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Clinical Research Networks in the North Thames region

Information for Staff

Supporting research to make patients,
and the NHS, better



National Institute for
Health Research

Who we are

Local Research Networks in the North Thames region support research to make patients and the NHS better. The networks are part of the National Institute of Health Research and are funded by the Department of Health. There are 7 topic specific networks and those relevant to mental health include:

The **Dementias and Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network** (DeNDRoN) is hosted by Camden and Islington NHS FT. It promotes and supports research into dementias and neurodegenerative diseases including Dementias, Motor Neurone, Parkinson's, and Huntington's diseases,

The **Mental Health Research Network** (MHRN) supports research studies with people experiencing a range of mental health problems

The **Greater London Primary Care Research Network** (PCRN) provides researchers with practical support for clinical studies in a primary care setting.

In addition to NIHR networks, the **North Central London Research Consortium** (NoCLoR) provides specialist support for research and development projects across north-central London. For example, help with registration including research ethics,

What we do

The Local Research Networks in North Thames provide researchers and NHS organisations with high quality funded studies and the practical support they need to make clinical studies happen. This includes:

- Advising researchers on how to make their study “work” in the NHS environment
- Reducing the “red-tape” around setting up a study
- Helping researchers to identify suitable NHS sites, and recruit patients to take part in research studies
- Funding the people and facilities needed to carry out research “on the ground”, so research activity does not drain core NHS resources.



In addition we also:

- Manage and monitor the progress of studies and take corrective action where required to ensure that studies are completed on time and within budget
- Collect, collate and submit research data
- Promote the active involvement of patients, carers and the public in research.

How we do it

Our Local Research Networks work in partnership with hospitals, community providers and primary care in the North Thames region. We are all committed to embedding research into everyday clinical practice and together we encourage all staff, clinical and non clinical, to take an active part in promoting research to our patients



Are you the answer

We believe all staff are the answer to more research. Key benefits include :

- Being on the cutting edge of new developments for patients
- Access to promising new treatments, often not available outside the clinical trial setting
- Treatments that may be more effective than the standard approach
- Opportunity to be the first to benefit from the new method under study
- Adding to what is known about mental health, possibly leading to improved options in the future
- Publication of outcomes
- Financial income to the Trust

Want to be involved

- Clinicians should discuss with their line manager or academic lead
- Visit www.candi.nhs.uk/research for more information
- Sign up to newsletters
- Ring your Local Research Network for more information on

020 3317 4750

Current research activity at Camden & Islington NHS FT :

- Last year we supported 32 studies relating to dementia and mental health
- Over 1130 patients took part in those studies
- >75% increase in patient recruitment to DeNDRoN studies compared to 2010

For more information visit www.candi.nhs.uk/research