



About Research and Development

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<http://www.leedsandyorkpft.nhs.uk/professionals/RD>

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About us

The Research and Development department in Leeds and York Partnership NHS

Foundation Trust works to ensure that all research projects and service evaluations within the trust are registered and adhere to best practice guidelines. The department engages with and supports clinical teams to become involved in research and develops links with external organisations to support a programme of research.

Benefits of being involved in research

Service users

Studies have shown that involvement in research improves service users' health.

Staff

Undertaking research can improve the standard of clinical work by contributing to evidence based practice and enhance service provision.

The Trust

Provides a better service as it is contributing to the improvement of service user care nationally and throughout the Trust. Research can also generate income. Research can motivate employees to critically consider their practices and how to develop best practice.

Advice and signposting

The R&D department offers advice and

signposting on many aspects of research including the following:

- Research methods
- Defining project classification i.e. is it audit, service evaluation or research?
- Support for preparation of:
 - Funding bids
 - Proposals for research projects
- Funding sources
- Approvals process
- Identification and recruitment of participants to nationally funded projects, including project management
- Signposting to training opportunities
- Dissemination of results

Partnerships

The R&D department works with local universities, NHS trusts, clinical research networks and commercial organisations. This provides opportunities for collaboration in the development of whole programmes of research as well as individually owned projects.

- Partnerships harness the expertise of each of these groups, and produces higher quality research that is desirable to funders
- Collaboration between members offers opportunities to access interested partners and multi-site projects
- Participating in current national studies (NIHR Portfolio studies) builds

relationships, increases research experience and enhances skills

Patient and Public Involvement

Inclusion of service users and carers is an essential part of developing a research application. The Trust has a dedicated service user and carer group which provides advice to researchers during the planning stages of their project. Please contact the R&D department to arrange a review.

R&D communications

The R&D department uses a variety of media to communicate its activity and guidance

- Regular R&D e-bulletin
- R&D newsletter 'Innovation' – published quarterly
- Annual Research Forum
- Staffnet
- Trust website

Get involved in research

R&D is a conduit to ongoing national and local projects in many areas of mental health and learning disabilities. Within the R&D department, Clinical Studies Officers and Research Assistants are dedicated to nationally funded NIHR Portfolio projects. Their role is to help staff have the capacity to be involved in research by supporting the recruitment of potential research participants.

To find out about current projects within the Trust or to get more information about being involved in research, please contact the R&D department.

External research contacts

Yorkshire and Humber Local Clinical Research Network

<http://www.crn.nihr.ac.uk/yorkshire-and-humber/>

The NIHR Research Design Service for Yorkshire & the Humber

<http://www.rds-yh.nihr.ac.uk/>

National Research Ethics Service (Health Research Authority)

<http://www.hra.nhs.uk/>

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