

Primary Care Research Network Northern and Yorkshire

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PCR N NATIONAL TEAM EVENT

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Burleigh Court, Loughborough, 12th November, afternoon....delegates arrive for this eagerly anticipated 1½ day conference for the Primary Care Research Network (PCR N).

The afternoon started with an introduction from Patricia Ellis, the Assistant Director of the PCR N, and a 'Sharing Good Practice and Success' session by the PCR N Network Managers. Workshops were held followed by a delicious dinner and a particularly challenging quiz – or was that just me?

Friday morning dawned, and after a comfortable night in excellent accommodation and a baffling choice for breakfast the talks and parallel workshops commenced.

Post event evaluation indicated that Derek Stewart, the Associate Director for Patient & Public Involvement (PPI), received the most praise for his presentation. Delegates' comments included 'engaging', 'lively' and 'amusing'. Derek opened his talk by

asking "those of you who have been seen by a doctor or dentist within the last year please stand up". Everyone stood thus confirming that we are all patients and members of the public, thereby demonstrating that PPI not only affects us professionally but also personally.

Throughout the conference posters from each of the Networks were on display and discussion with their presenters encouraged. The prize (if there was one) for the most unusual poster must be awarded to PCR N N&Y – designed by Louise Warner and Alison Selby – in fact it was out of this world!

Regular short breaks provided an opportunity for interaction and 'networking' with other delegates and putting names to faces.



Alison Selby, Brian Hancock & Nathalie Bailey-Flitter at the RADOS/LRN database session

Rounding off the event Paul Wallace, Director of the PCR N, presented 'Primary Care in the NIHR and the DH Vision'. His presentation was also highly commended by the audience. Professor Wallace walked us through a selection of his favourite pioneering scientific researchers throughout history to the present day and invited us to acknowledge ourselves as also playing an important role in present research. The event in general was thought to be relevant and conducive to the purpose and vision. Our thanks go to all the organisers.

Looking forward to next year's already!

PCR N N&Y Team



Paul Wallace presenting Primary Care in the NIHR/DH Vision



Poster showing structure of the PCR N N&Y

ABC Study of Mood Disorders



The University of Newcastle, in partnership with the NHS, is fully committed to understanding mental health problems and are looking to recruit participants to a research study investigating mood disorders. The ABC Study of Mood Disorders will particularly focus on those with Bipolar II disorder but will also involve individuals with depression.

The project is working across primary and secondary care services in the North East. The Chief Investigator is Professor Nicol Ferrier from Newcastle University. This research is funded by the Medical Research Council (MRC).

We are **looking for more interested practices** across **Northumberland, Tyne & Wear and Co. Durham & Tees Valley**.

If you are interested in participating please contact the relevant PCRN N&Y Clinical Trial Coordinator – details on back page.

Periodontitis and Type II Diabetes - Eliminating periodontal infection in patients with type 2 diabetes study

This interventional dental study, lead by Professor Philip Preshaw from the Newcastle University School of Dental Sciences, is now up and-running through primary care in Gateshead and Newcastle. If you are interested or would like further information please contact Dr Louise Warner, Clinical Trial Coordinator, PCRN N&Y – email: louise.warner@nyren.co.uk.

SUPAC: What is the optimal role of primary care in the management and follow-up of patients with lung cancer?

The PCRN N&Y is looking for practices within Co. Durham & Tees Valley and Northumberland, Tyne & Wear areas to participate in this qualitative-experimental study which is about identifying the roles of primary care management and follow-up of patients with lung cancer.

The study team will interview; primary care staff (GPs, practice/nurse specialists), secondary and tertiary care staff; and will conduct a primary care case note audit. This, together with literature review, will help in the development of models of care with enhanced roles of primary care and will inform NHS lung cancer service in the areas of follow-up and survivorship where evidence is currently missing.

The study will run for 2 years and aims at recruiting 150 patients diagnosed with lung cancer in the three months prior to recruitment.

Recruitment is expected to commence shortly.

Research costs and NHS Service Support payments have been secured for this study.

If you are interested or require further information about the study please contact the Clinical Trial Coordinators for NTW and CDTV (Dr Louise Warner/Mrs Nellie Nkhoma) at the PCRN N&Y office.

