



**National Institute for
Health Research**

PAEDIATRIC NON MEDICINES RESEARCH UPDATE

WHAT IS PAEDIATRIC NON MEDICINES RESEARCH?

The MCRN only supports paediatric research involving or relating to medicines. Non medicinal paediatric research that is eligible for the NIHR study portfolio is now termed **Paediatric Non Medicines Research** (PNMR) and is a new specialty group within the Comprehensive Research Network. PNMR does not include cancer as these studies fall within the National Cancer Research Network.

WHAT IS HAPPENING LOCALLY?

At a local level, PNMR activity is funded via local Comprehensive Research Networks which award money according to activity, i.e. recruitment into PNMR studies. In our region, both the **Greater Manchester** and the **Cumbria & Lancashire Comprehensive Local Research Networks** have identified PNMR as an area they wish to invest in and have encouraged our network to oversee both MCRN and PNMR.

This joined up approach to paediatric research will allow us to use the experience and infrastructure of our network to support the PNMR portfolio and offer a less confusing backdrop for conducting research in children in our region.

We aim to offer similar services as for our MCRN portfolio, such as support for **study development; approvals; set up; study management (dependent on resources available) and training.**

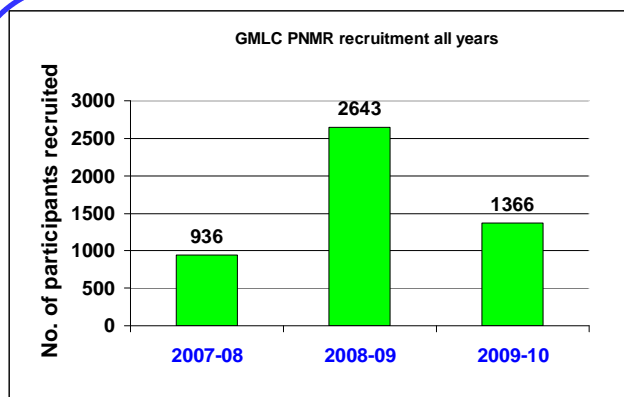
HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The network is currently advertising for new **PNMR Leads** for Greater Manchester (2 posts) and Lancashire & Cumbria (1 post). The 3 Leads will act in a similar way to our existing Trust based Research Leads and will champion PNMR activity in their geographical areas, providing expertise on its development and support locally. The post holders will work closely with the local network team, researchers and others to help invigorate, develop and promote the PNMR portfolio in each region, with the aim of increasing recruitment into these studies.

The roles are open to medical and non medical (e.g. nursing) staff who are experienced in leading research in this field and the deadline for applications is **5pm, 19th February 2010**. To find out more and download a job role, visit our website at www.gmlc-mcrn.org.uk or contact Sarah Rickard on 0161 701 6947.

**Come and find out more at our next PNMR
event; 1-3pm on 22nd January 2010
at Last Drop Village, Bolton**

To book a place contact: gmlc.secretary@cmft.nhs.uk or 0161 701 6947



PNMR RECRUITMENT

Our region has **significant PNMR activity** (see left), much of it led out of Manchester. However, the cross cutting nature of paediatrics means that many PNMR studies are co-adopted with other adult based specialty groups (e.g. respiratory). More children are recruited into PNMR studies in our region than MCRN, as most PNMR studies are not interventional.

WHAT STUDIES ARE ON THE PNMR PORTFOLIO?

We can only support NIHR portfolio studies and so adoption of eligible studies onto the NIHR PNMR portfolio is crucial as it allows us to provide support and attract additional funding from the local Comprehensive Research Networks for this activity. We are still seeking suitable locally developed studies to submit for adoption, **so please get in touch if you are involved in such a study**. In time, we also hope to be able to offer local sites the opportunity to take part in multi-centred studies in the same way as for our MCRN portfolio. Our current local PNMR study portfolio is growing and listed below:

Acronym	Title	Study status	Site	PI
BEADI	The BEADI qualitative study of clinicians views about the barriers and facilitators to using research findings to change neonatal practice (a follow on from the BLISS cluster randomised controlled trial)	Closed	Wigan	?
CAPS	A Prospective Study of Childhood Onset Inflammatory Arthritis (Childhood Arthritis Prospective Study)	Open	RMCH	Alice Chieng
CHIP Sub-study	A sub-study of the Control of Hyperglycaemia in Paediatric Intensive Care (CHiP) trial	In Set-up	RMCH	Peter-Marc Fortune
DRN233 Children's Growth Study	Manchester Children's Heart and Growth Study	Open	Wellcome Trust CRF	Kennedy Cruickshank
IFWIN	Inhaled fluticasone in wheezy infants	Open	Wythenshawe	Clare Murray
MAAS Intervention Study	Primary prevention of asthma and allergy by allergen avoidance in high risk infants	Open	Wythenshawe	Clare Murray
MAAS Observation Study	A birth cohort study investigating the development of asthma and allergic disease	Open	Wythenshawe	Clare Murray
MANCAS2	Manchester Community Asthma Study Phase 2	Open	Wythenshawe	Clare Murray
Measurement of bloodspot	Measurement of 17-alpha-hydroxyprogesterone concentration in stored neonatal screening samples for the detection of neonatal and infant deaths from undiagnosed congenital adrenal hyperplasia	Closed	RMCH	Peter Clayton
Moving Care Closer To Home	Moving Care Closer to Home: An evaluation of the costs and effects of different models of caring for acutely ill children at home	Open	Primary care	Peter Callery
NVGHS	Nigerian Growth and vascular health study	Closed	RMCH	Lola Ayoola
STELAR	Genetic and environmental influences on childhood asthma: STELAR (Study Team for Early Life Asthma Research) collaboration	Open	Wythenshawe	Clare Murray
The Role of Disordered Ubiquitination	The role of disordered ubiquitination in pre- and post natal growth restriction	Closed	RMCH	Peter Clayton

If you would like to know more about the services we offer and to find out more about how we may be able to help, then please get in touch with Network Manager Sarah Rickard on 0161 701 6947/sarah.rickard@cmft.nhs.uk or visit www.gmlc-mcrn.org.uk