a stronger focus on development of capacity and capability for research delivery, nationally and regionally
- Works on new services and improved ways of delivering support for research delivery
- Builds learning and continuous improvement into the organisation

The RDN maintains strategic oversight of the RDN Portfolio of studies, focusing on support for multi-centre studies (with some support for single-site studies).

The RDN boosts public awareness about research and provides services such as Be Part of Research to help them volunteer for studies.

RDN support

The RDN is designed to meet the demands of the future and ensure resources deliver objectives and make the most impact.

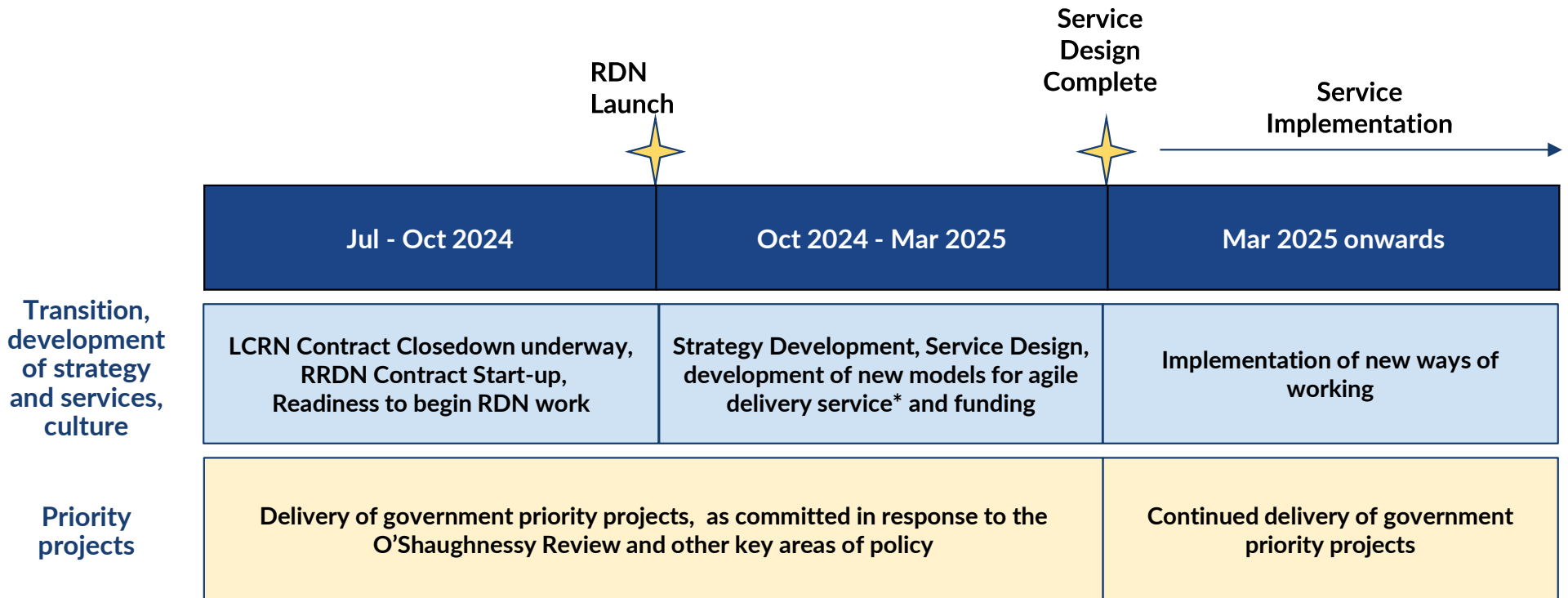
- Focus has moved from day-to-day involvement in individual studies except on request. Agile Delivery Teams provide additional targeted support
- Sites are supported to monitor their own performance of individual studies, build study-level capacity and consider research delivery in research applications
- We work with other parts of the NIHR and the system to support research delivery and provide a range of services to support the work of sponsors and sites.

Development of RDN's strategy and services

RDN-wide strategy based around settings and organisational vision and purpose

- Study Support Service
- AcoRD / NCVR
- Agile Research Delivery Team
- Support for out of hospital settings
- Life Sciences Partnership & Growth (includes key accounts and customer engagement)
- Workforce Development
- Finance (includes funding model and financial management)
- Data & Analytics
- Planning
- Contractual Management including performance framework
- Public Engagement
- Specialities and Settings
- Strategic Development
- Study Participation Inclusion
- Communications
- Stakeholder engagement

Delivering the priority projects and delivering the RDN transformation





RRDN North London

Combined Regional (Network) map

| NHS England Region | Regional Research Delivery Network (RRDN) | | RRDN Hosts |
|--------------------------|---|--|---|
| North East and Yorkshire | A | North East and North Cumbria | The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust |
| | B | Yorkshire and Humber | Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust |
| North West | C | North West | Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust |
| Midlands | D | East Midlands | University Hospitals Of Leicester NHS Trust |
| | E | West Midlands | The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust |
| East of England | F | East of England | Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust |
| London | G | North London | Barts Health NHS Trust |
| | H | South London | Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust |
| South East | I | South Central | University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust |
| | J | South East | Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust |
| South West | K | South West Central | University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust |
| | L | South West Peninsula | Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust |



London

Networks G and H - 'North London' and 'South London'



| NHSE Region | New Regional Research Delivery Network | | RRDN Host | ICS Areas | Additional information |
|-------------|--|--------------|------------------------|--|--|
| London | G | North London | Barts Health NHS Trust | North Central London North East London North West London | Population: 5.7m NHS Trusts: 23 Studies: 2,637 |

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| Acute and Academic Delivery Organisations | Integrated Care Systems |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust ● Barts Health NHS Trust ● Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust ● Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust ● Homerton Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust ● Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust ● London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust ● Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust ● Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust ● Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust ● The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust ● University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust ● Whittington Health NHS Trust | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● North Central London Integrated Care System ● North East London Health and Care Partnership ● North West London Integrated Care System |
| Mental Health & Community Delivery Organisations | Primary Care, Residential & Community settings |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust ● Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust ● North London NHS Foundation Trust ● East London NHS Foundation Trust ● North East London NHS Foundation Trust ● Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust ● West London NHS Trust | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Local Authorities ● General Practices ● Hospices ● Prisons ● Schools ● Care homes ● Dentists |

NIHR Commercial Research Delivery Centres

[Barts Health NHS Trust](#)
[London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust](#)

Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI)

Experimental Cancer Medicines Centres

[Barts ECMC](#)
[Imperial College London ECMC](#)
[University College London \(UCL\) ECMC](#)
[Great Ormond Street Paediatric/UCL ECMC](#)

