



What is the NIHR?

The **National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)** is funded through the Department of Health to improve the health and wealth of the nation through research. It is a large, multi-faceted and nationally distributed organisation.

Together, NIHR people, facilities and systems represent the most integrated clinical research system in the world, driving research from bench to bedside for the benefit of patients and the economy.

Since its establishment, the NIHR has transformed research in the NHS. It has increased the volume of applied health research for the benefit of patients and the public, driven faster translation of basic science discoveries into tangible benefits for patients and the economy, and developed and supported the people who conduct and contribute to applied health research.

The **NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN)** is the research delivery arm of the National Health Service (NHS), supporting a portfolio of over 5,000 clinical research studies.

- The CRN funds research support posts in the NHS, and provides training, so that researchers have access to experienced “front-line” staff, who can carry out the additional practical activities required by their study such as obtaining patient consent and collecting clinical data.
- The CRN provides funding to meet the costs of using facilities such as scanners and x-rays that are needed in the course of the study, so that research activity adds value to patient care.
- The CRN also provides practical help in identifying and recruiting patients onto Portfolio studies, so that researchers can be confident of completing the study on time, and on target.



What is the CRN North West Coast?

The NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) is led by a national coordinating centre, and operates through 15 Local Clinical Research Networks (LCRNs), of which the CRN North West Coast is one. These local networks drive clinical research delivery performance across the locality, and champion the role of clinical research in the NHS at every level.

The Clinical Research Network: (CRN) North West Coast has been operational since 2014. The network was set up following a national transition programme when over a 102 local clinical research networks were restructured.

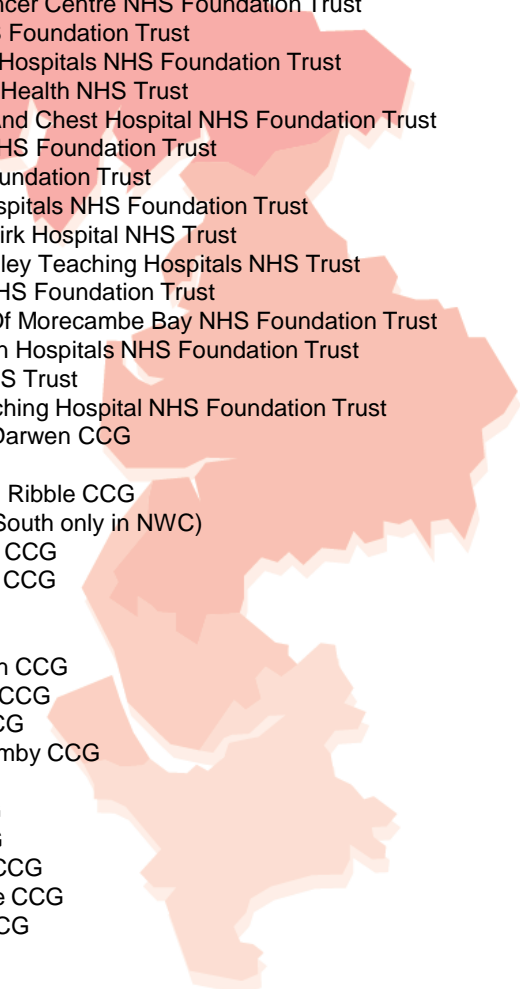
This exciting and ambitious transition has delivered 15 regionally based networks - the CRN North West Coast covers the regions of South Cumbria, Lancashire, Merseyside, and Cheshire.

The CRN North West Coast is a 'network' that comprises of 42 NHS partner organisations, consisting of 22 NHS Trusts and 20 Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). We also work closely with other research-active partner organisations such as local universities.

The Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust hosts the network and we have two main offices – our hub is in Liverpool and our spoke office is in Preston.

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Host Organisation	Royal Liverpool And Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust
CRN NWC Partner Organisations	 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust 2. Aintree University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust 3. Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust 4. Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust 5. Cheshire And Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust 6. Countess Of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust 7. The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust 8. Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust 9. Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust 10. Liverpool Community Health NHS Trust 11. The Liverpool Heart And Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust 12. Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust 13. Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust 14. The Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust 15. Southport And Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust 16. St Helens And Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust 17. The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust 18. University Hospitals Of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust 19. Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust 20. Wirral Community NHS Trust 21. Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust 22. NHS Blackburn with Darwen CCG 23. NHS Blackpool CCG 24. NHS Chorley & South Ribble CCG 25. NHS Cumbria CCG (South only in NWC) 26. NHS East Lancashire CCG 27. NHS Greater Preston CCG 28. NHS Halton CCG 29. NHS Knowsley CCG 30. NHS Lancashire North CCG 31. NHS South Cheshire CCG 32. NHS South Sefton CCG 33. NHS Southport & Formby CCG 34. NHS St Helens CCG 35. NHS Vale Royal CCG 36. NHS Warrington CCG 37. NHS West Cheshire CCG 38. NHS West Lancashire CCG 39. NHS Fylde & Wyre CCG 40. NHS Liverpool CCG 41. NHS Wirral CCG



What areas of research do we cover?

We provide support for the delivery of research in collaboration with our partner organisations and other stakeholders within the NHS, to benefit patients across all therapy areas or clinical themes that cover both commercial and non-commercial research. The network will support the delivery of research in all areas of clinical need covering all of the therapeutic areas listed below:

Ageing	Oral and dental health	Haematology	Metabolic and endocrine disorders	Public health
Anaesthesia, peri-operative medicine and pain management	Dermatology	Health services and research delivery	Musculoskeletal disorders	Renal disorders
Cancer	Diabetes	Hepatology	Neurological disorders	Reproductive health and childbirth
Cardiovascular disease	Ear, nose and throat	Infectious diseases and microbiology	Ophthalmology	Respiratory disorders
Critical care	Gastroenterology	Injuries and emergencies	Children	Stroke
Dementias and neurodegeneration (DeNDRoN)	Genetics	Mental health	Primary care	Surgery

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