

# Increasing Primary Care Research Participation in Cardiff and Vale UHB

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## About us

- Many GP practices are currently research active and recruiting to a variety of studies across Cardiff and Vale UHB. Practice involvement in research however is variable, with some practices having a large capacity to accommodate research and others having very little. To address this, Health and Care Research Wales have funded a full time Research Officer and full time Research Nurse to provide research support in Primary Care across Cardiff and Vale UHB.
- The strategies that follow show how we have set out to increase recruitment into Primary Care studies whilst simultaneously furthering local knowledge to the quantity of studies available and increasing the overall numbers of practices involved in research at any one time.



## Engagement

- In order for us to get a feel of current Primary Care Research in Cardiff and Vale UHB we used any opportunity we had to engage with those involved in Research at this level. This led to meetings with **GP practices** and **local study teams**, speaking at a practice managers meeting and spending time with a local **PiCRIS mentor and manager**.
- We took the opportunity to work with our **Primary Care counterparts** in the North, South and West of Wales which resulted in a sharing of knowledge and more collaborative way of working.
- For a commercial study we worked alongside the **research organisation** to optimise opportunity and recruitment within Primary Care.
- We actively built relationships with **individual trial centres** and have been fortunate to visit the Primary Care team at Oxford University to gain insight into the process of developing and running a Primary Care study from conception through to publishing.

## Groundwork

- **Taking studies to time restricted practices** and supporting them in opening as a site we have recruited a number of practices that otherwise may not have joined the study.
- **Monthly horizon scanning** - looking at NIHR ODP and Trials Units websites for new studies that could be opened in both Cardiff and Wales. Contacting study teams in this way has so far resulted in an increase of SSI's being submitted to R&D locally.
- **Secured Service Support Costs** for 3 new Primary Care studies through working closely with study teams and the support centre which otherwise would not have been claimed.
- **Formed new links with secondary care** teams to help poorly recruiting studies expand their screening process and approach to Primary Care patients through Patient Identification Sites (PIC's).
- **Taken on delegated responsibility for Site Initiation Visits** for CTIMP's leading to quicker set up times.

## Future plans

We plan to continue to bring more research into Primary Care in Wales, but specifically to GP surgeries across Cardiff and Vale UHB. We hope to highlight and assist with research opportunities for practices to act as PIC's or recruiting sites for observational, interventional, commercial and portfolio studies

Completion of Site Specific Information (SSI)

Service Support Cost Application

R&D Approval