NIHR Biomedical Research Centres

[NIHR Imperial BRC](#)
[NIHR University College London Hospitals BRC](#)
[NIHR Barts BRC](#)
[NIHR Great Ormond Street Hospital BRC](#)
[NIHR Moorfields BRC](#)

Higher Education Institutions

[Imperial College London](#)
[University College London](#)
[Queens Mary University of London](#)
[London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine](#)

The Institute of Clinical Research (ICR)

Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)

System partners

NIHR Applied Research Collaborations

[NIHR ARC North Thames](#)
[NIHR ARC Northwest London](#)

Clinical Research Facilities

[NIHR Imperial CRF](#)
[NIHR University College London Hospitals CRF](#)
[NIHR Barts CRF](#)
[NIHR Great Ormond Street CRF](#)
[NIHR Moorfields CRF](#)
[NIHR Royal Free CRF](#)
[Chelsea & Westminster CRF](#)
[London North West University Healthcare](#)

Clinical Trials Units

[CRUK & UCL Cancer Clinical Trials Unit](#)
[Barts Clinical Trials Unit](#)
[Imperial Clinical Trials Unit](#)
[MRC CTU at UCL](#)
[PRIMENT CTU at UCL](#)
[London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine CTU](#)

Health Innovation Networks

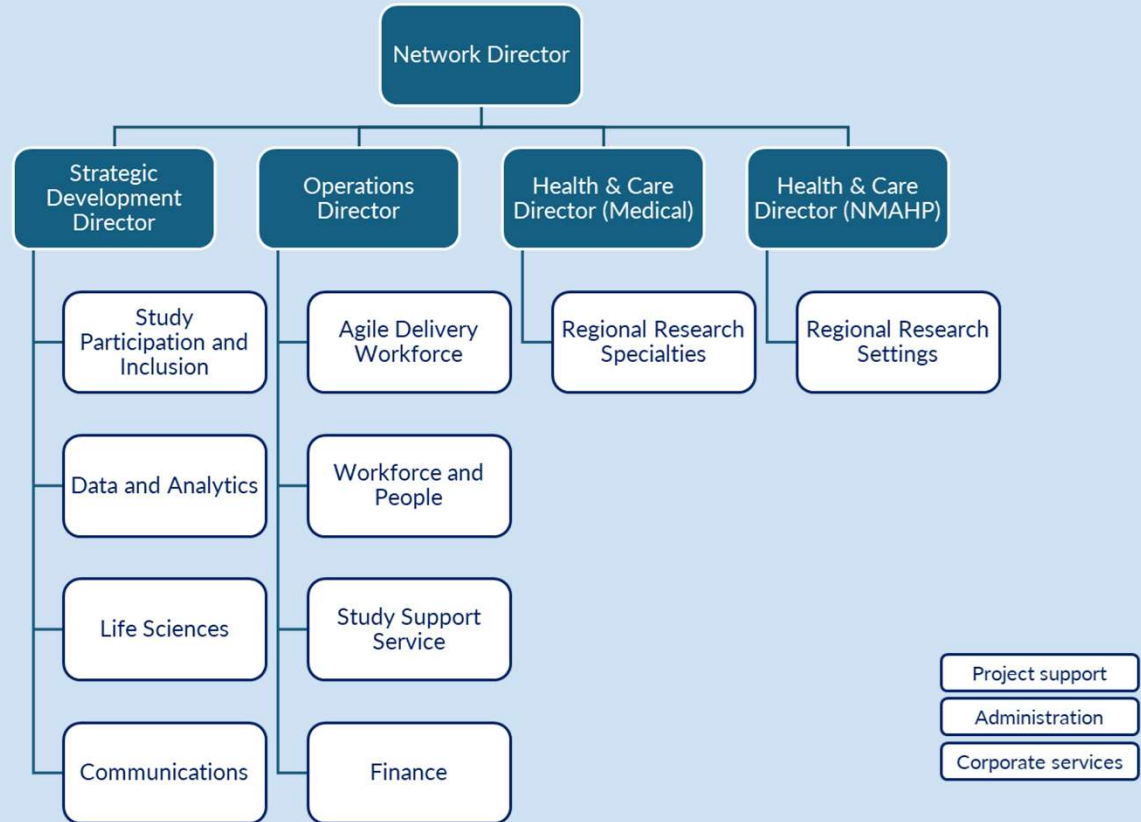
[Imperial College Health Partners](#)
[UCL Partners](#)

NHS Genomic Medicine Service Research Collaborative

[North Thames Genomic Laboratory Hub led by GOSH](#)

Health Research Authority (HRA)

Regional Research Delivery Networks



Roles in the RRDN

Operations Director - Kylie Gyertson



- responsible for the operational services of the RRDN. These services include Study Support, Agile Research Support and financial management.

Strategic Development Director - Reggie Pestininkas



- responsible for developing, delivering and implementing the strategic plans to build research capacity and capability at an organisational and regional level.

Health and Care Directors - Kieran McCafferty & Christine Adamson

- lead on the management of all the setting and specialty leads in the region
- coordinate the provision of expert proactive advice regarding study design to optimise deliverability
- assist in the identification of sites and Principal Investigators
- provide advice and support where study delivery or performance is an issue.
- identify workforce development opportunities and thereby assist in increasing the research capacity and capability
- lead national programmes of work in collaboration with the RDN Coordinating Centre (RDNCC).



Roles in the RRDN

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Head of Strategy, Engagement and Inclusion - TBA

- coordinating and delivering regional responses to key RDN strategies,
- ensuring all engagement and inclusion opportunities are considered synergistically, supported and optimised for all stakeholders.
- leading a consistent approach to engaging participants and communities with the vision of the RDN and providing intelligence to support the strategic development of RDN services.
- ensure the function of a single RDN organisation in providing a consistent experience for stakeholders
- developing regional strategies to deliver key national research in health and care priorities and analysing data underpinning increased capacity and capability in research delivery, across all specialties and settings.



Head of Partner Liaison and Planning - Caroline Williams

- focus on liaising with Delivery Organisations and other partners in the regional research delivery system.
- oversight of the Regional RDN (RRDN) Study Support Service,
- ensuring seamless coordination with other services/functions within the regional network and across the national network.
- collaborating closely with Regional Specialty and Setting Leads
- collaborate with senior counterparts from other RDN regions and the national RDN team to innovate and evolve services, aligning them more closely with the changing needs of the system.

