

# Clinical Research for Community Pharmacy

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# NIHR Clinical Research Network

- NIHR – National Institute for Health and Care Research
- 15 Local Clinical Research Networks (LCRNs)
- Network funded staff to support throughout the life of a study



# Our aims

Promote  
equality  
of access

Streamline  
NHS support for  
eligible studies

Unify and  
streamline  
administrative  
procedures

Engage the NHS  
in research

Improve the  
quality, speed  
and coordination of  
clinical research

Meet the  
needs of the life  
sciences industry

Further integrate  
health research and  
patient care

# Research support across the region

- Funding applications
- Helping sites set up to deliver a study
- Supporting sites with carrying out the study – directly or indirectly

# Have you been part of any research studies?

- Have you been part of any research studies?
- Personally, professionally?
- Have you ever been invited to be part of a study?
- Have you been invited often to research?
- Why do you think research is important to you as a person?
- Why is research important to you professionally?

# The PRINCIPLE Trial

- University of Oxford study
- UK trial trying to find COVID-19 treatments that can be taken at home
- Eligible if:
  - over 18 years old,
  - current COVID-19 symptoms experienced for up to the past 14 days,
  - positive COVID-19 test in the last 14 days.
- Recruiting through GPs
- Recruiting through Community pharmacies

# Community Pharmacies- The PRINCIPLE Trial

- I phoned Community Pharmacists in Kent, Surrey and Sussex
- Promotion through
  - posters,
  - Pharmacy labels
  - Flyers
  - Email and text
  - Website and Social media posts
  - On-screen promotion
- 227 branches in KSS involved in promotion- local pharmacies
- Also involved: Well Pharmacy, Superdrug, Lloyds Pharmacy
- Endorsed by the:
  - Royal Pharmaceutical Committee (RPS),
  - Chemist and Druggist platforms (C+D),
  - Pharmaceutical Services Negotiation Committee (PSNC)
  - Primary Care Pharmacist Association (PCPA)

HELP THE  
FIGHT  
AGAINST  
COVID-19

# Have you tested positive for COVID-19 and have been experiencing COVID-19 symptoms within the past 14 days?

Symptoms  
may include:



New continuous  
cough



High  
temperature



Loss or change  
in smell or taste

**Are you aged 18 or over?**

Then you could be eligible to join the PRINCIPLE  
Trial and help the fight against COVID-19.

The PRINCIPLE Trial aims to find treatments that  
improve symptoms and reduce hospital  
admissions for people with COVID-19.

To find out more or register for the study,  
please visit [www.principletrial.org](http://www.principletrial.org)

☎ 0800 138 0880

✉ [principle@phc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:principle@phc.ox.ac.uk)

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# Were you involved in the PRINCIPLE Trial?

- Did you support the PRINCIPLE Trial?
- Did you hear about it?
- Could you have supported it?
- If not, what would have been limitations that could have stopped your pharmacy?
- What could help you overcome these limitations?

# Barriers to supporting research?

- Hearing about research- how is it best to contact you if you want to hear about studies?
- Time- capacity. Network staff could help?
- Financial: payment for time?
- Space to put up posters? Would special pharmacy bags help? Other ideas of what would help?

# Special interest group

- Would you be interested in joining a few meetings a year to talk with other pharmacists and the research network
- Aim of the group:
  - Work on ways of overcoming barriers to taking part in current studies
  - Think about ideas for studies that may benefit clinical practice. How can we develop these and make them happen?
  - Research network to help network community pharmacists with others in other regional networks to share and develop ideas

# Research Site Initiative (RSI)

The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network (CRN) Research Site Initiative (RSI) is a scheme to support sites to set up and maintain the necessary infrastructure to enable them to deliver research, contributing to the NIHR CRN High-Level Objectives and priorities.

The RSI scheme was established in 2008 and was designed to help independent contractors set up and sustain research activity including study feasibility assessments and delivery of NIHR portfolio studies.

Site Type	Infrastructure Payment	Expectations of site within scheme period
Community Pharmacy	£500 <i>Oct (2022)- April (2023)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider all expressions of interest requests. Providing reasons for declining studies where possible.</li><li>• Attendance at two or more research meeting(s) between October 2022 and April 2023.</li><li>• Support the CRN KSS to develop research in Community Pharmacies, sharing ideas on what would benefit Patients and Pharmacies themselves and how research could work effectively in this setting</li><li>• Promote 'Be Part of Research' and/or Join Dementia Research (JDR)</li><li>• Support feasibility activity.</li></ul>

# RSI continued

- Patient Identification Centres (PICs) check if they have anyone eligible on their caseload and invite eligible people
- Should get financial support for time to be a PIC or a Research Network team member could help
- If part of RSI scheme you would also receive an extra £150

Activity:	Activity Generated Payment:	Additional Information:
PIC study <sup>1</sup> - completed	£150 <input type="checkbox"/>	One-off payment per study. It is expected that sites will complete PIC activity promptly.

*\* Please note that RSI payments will be capped at £12,000 per site*

# Would you like to join the RSI scheme and/or the Special Interest Group?

- Please contact us if you are interested in research and let us know what would work for you.
- You don't have to be part of the group of RSI scheme
- You can just hear about studies and take part in them if you would like to- no obligation to do anything

**Complete the form, or  
complete it online by  
scanning the QR code.**



## Our contact details

If you have any questions or would like to contact us please email:

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