

Dementias & Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network

Supporting the delivery of clinical research in the South West

What is DeNDRoN?

The Dementias & Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network (DeNDRoN) is a UK-wide initiative that aims to improve the speed, quality and integration of research in dementias and neurodegenerative diseases, resulting in improvements in prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care for patients.

DeNDRoN is funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) as part of the UK Clinical Research Network (UKCRN).

What research is eligible for DeNDRoN support?

DeNDRoN supports randomised controlled trials and other well-designed studies, including those for prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

DeNDRoN resources can only be used to support the development and delivery of studies eligible for inclusion in the UKCRN Portfolio. For details of the full eligibility criteria, please contact DeNDRoN UK Coordinating Centre or visit: www.nihr.ac.uk

DeNDRoN supports the delivery of research in the UKCRN Portfolio through a set of managed networks and a UK Coordinating Centre.

In England, DeNDRoN has established seven Local Research Networks covering 50 per cent of the population. In addition, supplementary resources have been invested in several additional centres to provide further support of studies for motor neurone disease and Huntington's disease.

The networks incorporate NHS acute, mental health and primary care Trusts and academic partners. Building on existing research and clinical infrastructure where possible, each network employs a manager and research staff to work alongside their clinical colleagues to support the set up and delivery of studies.

Through this network, DeNDRoN can support the delivery of single centre studies to large-scale multi-centre trials in the UKCRN Portfolio by:

- Supporting the set up of studies, including local research governance approvals
- Screening and recruiting patients to participate in specific research projects
- Providing access to trained research staff to deliver studies
- Collecting, collating and submitting quality research data
- Supporting central coordination and performance management of specific projects
- Promoting the active involvement of patients and the public in research
- Developing the capacity and skills of the research workforce through training

As the Comprehensive Local Research Networks develop across England, DeNDRoN Coordinating Centre will support researchers within and outwith DeNDRoN Local Research Networks to access appropriate resources.

DeNDRoN in the South West

South West DeNDRoN, hosted by Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust, is led by geriatrician Professor Roy Jones in Bath, and by neurologist Professor John Zajicek in Plymouth. It extends across Cornwall and through Devon, Somerset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire.

Currently supported studies

SW DeNDRoN is supporting studies in Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease and dementia. We are building on regional research strengths and helping new centres to become research active.

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Gloucestershire

NHS Trusts

Gloucestershire Partnership NHS Trust
Gloucestershire PCT
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

DeNDRoN study sites

Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, Gloucester
Delancey Hospital, Cheltenham

Wiltshire and former county of Avon

NHS Trusts

Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership Trust
South Gloucestershire PCT
Bath and North East Somerset PCT
Bristol Teaching PCT
North Somerset PCT
Wiltshire PCT
Swindon PCT
North Bristol NHS Trust
United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust
Weston Area Health NHS Trust
Swindon and Marlborough NHS Trust

DeNDRoN study sites

Frenchay Hospital, Bristol
Royal United Hospital, Bath
Research Institute for the Care of the Elderly, Bath
Kingshill Research Centre, Swindon

Somerset

NHS Trusts

Somerset Partnership NHS Trust
Somerset PCT
Taunton and Somerset NHS Trust
Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

DeNDRoN study sites

Musgrove Park Hospital
Yeovil District Hospital

Devon

NHS Trusts

Devon Partnership NHS Trust
Devon PCT
Plymouth Teaching PCT
Torbay Care Trust
Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust
South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust

DeNDRoN study sites

Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital,
Torbay District Hospital,
Derriford Hospital, Plymouth
Peninsula Medical School

Cornwall

NHS Trusts

Cornwall Partnership NHS Trust
Cornwall PCT
Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust

DeNDRoN study sites

Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro

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