Roles in the RRDN



Life Science Key Account Manager - Adeeba Asghar

- develop and manage relationships with Life Sciences companies, and the NIHR wider stakeholders within the clinical research environment
- ensure equality and consistency of service for all customers, nationally and regionally.
- horizon scanning data, business intelligence and NIHR expertise and relationships,
- provide a tailored service to key accounts as a single conduit, representing the RDN nationally.
- support the marketing of NIHR services to Industry and contribute to the shaping of new projects and services that meet the needs of Life Sciences customers

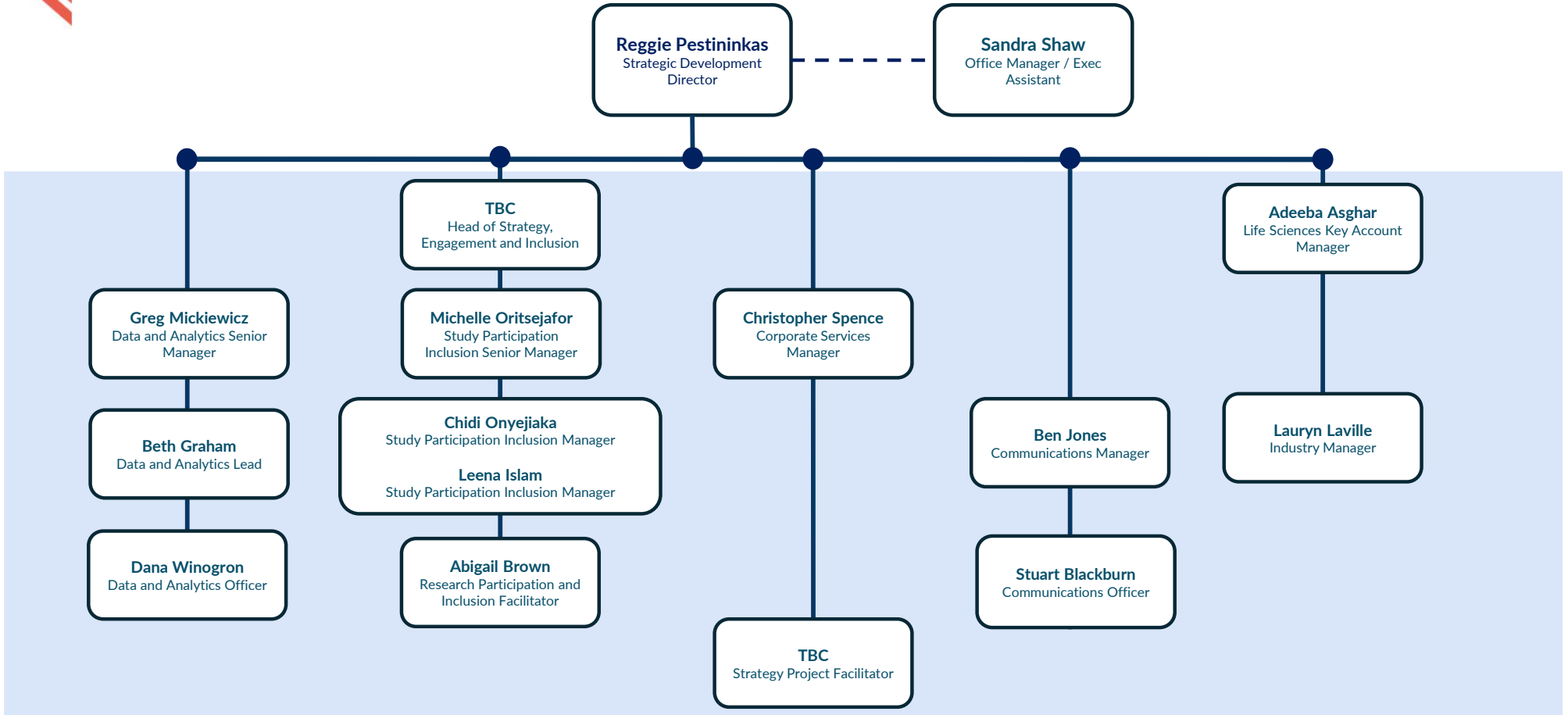


Head of Research Delivery - TBA

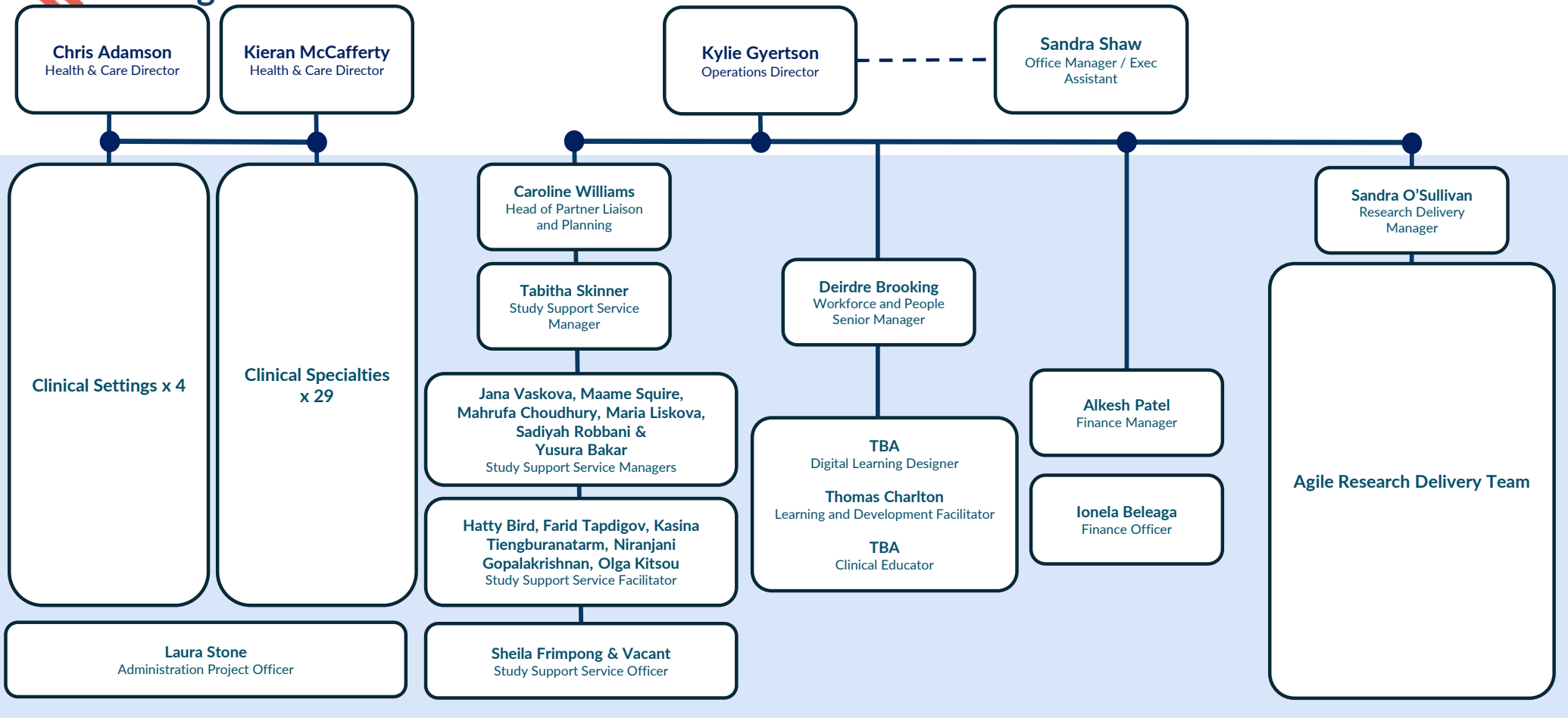
- lead the agile research delivery team in the provision of these services, ensuring seamless coordination with other services/functions
- collaborating closely with Regional Specialty and Setting Leads to support the delivery of regional and national projects.
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- direct the agile team's resources to meet strategic needs.



