

## What is DeNDRoN?

DeNDRoN has been set up to improve the speed, quality and delivery of research into dementias, Parkinson's Disease, Motor Neurone Disease and Huntington's Disease. Research into prevention, diagnosis and access to the best care and treatment for people with these diseases, all fall under the DeNDRoN umbrella.

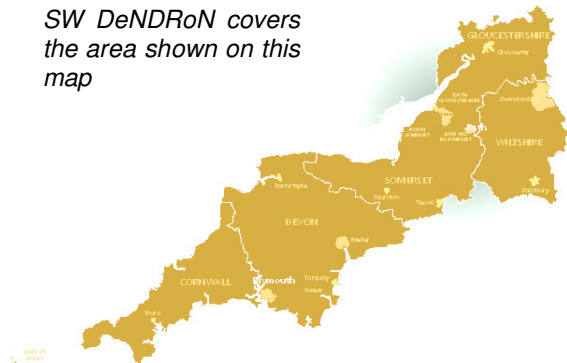
DeNDRoN encourages collaboration between the people affected by these diseases, and academics, clinicians, NHS Trusts, researchers and funders. The key purpose of DeNDRoN is to provide effective investment in NHS research infrastructure in these research areas.

DeNDRoN offers practical support to researchers undertaking studies. The studies must meet the quality standards required for adoption onto the DeNDRoN portfolio. Local DeNDRoN staff can explain how to apply for a study to be adopted onto the DeNDRoN portfolio, and thus ensure it is eligible for DeNDRoN support. Some conditions apply, which are easy to explain.

## South West DeNDRoN

At a local level seven research networks have been set up across England – the South West DeNDRoN Research Network is one of these. It is hosted by the Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership Trust and has a Clinical Lead – Professor Roy Jones, based in Bath, and a Deputy Clinical Lead - Professor John Zajicek, based in Plymouth.

SW DeNDRoN covers the area shown on this map



## How does South West DeNDRoN help with local research?

- South West DeNDRoN resources can be used to support studies that have been adopted onto the portfolio. For a list of all current portfolio studies see <http://public.ukcrn.org.uk/search/>
- South West DeNDRoN can support randomised controlled trials and other well designed studies.
- South West DeNDRoN is staffed by a Network Manager, Clinical Studies Officers and administrative staff.
- South West DeNDRoN staff provide practical assistance with research. They work alongside NHS teams, screening and recruiting patients and carers to studies, undertaking the consent process, carrying out practical tests and follow up procedures.
- South West DeNDRoN staff can also provide advice and guidance on ethical and NHS Trust approvals for research studies.

## Patient and Public Involvement (PPI)

South West DeNDRoN wants to support clinical research that is of direct relevance to people affected by dementias, Parkinson's Disease, Motor Neurone Disease and Huntington's Disease. South West DeNDRoN would like to involve patients and the public in having a say in how we work and move forward with this objective.

There are a number of ways you can contribute to this process: at a national level you can sit on a Clinical Studies Group and contribute to the adoption process and design of research studies; at a local level you can contribute by sitting on our local Steering Committee or becoming involved with a Focus Group to consider a range of issues relevant to research. You can also help to review research information sheets or be a research study participant.

*If you are a patient or a member of the public who would like to be more involved with SW DeNDRoN, please contact our office at the address shown overleaf, email [Debbie Howcroft](mailto:Debbie.Howcroft@awp.nhs.uk) at [deborah.howcroft@awp.nhs.uk](mailto:deborah.howcroft@awp.nhs.uk), or fill in the short form overleaf and post or fax it to us.*

If you would like to be more involved in the work of South West DeNDRoN, please complete the details below and we will then contact you.

1. I am interested in receiving more information about SW DeNDRoN
2. I am interested in becoming a PPI representative
3. I would like to know which research projects I could become involved in
4. Other comments: .....

Name: .....

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*(information will not be shared with third parties)*

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