

The North West Diabetes Local Research Network

The Network



The North West Diabetes Local Research Network was established in 2006. Based at Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust, the network is directed by Dr. Martin Gibson and is made up of a multidisciplinary team that supports diabetes research across the region. The NW DLRN works collaboratively with a number of partner organisations, including: The University of Manchester's Institute of Health Sciences; and the North West Diabetes and Obesity Research Network (DORN). The Network's overall aim is to increase research into diabetes across both primary and secondary care.

Research

The North West has the highest rates for cardiovascular disease and stroke, and among the highest levels of diabetes in the country.

We are carrying out over 35 research studies throughout the Network.

To help with this work, the Network has two Diabetes Specialist Nurses and nine clinical trials nurses.

These staff are also developing a newly-diagnosed Type 1 diabetes population database and DNA collection to help facilitate vital research in this area.

Studies are being carried out at hospitals in Aintree, Whiston, Manchester, and Salford, as well as across numerous primary care sites.

Primary care

One of the Network's principle aims is to increase the capacity for diabetes research within Primary Care.

To do this, the Network works closely with Dr Mark Gabbay and the North West Primary Care Research Network. We also employ Paul Hedgeland, Primary Care Liaison Officer, who has worked closely with our lead nurse for Primary Care to identify Primary Care sites within the North West who want to work with the Network.

Sites are now being supported in the referral of patients to our clinics and to

Partnerships

In December, the network is joined with the North West Diabetes and Obesity Research Network (DORN) and the Liverpool Obesity Research Network for their joint annual conference.

The conference was organised by Professor John Wilding and this year's theme was: "Obesity Research in the North West: interdisciplinary perspectives and opportunities for collaboration."



Patient Advocates

An essential part of the Diabetes Network is the recruitment of Patient Advocates.

These advocates help guide our activities and are made up of: people affected by diabetes, or a family member or carer of someone with diabetes, who is willing to share their experience and perspective with our advisory groups and reference panels. Advocates don't need any particular expertise to take part - other than knowledge of what it's like to be affected by diabetes.

Contact us

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