Management Team



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Deliver

Once your study has regulatory approvals in place, we'll work with you to get your sites up and running and then to stay on track.

- Support to help commercial sponsors [coordinate study start-up activities](#) across multiple sites
- If you included [digital engagement tools](#) in your ethics approval request, we will help you to activate this recruitment pathway - includes pre-consented research registries like Be part of Research
- Use our [Sponsor Engagement Tool](#) to work collaboratively with us to monitor study progress
- Request [delivery and performance support](#) for a specific study

**Head of Partner
Liaison and Planning**
Caroline Williams

**Study Support Service
Senior Manager**
Tabitha Skinner

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Niranjani Gopalakrishnan
Olga Kitsou

**Study Support Service
Officer**
Sheila Frimpong

Industry offer and research capabilities

April 2025

The role of the NIHR

- **Government funded** - Established by the Department of Health and Social Care to improve the nation's health and wealth through research
- Together, with the NHS, we represent the most integrated health research system in the world
- Plays a key role in the Government's strategy for economic growth, attracting investment by the life-sciences industry

Free support for the life sciences industry

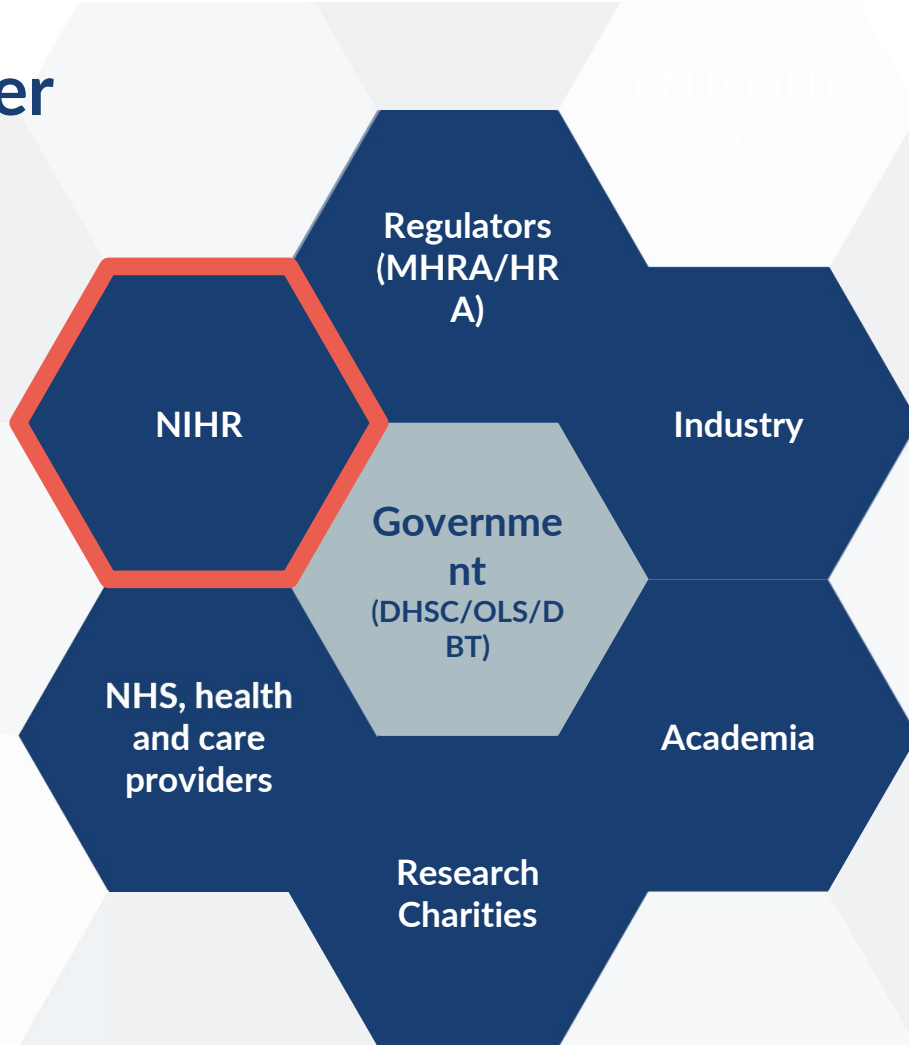
A range of support and services available for:

- All health and social care research
- All therapeutic areas
- All phases
- All companies (size / sector - including CROs)

Along with

- Help to understand the UK's research landscape
- Help to optimise the support that is available
- Contact us early

An ecosystem partner



Our areas of strategic focus



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Our six pillars of support





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Place

Support to place your trial at the right sites, in the right locations, at the right time.

- [Research Locations Scoping Tool](#)
- UK-wide [Site Identification service](#)
- [Deliver research in the community and other diverse settings](#)
- [Associate Principal Investigator \(PI\) Scheme](#)



Deliver

Services to use when regulatory approvals are in place.

- [Coordinate study start-up activities](#) across multiple sites
- [Digital clinical trial recruitment tools](#) (Find, Recruit and Follow-up)
- Use our [Sponsor Engagement Tool](#) to monitor study progress and request [delivery and performance support](#)
- NIHR-funded research delivery workforce
 - RDN, including [Agile Research Delivery](#) workforce
 - Other NIHR-funded research infrastructure



Plan

Services to use before seeking regulatory approvals.

