

## How do I get involved?

DeNDRoN has a wide range of opportunities for involvement. If you would like more information please complete the details below and we will contact you.

- I would like to receive your newsletter
- I am interested in joining your Patient Advisory Panel
- I would like to know how to be involved in a research study

Name: .....

Address:.....

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Postcode:.....

Email: .....

Telephone no: .....

Any personal information submitted by you will be held by DeNDRoN within NHS systems for the purpose of research and development and processed in accordance with the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998. If you have expressed an interest in becoming involved in a research study, DeNDRoN will contact you for further details. We would only share your information with other NHS and non-NHS organisations for your benefit in a secure and appropriate manner. You have the right to withdraw your information from DeNDRoN at any time.

## Help us move forward together. You can make a difference!



### Contact us

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The South West Dementias and Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network (DeNDRoN) is part of the NIHR Clinical Research Network, which supports research to make patients, and the NHS, better.

Patient information  
South West DeNDRoN

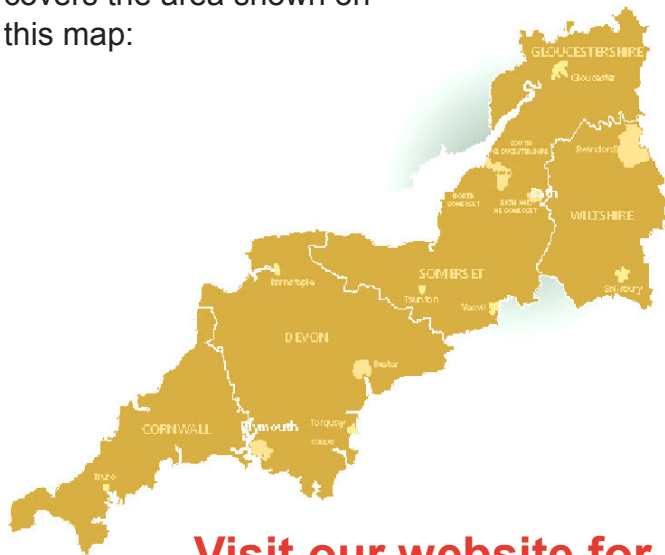
## DeNDRoN

The NIHR Dementias & Neurodegenerative Disease Research Network (DeNDRoN) has been set up to improve the delivery of research into **dementias, Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease and Huntington's disease** by supporting researchers carrying out studies.

## South West DeNDRoN

South West DeNDRoN is hosted by the Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust and has a Director - Dr Peter Brindle and a Manager - Mary Griffin. Both are based at Blackberry Hill Hospital in Bristol.

South West DeNDRoN covers the area shown on this map:



**Visit our website for more information**

[www.dendron.nihr.ac.uk/south-west](http://www.dendron.nihr.ac.uk/south-west)

## What is research for?

Research looks at the different aspects of dementias, Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease and Huntington's disease to:

- Assess new treatments
- Find evidence of current treatments
- Prevent disease progression
- Work out what causes the diseases
- Determine the impact on patients' lives

There are also research studies that look at other types of therapy, the quality of life of you and your family members, and patient registries, which can help to learn more about the disease areas.

## What do research studies involve?

Each study is different and can involve:

- Joining a register of patients interested in taking part in research
- Questionnaires that can be completed at home
- A single blood test done locally or at the hospital
- Visits to the hospital for outpatient clinics
- Trying a new medication for your condition

## What will happen if I take part?

We will tell you about current and future studies and try to match studies to your interest and availability. Taking part in research is voluntary and does not affect the care you receive from the NHS. You can decide to stop being involved at any time.

All studies are approved by ethics committees and are regulated. There is no payment for taking part, but you can claim travel costs and other expenses.

## Patient and public involvement

South West DeNDRoN would like to involve patients and the public in having a say in how we work. There are a number of ways you can be involved. For more information call us on **0117 3784235**.

