

If you would like more information or wish to discuss becoming a partner centre in the Thames Valley Diabetes Local Research Network please return this form or contact the network direct at the address below.

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Please contact me about the network

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The UK Clinical Research Networks

The UK Government has recognised the importance of clinical research to the Health of the Nation and the opportunities that present themselves through the resources of the NHS. The Department of Health has therefore committed significant investment over 5 years to develop clinical research networks across the UK. Diabetes has been recognised as a major health issue now and in the future both for developed and non developed countries.



"I was very well looked after and very well treated. Everyone was interested in me"
Mr B Research Volunteer, Oxford



Thames Valley Diabetes Local Research Network

A Department of Health Initiative

This leaflet is for those who would like to know more about the Thames Valley Diabetes Local Research Network and for health care professionals who might like to become partner research centres.



What is the Thames Valley Diabetes Local Research Network?

The Thames Valley Diabetes Local Research Network (TV DLRN) is one of eight local research networks specialising in diabetes that have been appointed by the Department of Health and the UK Diabetes Research Network to develop and support the delivery and conduct of clinical research across England.

The TV DLRN is a partnership of general practices and Hospitals in the Thames Valley, Coventry and Warwickshire area that have a mutual interest in research in diabetes and have come together to offer a high quality high performance research environment.

The TV DLRN co-ordinating office is based at the Oxford Centre for Diabetes Endocrinology and Metabolism and is led by Dr Andrew Farmer who is both an Honorary Senior Lecturer at the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust and a general practitioner in Oxfordshire.

There are currently collaborating centres in Oxfordshire, Warwickshire, Coventry and Buckinghamshire with additional centres being sought, particularly in Berkshire.

Why join the Thames Valley DLRN?

Benefits for people with diabetes through excellence in research

The opportunity to work on a range of academic and commercial studies

New ideas and treatments rapidly tested using peer reviewed protocols

Clinical support from a team of fully trained research nurses to minimise the workload of partner centres

Studies adopted by the network are fully funded

Extensive training and development opportunities for TV DLRN partnership centres



Dr Andrew Farmer
TVLDRN Lead

How will it work?

Projects and trials will be adopted by the Network through a process of review at the central co-ordinating office at Imperial College, London.

Studies will only be adopted if they meet clear criteria which include relevance to the NHS

The local network office will carry out feasibility and invite local centres across the Thames Valley DLRN area to take part according to their interest, expertise and resources.

Centres in the Thames Valley DLRN will be able to accept or reject each study as they see fit for their own circumstances.

You will be able to declare your interest in a particular area such as type 1 diabetes or diabetic eye disease.

Studies will be managed and run on a day to day basis by the study sponsor with the support of the local network team.