

Annual Plan

Executive Summary for Board of Directors

15th April 2015

1. Background

The Yorkshire and Humber LCRN encompasses an area with a distinct geographical and cultural identity. The region is home to 10% of the population of England. It has universities with a strong track record of medical research and boasts three medical schools and a school of dentistry. It is commercially strong and is rich in biomedical technology companies. There are significant opportunities to build further on this strong base. Access to medical research studies varies greatly across the region and recruitment to research studies per capita lags behind many other regions. Our Annual Plan (2015-16) describes our strategies for increasing the overall level of clinical research activity across the region and delivering greater equity of access to clinical research.

2. Objectives

- The Partnership Group and our Host will nurture a shared vision for clinical research in Yorkshire and Humber.
- Strong and effective PPI groups in the Region will inform the work.
- We will support our clinical leaders to develop plans in line with the national research ambitions for each specialty.
- Opportunities for discussions between our clinical leaders and partner organisations will foster integration between research and care.
- Regional priorities will increase research activity in areas eg. wound care and specialties where access is well below the national average eg. diabetes.
- R&D Managers and Directors will develop study support focused on the needs of partners and researchers.
- Our links with Higher Educational Institutions will maintain strong links between trusts and Chief Investigators to increase the number of studies in the pipeline and supported in Yorkshire and Humber.
- The Industry Strategy will support successful commercial researchers in the region, and grows new commercial collaborators.
- Our network R&D Operations Group will ensure smooth roll out of the HRA arrangements.

3. Targets – CRN: Yorkshire & Humber is committed to 10% of the national target based on our population. The national target is not yet confirmed and the plan suggests a regional target of 61500 based on our recruitment in the year 13-14 (the basis of the funding allocation).

We will be able to adjust this figure when the national target is known.

We are in the process of setting targets with partner organisations and these will be finalised by end of April to ensure that our commitments add up to our overall target for the region.

Funding and targets are linked with funding being driven by activity. Our aim is to ensure that in 2015-16, we deliver targets for recruitment and also improve our performance on other high level objectives relating to our efficiency in setting up and delivering studies.

Dr Caroline Pickstone, Chief Operating Officer, 7th April 2015