

## THAMES VALLEY LOCAL DIABETES RESEARCH NETWORK

### Job Description

#### Clinical Lead

The post will be part-time filled by a consultant or general practitioner with knowledge and experience of diabetes and considerable previous experience in diabetes clinical trials.

- Accountable to:** The Director of the NIHR Diabetes Research Network
- Hours:** Two sessions per week (7.5 hours per week). A job share will be considered
- Tenure:** March 2013 (in line with current Network funding)
- Base:** Within the Thames Valley Diabetes Local Research Network (TV DLRN) area although regular travel to Oxford where the TV DLRN Co-ordinating Centre is based would be required.
- Salary:** Equivalent to two fixed session at appropriate Consultant level
- Manages:** Research Network Manager [and other Research Network staff]
- Liaises with:** UK Diabetes Research Network Director and Coordinating Centre Staff  
Trust R&D Directors and Managers.  
Clinical, Managerial and Research Leads within Diabetes Research Network  
Lead Clinicians, Nurses and Managers within Diabetes Units  
NIHR CLRN Directors in areas covered by TVDLRN

**Network Summary:** The Diabetes Research Network is part of the NIHR Clinical Research Network. The NIHR Clinical Research Network (NIHR CRN) was established by the Department of Health and aims to improve the speed, quality and integration of research, ultimately resulting in improved patient care. The Thames Valley Diabetes Local Research Network covers acute trusts and primary care in the Thames Valley, Warwickshire and Coventry, and has associated sites in Hampshire and Isle of White CLRN. The Research Network will be managed by a part time Clinical Lead for Research (this post) and a Network Manager who will be based at Oxford but will work across all Network sites.

**Role Summary:** This post will provide the clinical leadership and development of the Research Network in line with local and national priorities. The post will be required to lead a clinical trials portfolio ensuring access to clinical trials for patients with Diabetes, and, in turn, increasing accrual into trials, across the Network.

## Responsibilities

- 1 To provide overall clinical leadership for Diabetes clinical trials in the Thames Valley Network, advising the Diabetes Research Network Coordinating Centre on the TV DLRN's role as part of the Diabetes Research Network (DRN)
- 2 To oversee the participation of the TV DLRN in UKDRN / NIHR CRN activities.
- 3 To liaise with Diabetes Research Network staff concerning the Thames Valley Diabetes Research Network's participation in the Diabetes Research Network
- 4 To liaise with appropriate management groups in the Network and establish other groups as appropriate.
- 5 With the assistance of the Research Network Manager to develop and maintain an ongoing portfolio of clinical trials, to which patients from the Thames Valley Diabetes Research Network area will be recruited. This to be developed in discussion with the Diabetes Research Network clinical studies and research groups and in line with the clinical trial activity of the local research units and the Diabetes Research Network.
- 6 With other members of the Thames Valley Diabetes Local Research Network Advisory Board, be responsible for the overall recruitment and quality of clinical trial research in the Thames Valley Diabetes Research Network, ensuring that appropriate governance processes are in place and all clinical trial activity is supported by appropriate guidelines and protocols and complies with established quality standards.
- 7 With the assistance of the Research Network Manager, to introduce systems to enable the Thames Valley Diabetes Research Network to comply with DRN / NIHR CRN agreed performance, financial and planning arrangements and report on progress in these areas as required.
- 8 To promote recruitment to clinical trials throughout the Network.
- 9 To contribute to the recruitment, training, support and appraisal of the Research Network Manager, Research Nurses, and other research staff at the TV DLRN.
- 10 To keep abreast of clinical trial developments locally, nationally and internationally and to inform and guide the TV DLRN accordingly.
- 11 To represent the TV DLRN at regional, national and international meetings.

## Person Specification

The Clinical Lead would be expected to have the following skills and experience:

- Experience of running clinical trials at Phase II and III.
- Success in coordination of trials at a national level and good working relationships with national trials development bodies.
- Established local credibility for commitment to clinical research.
- Membership of, or good working relationships with, local units conducting research funded by the major funding bodies.
- Experience in holding and administering research grants.
- An up to date record of publication in clinical diabetes research.
- Practical organisational skills.

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