



# Research Network News

County Durham & Tees Valley CLRN

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## CSP goes Live!

The NIHR Coordinated System for gaining NHS Permissions (NIHR CSP) went live on 18<sup>th</sup> November. Trusts across County Durham & Tees Valley are already using the system to gain NHS permissions for 7 studies.

## NIHR CRN Portfolio update

The NIHR CRN Enhanced Portfolio went live in October 2008. Portfolio users can now benefit from improvements to the user interface, improved querying & reporting and improvements to the accrual upload system.

## Identity change for UKCRN

To reflect the fact that the majority of its funding comes from the Department of Health via the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), the UKCRN has undergone a name and identity change and is now called the National Institute for Health Research Clinical Research Network (NIHR CRN). It will continue to oversee the development and functioning of the NIHR Clinical Research Networks.



Further information on any of the articles above can be found on the NIHR CRN website

[www.crncc.nihr.ac.uk](http://www.crncc.nihr.ac.uk)

## Research activity update



The number of patients recruited into NIHR Portfolio studies has now risen to 2228.

**Many thanks to those researchers who continue to report accruals on a regular basis.**

## Training & Development

The NIHR CRN aims to help develop the level of expertise of all individuals working on the NIHR CRN portfolio of studies to ensure the clinical research community within County Durham & Tees Valley is trained to a high degree in order to successfully conduct and manage clinical trials and studies.

framework offered by the NIHR CRN Learning Management System both for class-based and virtual training. More information on the variety of courses offered can be found at [www.crncc.nihr.ac.uk/index/training.html](http://www.crncc.nihr.ac.uk/index/training.html)

CDTV CLRN is committed to identifying training needs and facilitating relevant high quality training. It will do so within the

In addition, class-based *Good Clinical Practice and the EU Directive* training will be facilitated and funded locally by the CDTV CLRN at James Cook University Hospital. Details are shown below:

Please note that all training provided by the NIHR CRN and the CDTV CLRN is free of charge and offered only to those with studies adopted on to the NIHR CRN Portfolio or who can demonstrate they are about to have a study adopted on to the portfolio.

Please contact Isobel Lyle, CLRN Administrator, tel 01642 854746, email [Isobel.Lyle@stees.nhs.uk](mailto:Isobel.Lyle@stees.nhs.uk) for further information on the NIHR CRN Learning Management Systems or GCP training courses at James Cook University Hospital.

### GCP & EU Directive Training

Thurs 12 Feb	09:00 – 11:30	Refresher	Fully subscribed
Thurs 7 May	14:00 – 17:00	Full Course	Registration at 13:45
Mon 10 Aug	09:30 – 12:00	Refresher	Registration at 09:15
Mon 9 Nov	14:00 – 17:00	Full Course	Registration at 13:45

CDTV CLRN can also provide an Information Pack to those who would like to learn more about CDTV CLRN. Please request a copy through Isobel Lyle, CLRN Administrator.

## Research Management & Governance (RM&G)

There has been a national call for standardised RM&G systems and processes and CLRNs are now working with their member Trusts to provide the necessary infrastructure to implement streamlined systems within their localities. A variety of models are being utilised within CLRNs for RM&G organisational structure varying from centralised to a devolved or a mixed model approach. In CDTV we are utilising a devolved model, with the CLRN providing funding equivalent to 0.5wte Band 8a to each of the 3 acute hospital Trusts, Tees, Esk & Wear Valley Mental Health Trust and the PCT

R&D consortium to support senior R&D management input. In addition, in conjunction with Northumbria Tyne & Wear CLRN, CDTV is funding the post of a R&D facilitator at a band 7. These posts, in addition to other aspects of RM&G support (other staffing and new IT systems) equates to an approximate £225,000 funding support from CDTV for 2008/09 in relation to RM&G management.

Functions of the RM&G managers within CDTV are as follows:

- Provide ongoing support to clinicians recruiting to NIHR Portfolio studies within the NHS organisations(s)

- Manage the CLRN funding allocations through the NHS organisations
- Adopt NIHR RM&G operational procedures and systems, including NIHR Coordinated System for gaining NHS Permission (CSP)
- Ensure studies are appropriately resourced and conducted according to applicable regulations
- Responsible for monitoring the status of studies from pre-approval to completion
- Provide regulatory & governance advice to clinical research staff

### Contact List for RM&G Managers

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County Durham & Darlington Foundation Trust	<b>Lynne Williams</b>	New Manager coming into post March 2009.	

### A warm welcome to new RM&G staff



**Jane Greenaway**

Jane has recently been appointed as Research and Development Manager at North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust. She has previously worked in a variety of research advisory and associate roles within academic institutions in the North East (Durham, Newcastle and Teesside) and the Primary Care Research Network. Prior to this she was Clinical Audit Facilitator in Cleveland and Co Durham.



**Sally McLure**

As the recently appointed Research Facilitator at North East Ambulance Service NHS Trust (NEAS), Sally ensures appropriate contribution to the NIHR Portfolio through; raising the profile of research, promoting a supportive environment and culture for undertaking research and developing external partnerships across the region and beyond.

Sally is working with both County Durham & Tees Valley CLRN and Northumberland, Tyne and Wear CLRN.



### Diary Dates

**CDTV CLRN Annual Event**

**24<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**If you have any queries, comments or newsletter suggestions please contact any member of the core team via e-mail or telephone**

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