

CONEXUS RESEARCH SUPPORT OFFER

Our aim: To increase research activity in Wakefield by supporting more studies, engaging more GP practices, supporting more clinicians to participate, and recruiting more patients.

How: By providing practical infrastructure support to practices, building capacity in primary care, collaborating with system on partners and promoting opportunities for practices and their patients to participate.

2021

Launched Conexus Research Support offer for Wakefield practices with a part time Research Nurse supported by the Clinical Research Network (CRN).

2022

Founder member of the Wakefield Research Hub, representing Primary care and working with other partners to create more opportunities.

2023

Collaborated on studies with Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust, South West Yorkshire Partnerships Foundation Trust and Spectrum CIC.

2024

Appointed Dr Abdul Mustafa to work with the Research Nurse as Clinical Lead for Research with support from the CRN.

2025

Research Coordinator role created to lead the team and increase commercial research activity.

Successful Collaborations

- PROVENT COVID vaccination Study: Award-winning collaboration
- LOLLIPOP study: Successful collaboration with Spectrum CIC, with 4 practices acting as PIC sites (patient Identification centres) for the study.
- Alongside the Research Team at Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Trust, Conexus have been successful in a bid to become the 'Wakefield hub' of the Bradford and West Yorkshire Commercial Research Delivery Centre (CRDC). commercial studies to the District.
- Joint work with our local Mental Health Trust on studies (SWYFT)



10 practices

have been supported by Conexus Research Nurse

35 studies

have been delivered with Conexus support

1033 patients

have participated in research studies supported by Conexus since we started.



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The Alabama study was supported by our Research Nurse - Keith Elliott and had a demonstrable impact for local patients and the practices that we worked with.



Real and immediate impact on participating patients

- Identify if people with a penicillin-allergy label in their GP health records really do have an allergy.
- Determine the possibility of reducing the number of patients wrongly labelled as penicillin allergic.
- Analyse impact on better use of antibiotics and fewer days of symptoms.

- **5** Wakefield practices took part in the study with the support of the Conexus Research Nurse.
- **142** patients recruited
- **34%** of these patients found to be wrongly labelled as 'allergic to penicillin' and had this label removed from their GP record following the specialist testing.
- Potentially **life saving** as patients now have access to a greater range of treatment options, improving their health outcomes.

Out of the 830 recruits nationally, 142 were recruited by Wakefield practices, supported by Conexus Health Care First was the top recruiting GP Practice in the country.

Looking to the future



- Increasing the number of expressions of interest submitted, to increase number of studies and opportunities for practices and patients to participate.
- Delivering commercial studies
- More collaborative work with partners
- Developing a sessional bank of Primary Investigators and research nurses

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