- [Life Sciences Industry Information Service](#)
- [Patient Engagement in Clinical Development Service](#) (a paid-for service)
- [INCLUDE](#) and [Race Equality Framework](#)
- Feasibility:
 - [Research Locations Scoping Tool](#)
 - [Digital clinical trial recruitment tools](#) (Find, Recruit and Follow-up)
- [Protocol review](#) by KOLs and other health and care expert across the UK
- [UK's standardised approach to costing and contracting](#)
 - [interactive Costing Tool](#)



Standardised costing and contracting UK wide

National Contract Value Review (NCVR)

- Mandatory for commercial research in NHS secondary care
- Also available in primary care - [view practices accepting NCVR prices](#)
- Consistent, transparent, predictable, efficient, faster

**Company submits
interactive Costing
Tool (iCT)**

Using guidance available on
NIHR website



**NHS costing expert
conducts review**

With support from UK-wide
Community of Practice and
national standards



**interactive Costing Tool (iCT)
generates site specific prices**

The iCT automatically applies correct local
multipliers, ensuring full cost recovery without
the need for local negotiation. All NHS Trusts
accept the prices without adjustment or
negotiation



Contact our Industry team

Request a chat with our team. We will help you explore how the NIHR can support your specific research needs.

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Specialties and Settings

RDN Specialties and Settings

- The Specialties and Settings function plays a key leadership role in the ongoing development and performance of the RDN
- Led by clinicians and subject matter experts, it provides leadership and advice, supports research delivery, and participation in regional or national projects relating to Specialty or Setting capacity, capability and accessibility for research delivery

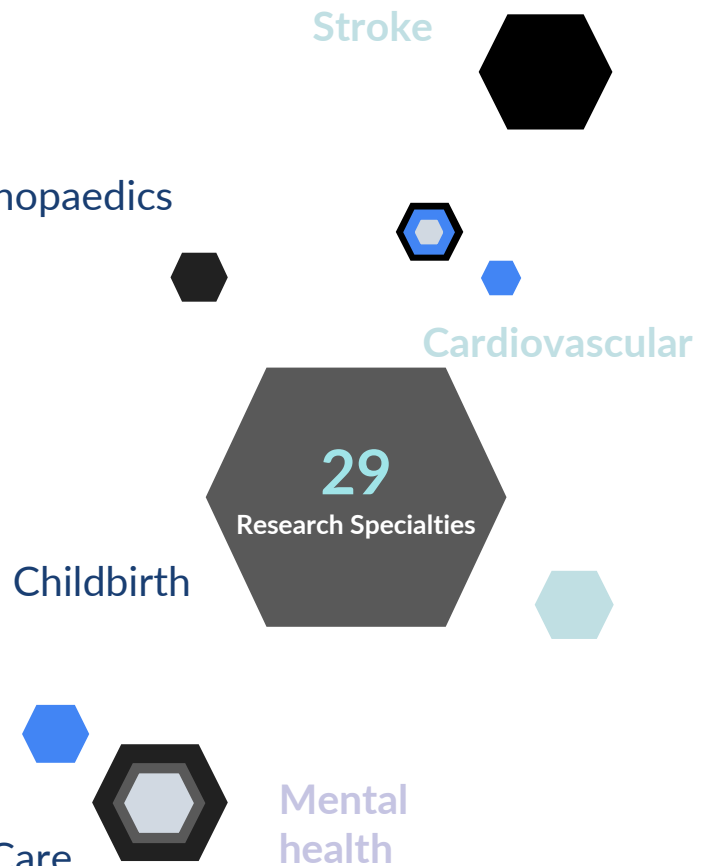
Settings

- **Hospitals:** meaning NHS acute, mental health and pre-hospital care - including all NHS Trusts except for NHS Community Trusts
- **Primary care:** including settings outside of general practice (for example, ophthalmology, audiology, dental)
- **Community-based:** including, for example, NHS Community Trusts, local authority settings, preventative activities, home-based care, community care teams, schools, social care delivered outside of care homes and hospital settings, and social work services
- **Residential care:** including, for example, care homes and hospices.

Specialties

Ageing
Anaesthesia, Perioperative Medicine
and Pain Management
Cancer
Cardiovascular
Children
Critical Care
Dementia and Neurodegeneration
Dermatology
Diabetes, Metabolic and Endocrine
Ear, Nose and Throat
Gastroenterology and Hepatology
General Practice
Haematology
Imaging

Infection
Mental Health
Musculoskeletal and Orthopaedics
Neurological disorders
Ophthalmology
Oral and Dental
Palliative Care
Public Health
Renal
Reproductive Health and Childbirth
Respiratory
Social Care
Stroke
Surgery
Trauma and Emergency Care



| Table 1: RDN Settings Definitions | |
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| Original Definition | Recommended Final Definitions ¹ |
| Primary Care setting as including settings outside of general practice (for example, ophthalmology, audiology, dental) | <p>First point of contact for care for the general public. This includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optometry • Audiology • General dental practitioners • Community pharmacy • GP out of hours care and 111 Service • NHS Talking Therapies • Vaccine Clinics • General Practice (GPs) (including Primary Care Networks and Federations) • Primary care facing activities of the Ambulance Service |
| Community setting as including NHS Community Trusts, public health, local authority settings, preventative activities, home-based care, community care teams, schools, social care delivered outside of care homes and hospital settings, social work services" | <p>Community based health and social care that is typically referral-dependent outside of hospitals. This includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community based prevention programmes and activities e.g. <i>community weight management services</i> • Home-based care e.g. <i>personal care, support at home, social care outside residential care settings</i> • Community care teams e.g. <i>physiotherapy, health visiting, midwifery, district nursing, virtual wards led by community team</i> • Community-based services for people with mental health needs • Any other community-based care provided by NHS Community Trusts • Adult and children's social care services (including community based learning disability services) • Schools eg school nursing service • Sexual health services • Community diagnostic services |
| Hospitals setting as meaning NHS acute, mental health and pre-hospital care - including all NHS Trusts except for NHS Community Trusts. | <p>Secondary, tertiary, emergency or urgent care leading to hospital based care. This includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All NHS acute trusts and specialist hospitals • In-patient ward based care (including in Mental Health Trusts) • Emergency or urgent pre-hospital care e.g. <i>minor injuries units, urgent treatment centres, hospital facing activities of ambulance trusts/paramedics</i> • Secondary and tertiary care led-virtual wards |
| Residential setting as "Including care homes and hospices". | <p>Care that is delivered in a short or long term residential or prison setting. This includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care homes and nursing homes • Sheltered housing • Homeless services • Women's refuges • Hospices • Secure care facilities (adults and children) • Settings within the justice system (including prisons, asylum facilities, Youth Offender Centres, Probation Service) |

Agile research delivery workforce

Agile Research Delivery Team (ARDT)

Our Agile Research Delivery Team is a group of dedicated staff based in our Regional Research Delivery Networks (RRDNs) across England. They are skilled, multi-disciplinary staff who can work flexibly across a variety of different locations to support research delivery in health and social care.

Our regional teams can support studies at various stages as needed. Examples include:

- supporting the set-up of research
- helping with screening
- taking consent from participants
- recruitment to studies
- data management and follow-up

Dedicated support for out-of-hospital settings

One of our key aims is to ensure that everyone across the country has the opportunity to take part in research that might be suitable for them. Delivering health and social care research in places where people already access a wide variety of services, helps us to do that.

