Research Awareness

Guidance

The table over page was developed by East Anglia DeNDRoN and Norfolk & Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust, in response to the Prime Ministers Challenge on Dementia that 10% of all people with dementia should be participating in clinical research trials/studies by 2015. This makes it part of everyone's business to have at least a basic awareness of dementia research provision for our patients/clients. Increasingly service users are asking clinicians about research opportunities available to them as part of their clinical care, so it is important that you are able to at least signpost as appropriate. This research awareness 'tool' is designed to support you to do this.

The Trust will be including a section on Research Awareness in its annual appraisal records. Everyone will be required to reach at least the basic awareness reflected in Level 1 in the table.

To support you to do this the table has been designed to be used during clinical supervision. The intention is that the supervisee and supervisor will work together to visit the websites listed in the left hand column in the table. This will enable both members of staff to fill any gaps they may have in their dementia research awareness. Those with a particular interest in research may wish to become more actively involved and work towards achieving awareness levels 2 or 3. However, everyone should develop sufficient dementia research awareness to be able to:

- provide basic information about dementia research studies to people with dementia

- contact the Trust R&D department and local research networks (DeNDRoN and MHRN)

- gain permission from service users, for DeNDRoN to approach them in the future, to offer them the opportunity to participate in appropriate dementia research studies.

- find information about professional development and/or career opportunities in research.

RESOURCES   www.patientsinresearch.org

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

Examples of evidence	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Information to support research awareness can be found at : • The Hub / LINX • UK Clinical Trials Gateway www.ukctg.nihr.ac.uk • DeNDRoN website www.dendron.nihr.ac.uk • MHRN website www.mhrn.info • NIHR website www.nihr.ac.uk • Guardian Clinical Research Zone www.guardian.co.uk/healthcare-network-nihr-clinical-research-zone • National Charity websites • Adults Lacking Capacity Toolkit on Trust Training Tracker • NRES website www.nres.nhs.uk • Professional development http://www.nihr.ac.uk/files/pdfs/Briefing%20documents/2.2%20Research%20Training%20and%20Career%20Development.pdf and http://www.nihr.ac.uk/files/pdfs/Briefing%20documents/2.3%20Leadership%20Support%20and%20Development%20Programme.pdf	**Demonstrates an awareness of current clinical research studies in dementia**	**Able to evidence referral of service users to appropriate studies or to DeNDRoN for prospective consent register**	**Able to evidence active participation as part of the research team for a specific research study**
	Provides basic information about dementia research studies available to service users in this Trust (see R&D home page on LINX)	Demonstrates an understanding of what the NIHR networks are and what they do	Completion of 'Introduction to Good Clinical Practice (GCP) in research: Adults lacking Capacity within the last 24 months.
	Demonstrates how to contact Trust R&D department and local research networks (DeNDRoN and MHRN)	Evidences referral of service users to DeNDRoN prospective consent register	Completion of NIHR informed consent training
	Articulates how to gain permission from service users, for DeNDRoN to approach them in the future, to offer them the opportunity to participate in appropriate dementia research studies. (ie enables service users to join the prospective consent register)	Evidences referral of service users into dementia research studies Undertakes the Trust Research Development Workshop for Beginners.	Supports the delivery of dementia research studies in the Trust (i.e. local collaborator, principal investigator) And/Or Collaborates in the design of Grant Applications leading to Dementia Portfolio research projects in the Trust.
	Able to find information about professional development and/or career opportunities in research	Evidences encouraging other team members to provide service users with research opportunities	Undertakes Intermediate or Advanced Level Courses of the Trust Research Training Programme.
	All staff involved in the care of patients with dementia will be required to achieve level one **Staff may choose to progress to higher levels**		