

## South West DeNDRoN Newsletter

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### Introductions

#### Dr Peter Brindle - LRN Director



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and the changes that have occurred in the structure of SW DeNDRoN. However, first I would like to thank my predecessor Professor Roy Jones. He has done a great job of establishing the network and I look forward to taking his good work forward.

I joined SW DeNDRoN in November 2010 as LRN Director and I have a background as a GP in Bristol while also holding a number of research leadership roles. My research background includes being the Research and Evaluation Programme Director for Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire PCTs. Following the launch of the Primary Care Research Network South West, I was the North Hub Director for 4 years. I sit on the Executive Group for Western CLRN and have recently been appointed the NHS Bristol Clinical Lead for Dementia.

The structure of the Local Research Networks has changed considerably this year after the decision of DeNDRoN to have a Local Research Network Director and a Research Director for each of the disease areas: the Dementias, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease and Motor Neurone disease. This has replaced the previous structure of having a Clinical Lead and Deputy Clinical Lead. We therefore have a number of new people and posts in SW DeNDRoN and these are as follows:

#### The Research Directors

Dementia Director - Professor Roy Jones  
Parkinson's Disease Directors - Dr Alan Whone and Dr Camille Carroll  
Huntington's Disease Director - Dr Tim Harrower  
Motor Neurone Disease Director - Professor Oliver Hanemann

#### Research Network Administrator

We have a new Research Network Administrator - Vicky Page, based at the Blackberry Centre in Bristol.

#### Research Network Manager

A new Research Network Manager has been appointed - Mary Griffin. Mary will take over from Debbie Howcroft (Acting Research Network Manager) in January 2011 and will be based at the new office at the Blackberry Centre in Bristol.

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