NIHR CRN Training Courses are *free of charge* and can be **booked online** via the Learning Management System (LMS) on the **NIHR CRN CC Website**.

Local courses from September 2009	Date	Location
Information Governance Foundation	-	Online
Information Governance Advanced	-	Online
NEW! Introduction to Good Clinical Practice (GCP): A practical guide to ethical and scientific quality standards in clinical research	02/02/2010	Leeds
Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Training	-	Online
NIHR Portal Content Manager Training	09/12/2009	Leeds
	06/01/2010	Leeds
	09/02/2010	Leeds

To see a list of all courses use this link: <http://www.crnc.nihr.ac.uk/index/training.html>.
For general enquiries please contact the NIHR CRN CC Training Team by email to crnc.training@nihr.ac.uk or telephone 0113 343 0406.

Monitoring Skills for Non-commercial Trials

7 - 8 January 2010, University of Birmingham
24 - 25 March 2010, Leeds

A training course for monitoring clinical trials of Medicinal Products in the non-commercial sector

This two-day course will provide an introduction to the skills required for monitoring research in the UK non-commercial sector. The course will focus on monitoring of clinical research trials of medicinal products. The course is designed for all staff involved in monitoring, or supervising monitoring of clinical research e.g. R&D Managers, research governance staff, study coordinators, and investigator site staff. Enrolment is limited to 35 participants per course.

This course is run by ACRP in collaboration with the NHS R&D Forum

To book a place please visit the R&D Forum website: <http://www.rdforum.nhs.uk/>

NHS R&D Forum Annual Conference 2010

24 - 25 May 2010
Salford, Manchester

The next NHS R&D Forum Annual Conference will be held on 24 and 25 May 2010 at the Lowry Centre, Salford Quays, Manchester
It will follow the same format as the 2009 conference: opening at midday on 24 May with a drinks reception and dinner in the evening, and then a full day on 25 May.

More information will be made available via the Forum website, <http://www.rdforum.nhs.uk/>, and newsletter as details are finalised, but in the meantime be sure to save the date in your diary.

NIHR CRN PORTFOLIO STUDIES

Currently recruiting and open to new sites or in set up in PCRN N&Y

(Co. Durham & Tees Valley (CDTV), Northumbria, Tyne & Wear (NTW), West Yorkshire (WY), North & East Yorkshire/North Lincolnshire (NEYNL))

The following is a sample of studies recruiting, or soon to be, in the PCRN Northern and Yorkshire area. You can find more information about these and other studies by visiting the PCRN N&Y website www.nyren.co.uk, the portfolio database on the NIHR CRN website: www.crncc.nihr.ac.uk or the individual study websites.

Flu Watch - Flu Watch: Community study of behavioural and biological determinants of transmission to inform seasonal and pandemic planning. (NIHR CRN ID: 3770)			
Recruitment Target	Funder	Project End Date	Recruiting:
2,000	MRC	31/01/10	WY, CDTV

EUDRAGENE - the pharmacogenetics of selected adverse drug reactions (ADRs): identifying possible cases of ADRs through primary care databases and hospitals across the UK (NIHR CRN ID: 4412)			
Recruitment Target	Funder	Project End Date	Recruiting:
5,000	NIHR	01/01/2017	NTW, NEYNL, WY in set up in CDTV

Lung SEARCH - A randomised controlled trial of surveillance for the early detection of lung cancer in a high-risk group (NIHR CRN ID: 2225)			
Recruitment Target	Funder	Project End Date	Recruiting:
1,300	Cancer Research UK	26/02/2010	Sunderland

REEACT - The Randomised Evaluation of the Effectiveness and Acceptability of Computerised Therapy Trial (NIHR CRN ID: 4115)			
Recruitment Target	Funder	Project End Date	Recruiting:
600	NIHR	31/05/2011	NEYNL, Newcastle, CDTV

ABC (A Bipolar Cohort Study) - Bipolar 2 Disorder Cohort (NIHR CRN ID: 5668)			
Recruitment Target	Funder	Project End Date	In Set Up:
180	MRC	30/04/2010	NTW, CDTV

If you are interested in participating in a clinical trial or study please contact a PCRN N&Y Clinical Trial Coordinator to see which studies are being carried out in your geographical area.

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