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ADVANCING EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL RESEARCH

UKCRC REGISTERED CTU NETWORK



THE NETWORK

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The UKCRC Network of Registered Clinical Trials Units drives excellence in health and social care research by uniting leading institutions to collaborate, innovate, and provide comprehensive expertise to ensure high-quality, people-centred trials. We amplify the collective voice of Clinical Trials Units, and support our members in integrating cutting-edge knowledge, maintaining rigorous quality standards, and enhancing efficiency, accelerating the development of new interventions with national and global impact.

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OUR VISION

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To be an internationally recognised network for design, delivery and analysis of trials for patient and population benefit across health and social care, in which our members are exemplars of excellence in academic leadership, robust science and high-quality governance, united in a shared commitment to ongoing innovation, improvement and collaboration in research.

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OUR VALUES

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Values are the foundation of who we are—they shape our beliefs, guide our decisions, and define our priorities.

These values come to life in how we interact with one another and in the behaviours we uphold. As a network many of our values reflect our members

PEOPLE CENTRED

Considering the needs, experiences, and well-being of all individuals to create an empowering research environment



EXCELLENCE

Committed to the highest standards of research and patient and population benefit



SUSTAINABILITY

Ensuring the long-term viability of clinical trials units and their research, embedding environmental sustainability in all that we do



IMPACTFUL

Committed to continuous improvement and knowledge-sharing leading to meaningful improvements to the health and wealth of people.



RECOGNITION & RESPECT

Recognising and respecting the value of others experience and knowledge, being open and honest.



OPEN & SUPPORTIVE

Fostering a supportive, collaborative and transparent environment across clinical trials units and with the wider research community



CHAMPIONING DIVERSITY

Promoting inclusivity, equity, and representation in everything we do



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OUR PRIORITIES

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WORK COLLECTIVELY TO IMPROVE QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF TRIALS

High quality and efficient trials are fundamental to accelerating health and social care advancements.

As a network, we foster **collaboration** among Clinical Trials Units (CTUs) to refine approaches, streamline processes, and share best practices.

Our commitment to innovation and learning ensures that trials are designed and delivered with **excellence**, maximising impact while minimising waste.

By championing **open, supportive, and people-centred** approaches, we enhance the efficiency of trials, ultimately enabling faster access to life-changing interventions for patients and communities.



WORK COLLECTIVELY TO IMPROVE DIVERSITY IN TRIALS

Diversity in clinical trials, in the teams that design and deliver them as well as the participants, is essential for equitable and generalisable research.

We actively promote inclusive trial design, **ensuring representation** across different populations and addressing barriers to participation.

By embedding inclusivity in every aspect of CTUs work—from **recruitment strategies to leadership development**—we help drive meaningful change, improving health and social care outcomes for all.

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DEVELOP AND NURTURE THE CTU LEADERS OF THE FUTURE

The future of our clinical research depends on the next generation of leaders.

We are committed to mentoring, training, and **supporting emerging talent** within CTUs, cultivating excellence in academic leadership and governance.

We nurture diverse leadership pathways, ensuring the **sustainability of expertise and innovation** in all specialisms within CTUs.



BE A VOICE FOR CTU MEMBERS AT A STRATEGIC AND POLICY LEVEL

Championing the collective voice of our members is at the heart of our mission.

As a network we actively engage with policymakers, funders, and regulatory bodies to ensure that CTUs' expertise and needs are recognised at the highest levels.

Through open dialogue and advocacy, we influence policy to create a **more supportive research environment**.

By upholding values of **excellence, inclusivity, and impact**, we help shape a research ecosystem that fosters high-quality, equitable, and sustainable trials.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is critical to maintaining **high-quality, impactful** research.

We support CTUs in strengthening their business models, ensuring long-term viability and resilience.

By fostering recognition and respect for the expertise within CTUs, we advocate for funding strategies that enable continued **innovation and growth**.

Through collaboration and knowledge-sharing, we empower CTUs to **navigate evolving research landscapes**, securing their role as essential hubs of clinical research excellence.



GET INVOLVED

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To learn more about the Network's strategy, get an insight into our activities, or find out how to become a registered CTU, visit our website.

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