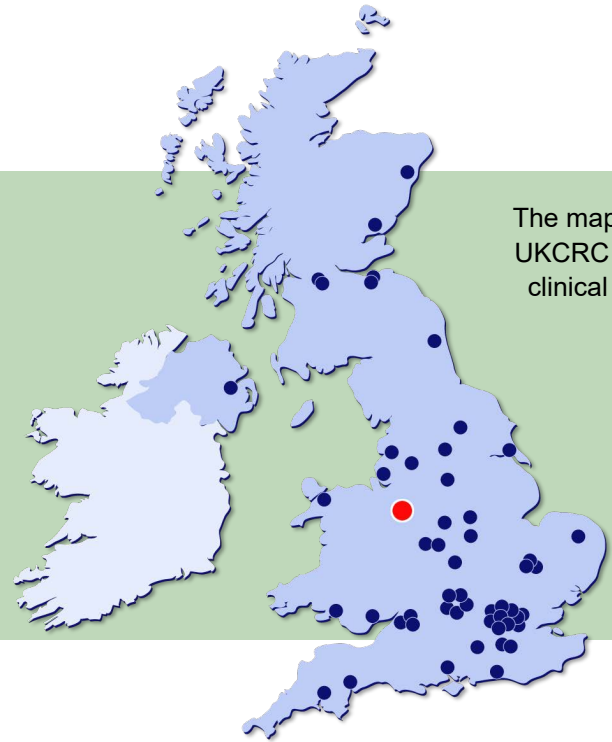




Keele CTU recruits over 700 participants to REACT-2



The map shows all UKCRC registered clinical trials units

Keele CTU have been working with Imperial College London on a major programme of home testing for COVID-19 to track the progress of the infection across England.

The [REACT](#) study, which stands for REal-time Assessment of Community Transmission, is a complex research programme looking at community transmission of SARS-COV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. One arm of the study, REACT-2, aims to better understand how many people have already had COVID-19 through home-based antibody testing. However, an important part of this included confirming how accurate, easy to use and acceptable the self-testing antibody kits are before sending them to larger numbers of the general public.

Keele CTU set up a recruiting site, for participants based in the West Midlands and North West regions of the country.

Keele University's sports centre accommodation was transformed into a clinical environment for the study, which was featured on BBC Midlands Today: [Watch here](#).

As a UKCRC Registered CTU and with a multidisciplinary team of staff, Keele CTU was instrumental in rapidly getting this study set-up and recruiting participants. In just over 3 weeks, over 700 participants were recruited to the REACT-2 study at Keele.



The findings from REACT-2 are now being written up and more information can be found on the REACT study page, along with links to published reports once available.

The REACT study page:

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/medicine/research-and-impact/groups/react-study/>

The BBC video:

<https://twitter.com/KeeleComms/status/1273536793078628352>