



Research Standards

MSNAP GUIDE

This information will guide services participating in the Royal College of Psychiatrists Memory Services National Accreditation Programme (MSNAP) to achieve the two new research standards

Background

The Dementia and Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network (DeNDRoN) is part of the NIHR Clinical Research Network, supporting research to make patients, and the NHS, better. We support the development, set up and delivery of clinical research in the NHS in the dementias, Huntington's disease, motor neurone disease, Parkinson's disease, and other neurodegenerative diseases through a network of regional offices.

Over the past year DeNDRoN has been working with the Royal College Psychiatrists to increase the opportunities for people with dementia and their carers to participate in high-quality research.

The Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia sets the ambition to significantly increase the volume of research, the number of participants and the proportion of memory services accredited to the Royal College of Psychiatrists standard.

What are the benefits of becoming research active?

- Directly and indirectly enhances the quality of life for patients
- Professional development opportunities for staff
- Provide additional income to your service
- Support from DeNDRoN local research network in the delivery of studies
- Demonstrates your commitment to the Prime Minister's ambition "10% of patients into clinical research"

What are the research standards?

There are two new standards that ask memory services to provide information to all patients on research opportunities and provide the opportunity for patients to register an interest in participating.





“We want more people into clinical trials; more people getting that chance to get the very latest drugs. Our ambition is this: at least 10 per cent of people with dementia should be able to take part in clinical trials – up around ten times from today”

26th March 2012: Prime Minister’s Challenge on Dementia: Delivering major improvements in dementia care and research by 2015

Standard 1.2.6N

The service provides people with dementia and their carers with information about opportunities to participate in local, national and international research, such as National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) portfolio studies.

What does this mean in practice?

- Generally promote NIHR research e.g. literature distribution, display posters etc
- Actively support DeNDRoN to identify patients and carers that may be eligible to participate in studies
- Allow DeNDRoN to appropriately promote studies to suitable participants
- Join the DeNDRoN newsletter mailing list

How do we meet the first standard?

- Contact your nearest DeNDRoN Local Research Network (LRN) for support
- Become familiar with studies available and promote these to patients
- Promote research through the literature and posters available
- Ask your patients if they would like to be involved in research and explain the benefits to them

Standard 1.2.7N

The service ensures that all people with dementia and their carers are offered the opportunity to register their interest in participating in research.

How do we meet the second standard?

There are three options:

- Contact with your nearest DeNDRoN LRN Office to be prioritised in local delivery plans. DeNDRoN will be able to provide an update on the approach being identified in your region
- DeNDRoN is currently developing a portal which would allow NHS patients to register themselves into a national register. Once complete it would be possible for Memory Services to sign-post or register patients directly into this register via a website. Details will become available through www.dendron.nihr.ac.uk
- Memory Services could link with local researchers to develop local registers or lists, which suit their needs. DeNDRoN LRN Offices will be able to help you identify researchers, and options for delivery which meet national standards around minimum datasets and information governance