Through our flexible and multi-disciplinary study support and Agile Research Delivery Team, we can help you deliver research in a wide range of settings.

GP surgeries

hospices

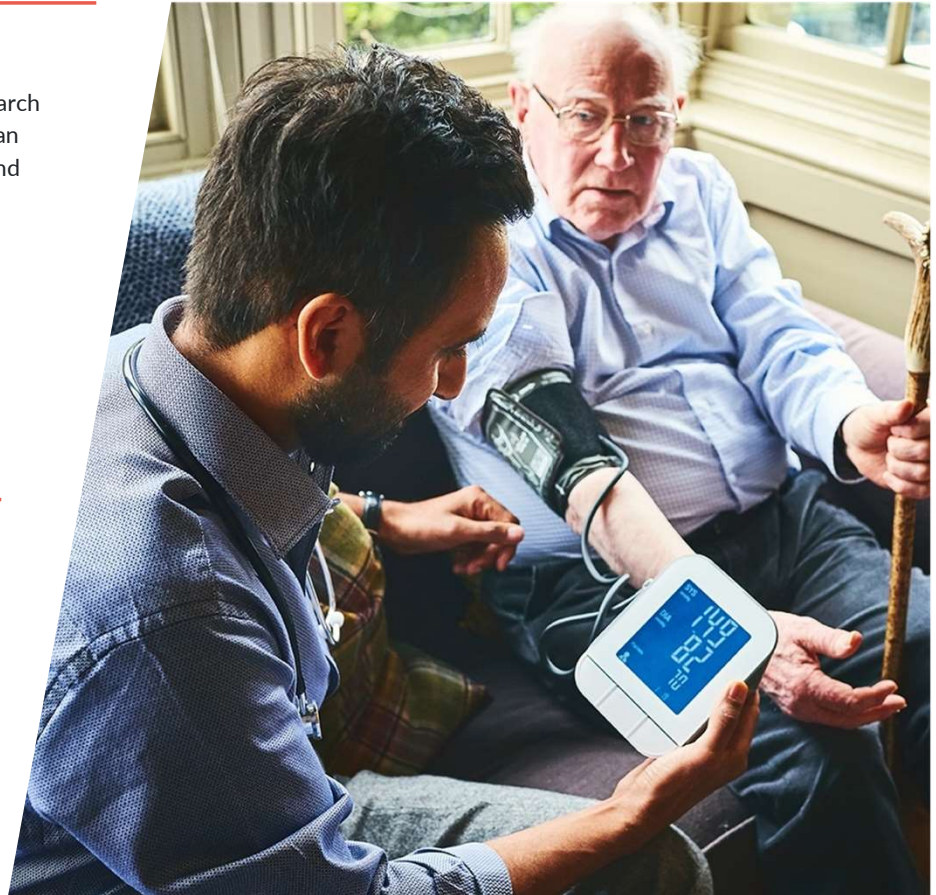
care homes

schools

Community hubs

Places of worship

prisons



Agile Research Delivery teams support our areas of strategic focus



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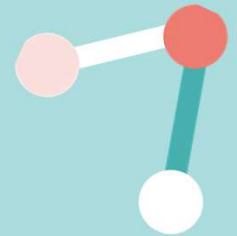
The GLAD study

“Only by doing studies on such a large scale can we make a meaningful difference to the mental health of generations to come.”

Professor Gerome Breen
Professor of Neuropsychiatric & Translational Genetics
King's College London

Agile Research Delivery Teams

Each of the 12 Regional Research Delivery Networks across England has an Agile Research Delivery Team made up of research nurses, practitioners and trial support staff. They are a **flexible** and **adaptable** workforce, independent of any site-based team, that can deliver at **pace** in any setting across their region.



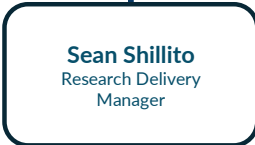
The agile delivery service enhances research delivery and study **performance**. The collaborative ecosystem fosters teamwork, delivering research in **innovative** ways and operating flexibly across various sectors, working with sponsors and sites to **maximise** trial potential.

They specialise in **transformative** research delivery practice and facilitate access to and engagement with diverse underserved populations. This unique workforce ensures that studies align with **real-world** health and care needs, making research outcomes more relevant and **impactful**.





Agile Research Delivery Team



Jemima Hepburn-Scott
Senior Research Practitioner

Prital Patel
Senior Research Practitioner

Marcelle Costa Marinho
Senior Research Nurse

Carlos Romero Munoz
Senior Research Nurse

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Participant facing

Research Support for wider care settings

Residential Care Trials

AFRI-C: Air Filters to prevent Respiratory Infections in Care Homes - RTC to investigate if HEPA air filters can reduce transmission of respiratory infections in care home residents



AFRI-C: **1,152** residents recruited from **92** care homes, including adults lacking capacity

50 studies delivered in prisons across England

Over **11,000** prisoners have taken part in trials

Nationwide Prison Research Community of Practice established

ENRICH can facilitate **PPIE** opportunities as well as support trial delivery

ENRICH - A network of over **1,000** care homes across England that are research ready and supported by NIHR staff to deliver trials

VIVALDI: a Covid-19 surveillance study for residents and staff working in care homes
Over **7,000** participants from **217** care homes in England took part

The ELSA Study - the largest type 1 diabetes screening programme for children aged 3 - 13 years in the UK

Large scale recruitment - **32,000** children to be tested

Fingerprick testing with further investigations and support if child is high risk

21,000 children recruited in 2 years - **3,200** from schools
(study ongoing)

Agile teams **co-produced** delivery plans with schools to ensure appropriate promotion of study and maximise **engagement** of parents

Telephone line available for parent questions

Online consent for parents to complete prior to clinic

Clinics held in school time, fully led by the agile teams

Minimal disruption to school and child's routine

School recruitment has enabled a **diverse** demographic to be recruited, increasing **inclusion** and **equity of access** to research for underrepresented groups





Workforce and Development

Career development

Find out more about what health and care research is and how you can develop your research knowledge and skills.



