



NIHR Medicines for Children Research Network

General Paediatrician required for the **General Paediatrics Clinical Studies Group**

This appointment offers an exciting opportunity to influence the future of general paediatrics research by advising the NIHR Medicines for Children Research Network (MCRN). MCRN facilitates the conduct of randomised trials and other well-designed studies of medicines for children, including those for prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

Thirteen Clinical Studies Groups (CSGs) oversee the development of a high quality portfolio of research for the MCRN and review proposed studies. Advice from CSG members contributes to decisions about whether studies are adopted to the NIHR portfolio and whether studies should be supported by the MCRN and other research networks.

CSGs have the following remit:

To be responsible for developing and overseeing its portfolio of studies; To propose and develop new trials and other well-designed studies; To consider studies proposed by others and advise the MCRN Study Assessment Committee; To provide specific advice to investigators; To ensure consumer involvement in all activities.

CSGs currently hold 2 face-to-face meetings per year (plus teleconferences as and when required) and review several research proposals per year electronically. Members review studies about a range of topics and with a range of methodologies.

We are looking for a GENERAL PAEDIATRICIAN with a record of participation in research in the area of general paediatrics. The successful applicant will have a commitment to developing research into medicines for children and identifying research agendas.

Selection will be made against set criteria (see below) and the appointment will be made strictly on merit. The appointment is for three years and is a *voluntary*, not remunerated position. Travel expenses for meetings will be reimbursed.

CRITERIA
Experience of collaborative clinical trials/ other research activity
Links with paediatric research networks
Ability to review study protocols constructively
Ability to comment on study feasibility and relevance to the national research agenda
An enthusiasm and commitment to developing research into medicines for children
Prepared to maintain commercial confidentiality when working with Industry & to declare conflicts of interest
Good leadership skills, excellent communicator, skilful team player

If you are interested in serving on the MCRN General Paediatrics CSG, please submit a CV and covering letter outlining how you meet the listed criteria to the MCRN Clinical Studies Groups Administrator at laura.pilkington@liv.ac.uk by **Tuesday 15th June 2010.**

Further information about the MCRN and CSGs, along with the 'CSG Remit Document' (including the Scientific Members Job Description) can be found at www.mcrn.org.uk.