

Trust Board Meeting: Wednesday 8 July 2015
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| Title | NIHR Clinical Research Network [CRN]: Thames Valley and South Midlands Annual Report 2014-15 |
| Status | For approval |
| History | The NIHR CRN is required to report its Annual Report to the OUH Trust, as host of the network |

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| Board Lead(s) | Dr Tony Berendt, Medical Director | | | |
| Key purpose | Strategy | Assurance | Policy | Performance |

Executive Summary

1. This paper introduces the NIHR Clinical Research Network [CRN]: Thames Valley and South Midlands Annual Report 2014-15, for approval of the Board of the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, as host of the network.
2. The Research Network [CRN]: Thames Valley and South Midlands Annual Report 2014-15 is attached as Appendix 1
3. The Annual Report comprises both a Narrative Summary and a number of Tables and Appendices which detail the key actions the LCRN took to support the nationally-set objectives for 2014-15.
 - The Narrative Summary includes-
 - the key highlights for the network overall and within the partner organisations
 - the main challenges and successes during the year
 - the LCRN's work to address its key priority areas (cancer, commercial activity and primary care)
 - collaborations and involvement with national groups
 - The High level Objectives in Table 1 capture the LCRN's performance against the CRN's national High Level Objectives and include-
 - final reported recruitment of 41,691 participants to Portfolio studies during the year making the LCRN the second highest recruiting network per head of population
 - updates on actions to improve study governance lead times and time to target performance
 - an increase in commercial activity during the year (whilst recognising that the LCRN remains one of the lowest recruiters to commercial studies)
 - strong recruitment to Dementias and Neurodegeneration (DeNDRoN) studies
 - Table 2 contains an update on the specific actions undertaken during the year to increase engagement and recruitment within each of the 30 Specialty areas covered by the LCRN
 - Tables 3 and 4 outline the work done to implement the LCRN's governance arrangements in accordance with the Performance Operating Framework and Host Performance Indicators

The Report has been submitted to the CRN co-ordinating centre subject to approval by the Trust Board. A draft of the report was circulated to the LCRN Partners for their comments and will be on the agenda of the next LCRN Partnership Group meeting for their formal approval.

Recommendation

The Trust Board is asked

- to note and approve the NIHR Clinical Research Network: Thames Valley and South Midlands Annual Report for 2014-15.

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Appendix 1

NIHR Clinical Research Network [CRN]: Thames Valley and South Midlands Annual Report 2014-15