

# Dementias & Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network

## Patient and Public Involvement

### What is DeNDRoN?

DeNDRoN is part of the UK Clinical Research Network (UKCRN). It facilitates the conduct of randomised prospective trials and other well-designed studies of the dementias and neurodegenerative diseases, including those for prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

DeNDRoN is a UK-wide initiative to promote collaboration between people affected by these diseases, academics, clinicians, NHS Trusts, researchers and funders. It coordinates focused, effective investment in NHS research infrastructure.

DeNDRoN aims to increase the quantity of quality research funded in this area, facilitate its timely delivery for patient benefit and improve patient access to the best care and treatment.

DeNDRoN can facilitate the conduct of randomised clinical trials and other well-designed studies by:

- Promoting the active involvement of patients and the public in research
- Supporting the set up of studies including site specific approvals
- Recruiting patients to participate in specific research projects
- Promoting collaborative development of new research proposals
- Providing access to trained research staff to deliver studies
- Collecting, collating and submitting research data
- Developing the capacity and skills of the research workforce through appropriate training & education
- Providing access to methodological & statistical expertise

Patients and carers can have a strong voice in

### DeNDRoN

We are inviting patients and carers to register and have a say in DeNDRoN. We want people around the country to give their views on ideas for research, review study designs, discuss the best outcome measures for research, and advise on the strengths and weaknesses of DeNDRoN.

You might want to help by considering ideas and topics by email, or by post. Or you might be happy to attend one-off regional discussion groups, or even wish to join one of DeNDRoN's regional or national committees.

### Registering your interest

There are three ways to contact us:

- write, with your details, including name and postal address (or, if you prefer, tell us which part of the UK you live in) to:  
Terry McGrath,  
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The Wolfson Centre  
Mecklenburgh Square  
London WC1N 2AP
- telephone (020) 7905 2960 with your details, or if you have any queries.
- email [terry.mcgrath@dendron.org.uk](mailto:terry.mcgrath@dendron.org.uk)
- visit our website:

[www.dendron.org.uk/pp/registration.pdf](http://www.dendron.org.uk/pp/registration.pdf) to download a registration form. Please fill this in and post it to us.

For further information, please contact:

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