

**Role:** Primary Care and Community Clinical Research Associate Lead

**Department:** National Institute for Health Research Clinical Research Network Yorkshire and Humber (NIHR CRN Y&H)

**Location:** Regional

**Hours Per Week:** 0.5PA (4 posts)

**Duration:** Fixed Term until April 2024

Following a most extraordinary year, where NIHR clinical research has been a fundamental pillar in establishing treatments and vaccines for COVID 19, now saving lives around the globe, what better time to come and join a research network that has been at the forefront of that endeavour and continues to support the delivery of hundreds of clinical trials across 30 clinical specialties.

The NIHR Clinical Research Network is the clinical research delivery arm of the NHS in England, tasked with supporting the rapid set-up and effective conduct of studies, so that researchers can gather the robust evidence needed to improve treatments for NHS patients.

### **Role Summary**

In recognition of the growing need for clinical leadership across our Primary Care and community footprint, four Primary Care and Community Clinical Research Associate (PCCRA) at a total of 2 PAs will be appointed to support the following clinical priorities to implement CRN Y&H research strategy including the development of “*place based*” research

- Multimorbidity encompassing stroke, diabetes, heart disease, dementia & COPD
- Mental Health
- Public Health and Social Care

As a relational function the Primary Care and Community Clinical Research Associates *do not* need to be a clinical specialist in these areas.

The PCCRA provides the vital link between the network's community partners and the Primary Care SRL in providing specific research expertise which is essential to the successful delivery of the CRN Y&H's non-hospital research portfolio.

The PCCRA will play a key leadership role in the on-going development and performance of the LCRN, providing leadership, advice and accountability for their specialty activities and research delivery across the four main specialty groupings

- Group 1 (Cancer, Haematology, Genetics, Ophthalmology, Respiratory Disorders, Infectious Disease & Microbiology)
- Group 2 (Cardiovascular, Diabetes, Metabolic & Endocrine, Renal Disorders, Stroke, Critical Care, Surgery, Anaesthetics, Perioperative Medicine & Pain Management)
- Group 3 (Oral & Dental Health, Public Health, Primary Care, Neurological Disorders, Dendron, Mental Health, Ageing, Health Service and Delivery Research)
- Group 4 (Dermatology, MSK Disorders, Reproductive Health & Child Birth, Children, Hepatology, Gastroenterology, Injuries & Emergencies, ENT)

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### **Essential Requirements**

The PCCRC must be facilitative, be able to work flexibly and collaboratively and motivate and support others to deliver measurable results that make the NIHR CRN vision a reality. As a senior clinical leader within CRN Y&H, the appointee(s) must be able to act as an advocate and champion showing credibility amongst peers by actively being involved in the recruitment of participants.

The post holder will work and travel across the Yorkshire and Humber region as required. The successful candidate will remain employed by their substantive employer and a secondment agreement with Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will be issued.

**Please provide a short CV and an Expression of Interest of no more than 600 words and listing your skills and experience for the role. The Job Description and Person Specification are attached. Please submit your application by close of play on Monday 9th August 2021.**

**Interviews will take place on 17th August 2021, but this date is subject to change and will be led by the Clinical Director, Primary Care Specialty Research Lead, Chief Operating Officer and Research Delivery Manager. Please ensure you have the agreement of your current employer before applying and be able to start in post in September 2021.**

If you wish to discuss the role further please contact Dr Nat Wight (nat.wright@spectrum-cic.nhs.uk) or Prof Alistair Hall ([Alistair.Hall@nhr.ac.uk](mailto:Alistair.Hall@nhr.ac.uk)), Clinical Director NIHR CRN Yorkshire and Humber.