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Quick links

→ [Good Clinical Practice](#)

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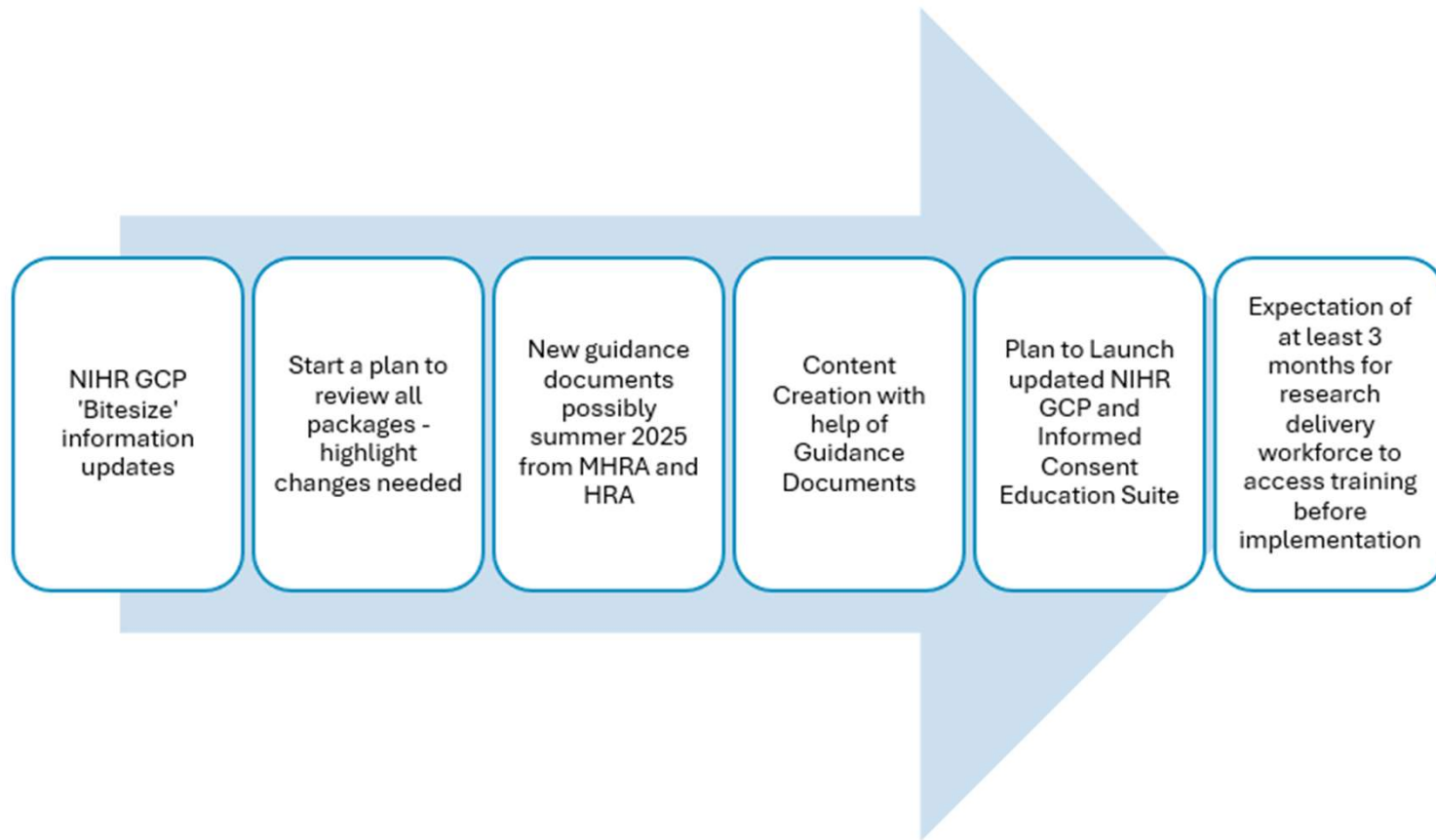
→ [Research career development funding programmes](#)

→ [NIHR Learn](#)

NIHR Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and Informed Consent

- The NIHR Good Clinical Practice (GCP) program moved onto NIHR Learn in 2015, offering both online and face-to-face courses.
- In 2023, NIHR awarded a record 58,000 GCP Certificates to learners
- The NIHR have awarded 324,625 GCP Certificates over ten years.

Timeline for NIHR GCP



NIHR Learn - 10 years of supporting the Research Workforce



NIHR LEARN TODAY

- Had 180k visitors last year and provided 65,000 learners with certificates
- Has enabled 400,000 elearning certificates to be achieved in total
- Has an interactive, accessible, secure and mobile friendly interface
- Supports colleagues and partners across the research landscape.



Health and Care Professional Internship Programme

This programme provides 3 years of support for organisations to develop and deliver innovative internship programmes. The regional programmes will engage registered health and care professionals at the predoctoral level in research.

NIHR leadership webinars and e-learning modules

NIHR launches Clinical Research Practitioner Directory

- Develop and implement a RRDN North London Workforce Plan for ensuring a responsive, trained and flexible workforce to deliver NIHR CRN Portfolio studies
- [NIHR Learn](#) offers a range of training including GCP

Senior Research Leader Programme for nurses and midwives

Still have questions?

Contact our development and support team



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Public Engagement

Public engagement in the RDN

- The RDN **Public Engagement** function provides purposeful and meaningful engagement and involvement across all RDN processes, activities and services
- Adds value to the RDN by providing customers, stakeholders and partners with strategic public engagement and involvement expertise across each RRDN region
- Coordinates the management of stakeholder engagement with patient-led groups and community based organisations to increase participation in research
- Develop the '**Research Ready Communities**' programme across all RRDNs
- Delivers a standardised national '**Participation in Research Experience Survey**' (PRES)
- Supports engagement with the public and researchers through digital engagement channels including **Join Dementia Research** and **Be Part of Research**

Join Dementia Research



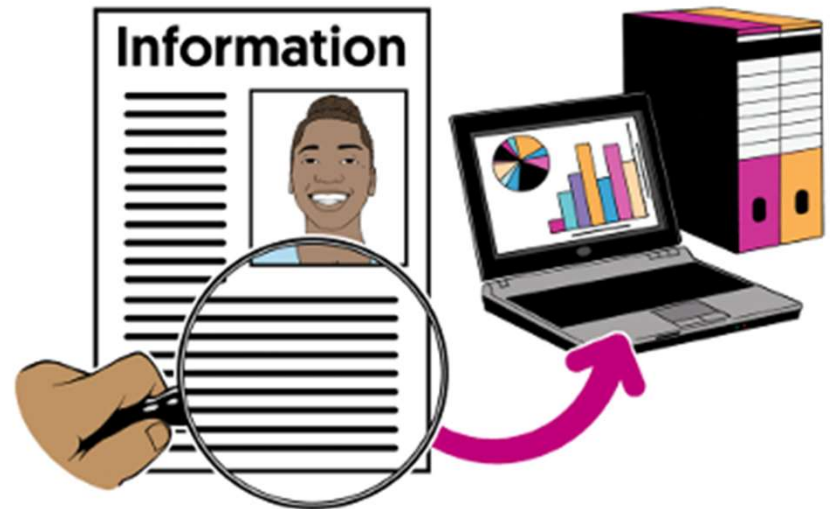
The screenshot shows the registration page for Join Dementia Research. At the top left is the logo, and at the top right is the NHS logo. Below the logo is a registration form with fields for Username and Password, and buttons for Log In, Sign Up, and Register by phone. A link for 'Forgotten password?' is also present. Below the form is a navigation menu with links for Home, About us, Why sign up?, Volunteer stories, News, and For professionals. Below the menu is a row of six small images of diverse people. Below the images is the text: 'Welcome to Join Dementia Research. A place to register your interest in taking part in vital dementia research. What happens when you register? When you sign up to Join Dementia Research, the information you provide is used to match you to studies you may be able to take part in, both online, nationally and in your local area. The service connects registered volunteers with dementia researchers across the UK who are looking for people to join their studies. You can review your study matches once you register and then it's your decision whether to take part. Taking part means you

