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The Road to Recognition

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A very warm welcome to you all!

Dear Colleagues,

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Directory for Clinical Research Practitioners and our first bulletin for all CRPs who have joined or have applied to join the Directory.

This is a very exciting time. **We are at the start of a brand new venture to promote a strong professional identity for CRPs** and provide assurance for patients. The Directory is a significant step on the journey to raise your professional profile and we will be making sure you are fully briefed on the progress made. And if there is any particular information you would like to

In anticipation of a fantastic new year, all my best wishes for a great Christmas.



Janet Monkman – CEO and Registrar at Academy for Healthcare Science (AHCS).

Are you ready to shape the professional identity and practice of CRPs?

First things first: it's good to have you on board. The CRP Directory is a resource for CRPs from across the UK.

Your commitment to the CRP Directory is both valued and appreciated as an active part of the work of the Academy for Healthcare Science (AHCS) and the NIHR to establish accredited registration. **While accredited registration is voluntary, standards will be similar to the high levels found in statutory regulation** for nursing and other allied health professions. The commitment from CRPs, organisations and other professionals across health and care research will be key our success.



Janice Paterson – Workforce Intelligence Manager at NIHR Clinical Research Network and Project Delivery Lead for the NIHR/AHCS joint initiative.



Our community is growing. Fast!

We've come a long way since our first CRP, Angharad, joined the Directory. We will soon hit 400 mark. If we're to reach the **magic 1,000 sign ups** we need your help. **Please share this bulletin** with all the clinical research practitioners you know who may not yet have joined the community. Ask your fellow CRPs to join and play their part in shaping this new profession?

Share to support our 1000 CRPs campaign

Not signed up? Apply to join the Directory

What is an accredited register and who are the Professional Standards Authority?

The CRP Directory is provided by the [Academy for Healthcare Science](#) as a space for you, as a clinical research practitioner, to be consulted and to contribute to the application seeking accredited registration for CRPs.

The [Professional Standards Authority](#) set the benchmark for standards for organisations that wish to establish registration for people who work in health and social care. A register becomes accredited by the Professional Standards Authority once they decide that their standards have been met. They will ultimately decide whether to accept our application!

>>>More on the Professional Standards Authority [here](#)

Coming soon! Brand new CRP resource pack

A brand new poster and leaflet will be launched across organisations in your area from January 2019 to help raise awareness of the Directory and encourage CRPs to sign up. Be sure to link up with your Communications team and Workforce Development Leads in your Local Clinical Research Network.

>>>Digital versions will be available [here](#)



NHS
National Institute for Health Research

Clinical Research Practitioners: The Road to Recognition

The NIHR – in collaboration with the Academy for Healthcare Science – has established a Directory for Clinical Research Practitioners.

The Directory is the first step on the journey to an accredited register for CRPs.

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Academy for Healthcare Science

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Are you recognised for what you do?

Being recognised for the role we play at work is a powerful force. A strong professional identity brings credibility and assists patients.

Clinical Research Practitioners (CRPs) are crucial to delivering the clinical research that is transforming treatment in the NHS. They bring a wealth of experience and expertise to research delivery teams.

NIHR – in collaboration with the Academy for Healthcare Science – has established a Directory for Clinical Research Practitioners.

The Directory is a fast growing community and provides a space for CRPs to be consulted and to contribute to an application seeking accredited registration for CRPs, similar to that found in nursing and other allied health professions.

This is where the Professional Standards Authority come in. The Authority set standards for organisations that register people who work in health and social care. They assess registers and decide if standards are met. Find out more at: [professionalstandards.org.uk](#)

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Apply to join the Directory for Clinical Research Practitioners at:
[bit.ly/crpdirectory](#)
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"We are patient advocates first and their care is at the forefront of everything we do"
Angharad Williams, Clinical Research Practitioner

Watch now: 'The best job in the world'

Deirdre Brooking is a clinical research practitioner at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital in Stanmore. Deirdre says: "It's vitally important we

journey." [Watch Deirdre](#) talk about her role and the importance of professional identity.

>>>Share Deirdre's video on [Facebook](#)



Join the debate: Our first Tweet Chat

Some of you are already using social media to raise the profile of CRPs. Our first Tweetchat in the new year will be an opportunity to engage with fellow CRPs and colleagues in research delivery and address some of the burning questions when it comes to accredited registration. More details to follow.

>>>Watch this space: [#CRPractitioner](#)



Clinical research: 'the ultimate team sport'

Being recognised for the role we play at work is a powerful force – **a strong, positive professional identity brings credibility and assures patients.** As a clinical research practitioner you already know how crucial you are to delivering the clinical research that is transforming treatment in the NHS. You bring a wealth of research knowledge and expertise to research delivery teams. And that is the key word: team.

Clinical research is nothing without teamwork. Indeed, **the best and most effective teams value and celebrate the diversity of talents and experience** teamwork brings. They actively embrace multi-disciplinary working. At the launch of the Directory, Dr Jonathan Sheffield, CEO at NIHR Clinical Research

step on the road to recognition.

Yet this is not about ploughing a furrow or working in another dreaded silo. This is about **complimenting and contributing to the existing work being done by others in research**. As CRPs you can be proud of what you do. To quote Jonathan: "You're a skilled bunch. [An accredited register] would give you the backing you deserve."

There is much to be done but we can move forward with confidence.



Fiona O'Neill – Associate Workforce Director at NIHR Clinical Research Network and Business Change Lead for the NIHR/AHCS joint initiative.

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