

Derby & Derbyshire General Practice Provider Board (GPPB)

Practice Management Research Champion Role

Job Description

1. JOB DETAILS

Job Title: Practice Management Research Champion

Reporting to: Dr Beth Marney, Derbyshire Research Champion/Clinical Lead for Research

Accountable to: Derby & Derbyshire Primary Care Networks/Practices

2. THIS ROLE

The number of research active PCNs and GP practices in Derby and Derbyshire has increased in recent years however challenges remain for some practices in becoming a research active practice.

Working alongside the GP Research Champion, the purpose of this role is to promote research and widen access to research across general practice in Derby and Derbyshire. This will include exploration of the barriers and facilitators, from a practice management perspective to GP practices hosting/delivering research particularly in areas of Derby & Derbyshire where patient need is greatest and there are underserved populations. Once there is a more in-depth understanding of the difficulties encountered by practices, this role will provide practice management input to the development of a range of solutions, targeted support and implementation guidance.

Derby and Derbyshire GPPB continue to support PCNs and GP practices to become research active and increase research participation levels in order to increase the opportunities for patients to take part in research that is relevant to them.

3. KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Work collaboratively with the GP Research Champion to support practice and PCN engagement in research.

- Provide practice management input to understanding the barriers and facilitators to GP practices in Derby and Derbyshire participating in / hosting research and opening research opportunities to patients. This will include discussing the issues with a range of colleagues at a range of GP practices and wider groups and stakeholders and then reviewing the findings.
- Provide practice management input to the development of a range of solutions and targeted support to enable more GP practices to regularly participate in research studies.
- Stimulate the development of innovative research delivery models e.g with PCNs
- Provide practice management input to the development of guidance and peer-support programmes for practice management teams in Member Practices.

- Engage with practice managers and practice research administrators, PCNs, locality Teams and other relevant teams and sectors.
- Engage with wider stakeholders for example the NIHR Clinical Research Network East Midlands to ensure activities support and enhance but don't duplicate existing initiatives.

Person Specification:

The Practice Management Research Champion will need to have the following attributes and competencies:

Professional Qualifications and Experience	Essential	Desirable
Member of the practice management team within a research active practice in Derby / Derbyshire and recent experience of delivering NIHR portfolio research studies in primary care including research administrative processes and procedures.	X	
Knowledge	Essential	Desirable
Demonstrates knowledge of the national research agenda and its implementation in primary care locally and the wider system.	X	
Understanding of NHS strategic priorities and policy frameworks		X
Sound understanding of the importance of reducing health inequalities, advancing equality and diversity and a commitment to improving health outcomes.	X	
Aptitude	Essential	Desirable
Credible leader with an engaging and collaborative style and the ability to maintain positive working relationships with key stakeholders across organisational boundaries.	X	
Ability and willingness to travel routinely across Derbyshire as required.	X	
Able to balance competing priorities and align front-line needs with system-wide objectives.	X	
Leadership Skills	Essential	Desirable
Values-driven leader, demonstrating empathy, integrity, and a commitment to inclusive leadership.	X	
Collaborative and accountable, able to motivate colleagues and hold peers to high standards of delivery.	X	