- Join Dementia Research is a nationwide service that enables anyone over 18 to register their interest in dementia research.
- since its inception in 2015, over 70,000 people have signed up the service and there have been over 90,000 enrolments onto dementia studies.
- the service is delivered in partnership by the NIHR and our charity partners: Alzheimer Scotland, Alzheimer's Research UK and the Alzheimer's Society.



Join Dementia Research: how it works

- anyone with or without dementia can sign up
- people can register on behalf of someone else
- variety of studies - from prevention and treatments to improving quality of life
- individuals choose which studies they take part in
- register online or over phone



Join Dementia Research: How to sign up

Provide some **information about yourself** which will enable the service to match you to suitable studies.

- **Online:** www.joindementiaresearch.nihr.ac.uk
- **Over the phone:** call our helplines
 - Alzheimer Scotland (0808 808 3000)
 - Alzheimer's Research UK (0300 111 5 111)
 - Alzheimer's Society (0333 150 3456)
- **By post:** pick up a paper form and send back to us



Facebook: /joindementiaresearch



X (formerly Twitter): @beatdementia



A service for the research system and UK public



- Helping the public learn about taking part in health and social care research and register to be contacted about studies in the condition/areas they are interested in
- In 2023/24 over 1 million people took part in research - Be Part of Research will become an integral service to increase this number
- Includes participation and involvement opportunities, and links with other resources to support the public into research
- Carries the NHS logo to demonstrate it is a trusted service for the public
- www.bepartofresearch.nihr.ac.uk

Service offer

A service for everyone across the **general public and the research system**, informative, easy to navigate - providing a UK hub for research.

Engaging and informative to help the public to understand how they can be part of health and care research, search for studies and sign-up for regular updates.

Resources for the public and links to connect the wider research community.

Register to be contacted about studies in condition areas of interest or **sign in** to your account.

The screenshot shows the NIHR Be Part of Research website interface. The top navigation bar includes a 'Keep up to date' section with a sign-up link, the NIHR logo, and the NHS logo. Below this is a search bar with fields for 'Keyword e.g. cancer, drug name' and 'Location e.g. city, postcode', along with a 'Search for study' button and a 'View conditions' link. A main banner features the text 'Better care and treatments start with you' and a 'Register or sign in' button. Below the banner are three navigation buttons: 'How to take part', 'Volunteering without a condition', and 'Support for researchers'. The 'What's new?' section contains three featured articles: 'Shape the Future - celebrating NHS 75', 'Be Part of Research podcasts', and 'My research story'. The 'Get involved' and 'Latest news' sections are visible at the bottom. Colored callout boxes with arrows point to various elements: 'Newsletter sign up' (top left), 'Register & sign in' (main banner), 'How to take part' (navigation bar), 'Podcasts, campaigns, case studies & blogs' (bottom left), 'Other resources' (top right), 'Study search by keyword and/or location' (search bar), 'Information for researchers' (navigation bar), 'Volunteering without a condition' (navigation bar), and 'News stories' (bottom right).

Newsletter sign up

Register & sign in

How to take part

Podcasts, campaigns, case studies & blogs

Other resources

Study search by keyword and/or location

Information for researchers

Volunteering without a condition

News stories

For volunteers: using site search

- Easy to search by condition and/or location
- Results can then be filtered as appropriate
- Volunteers can then click on a study they're interested in, read more about it, and use the contact details to follow up further

The screenshot displays the NIHR research search interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'I'm looking for research about' and a search button. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'Health Condition' and 'Location e.g. city, postcode'. The search results show '102 studies found for asthma'. A list of health conditions is on the left, including 'Chest and Breathing Issues' (80), 'Cancer' (2), 'Heart and Circulation' (2), 'Blood and Immune System' (1), 'COVID-19' (1), 'Ear, Nose and Throat' (1), 'Genetics' (1), 'Healthcare and Research' (1), 'Hormones and Metabolism' (1), and 'Infection and Parasites' (1). The main results list includes 'Wessex Asthma Cohort of Difficult Asthma' and 'Co-morbidity and Refractory Asthma - UK Severe Asthma Registry'. A detailed view of the 'Wessex Asthma Cohort of Difficult Asthma' study is shown in a pop-up window, including details like 'Recruiting', 'Open to: All Genders', 'Age: 18 Years - 99 Years', 'Medical Conditions: Asthma', and a 'Contact the study team' button. A list of study details is also visible at the bottom of the pop-up window.

Studies using Be Part of Research

| Study search (condition/location) | Registry (contact by email service) |
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| <p>Comprehensive search by keyword and location, study list with contact details, including studies across the UK.</p> <p>Studies automatically feed into the site from the following sources and are refreshed each week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ISRCTN- ClinicalTrials.gov- CPMS (NIHR CRN portfolio) | <p>Studies listed on the NIHR CRN Portfolio and other NIHR funded studies can use this service.</p> <p>Agreement to the service <u>terms and conditions</u> is required.</p> <p>The Be Part of Research team contact the volunteers on behalf of the studies.</p> |

How our service supports researchers

Study listing

- studies are included in search function of website
- study details are automatically loaded from ISRCTN, ClinicalTrials.gov, and CPMS (for non-commercial studies only)
- members of the public can access the study details by searching on the website, and can then contact researchers directly using the contact method provided

Registry

- researchers apply separately for their studies to use the Be Part of Research registry
- registered volunteers are matched to studies based on their interests and demographic information
- study details are sent to volunteers directly by email, and interested volunteers can then follow up for more information using the contact method provided

Be Part of Research registry - for volunteers

- short registration process through NHS App or directly on Be Part of Research website
- volunteers give consent for contact for the areas or research they are interested in and studies of national importance
- the Be Part of Research team contact the volunteers by email to signpost them to studies they may be interested in
- the email will contain a link to the study's website, pre-screener or other contact mechanism agreed with the Be Part of Research team
- the volunteer then follows the study's agreed recruitment processes

Find out more?

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- bepartofresearch.nihr.ac.uk
- joindementiaresearch.nihr.ac.uk
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