

# Primary Care Research Forum

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025 – update and implications

**Primary care, research and the Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care System**

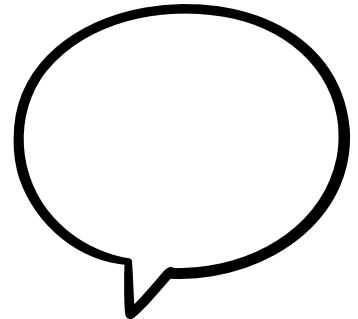
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# Update

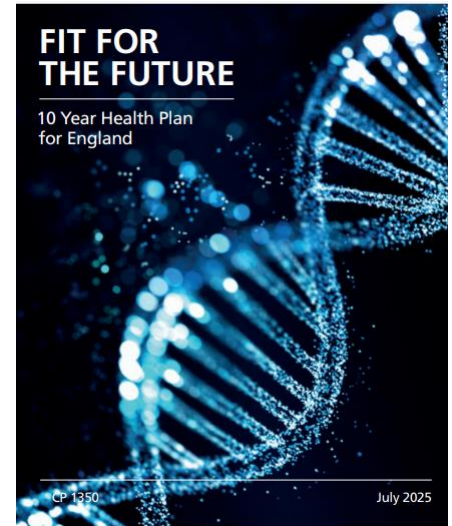
- 1) What's changed and what's not
- 2) Research Activity
- 3) 2025/6 Research Activity in HWE ICS Research in Primary Care
- 4) NIHR Research Funding Model
- 5) Opportunities and next steps
- 6) Reference documents
  - a) NIHR Research Delivery Network primary care support

**Questions as we go please!**



# 1) What's changed

- NHS 10 year plan
  - 3 shifts - acute to community, paper to digital, treatment to prevention
  - [Transforming the UK clinical research system: Aug update](#)
  - [Primary Care Commercial Research Delivery Centres](#)
- Blueprints, ICB and Region NIHR RRDN East of England function
- NIHR Funding
  - Activity
  - Strategic
- [NIHR RRDN East of England](#)
- NIHR [Agile team](#) research support



## [10 Year Health Plan for England: fit for the future](#)

# 1) And what's not changed

- HWE ICS Research [strategy](#)
- NIHR Research Delivery Network primary care support (click [here](#))

# 2) Research activity in – data source

## NIHR | Research Delivery Network East of England Regional RDN (RRDN) ODP Dashboard

**NEW TO ODP?**  
Learn the app navigation in under 10 minutes

East of England RRDN Data and Analytics Team has designed this application to provide users with the latest performance, study activity and data quality queries related to research activity in the region and beyond. This application not only includes research activity and study data from the Central Portfolio Management System (CPMS), but also includes additional site-specific data from the Local Portfolio Management System (LPMS), EDGE.

Click the options below to choose from a wide selection of reports included in this application or the buttons on the left to navigate to project dashboards (NIHR login may be required).

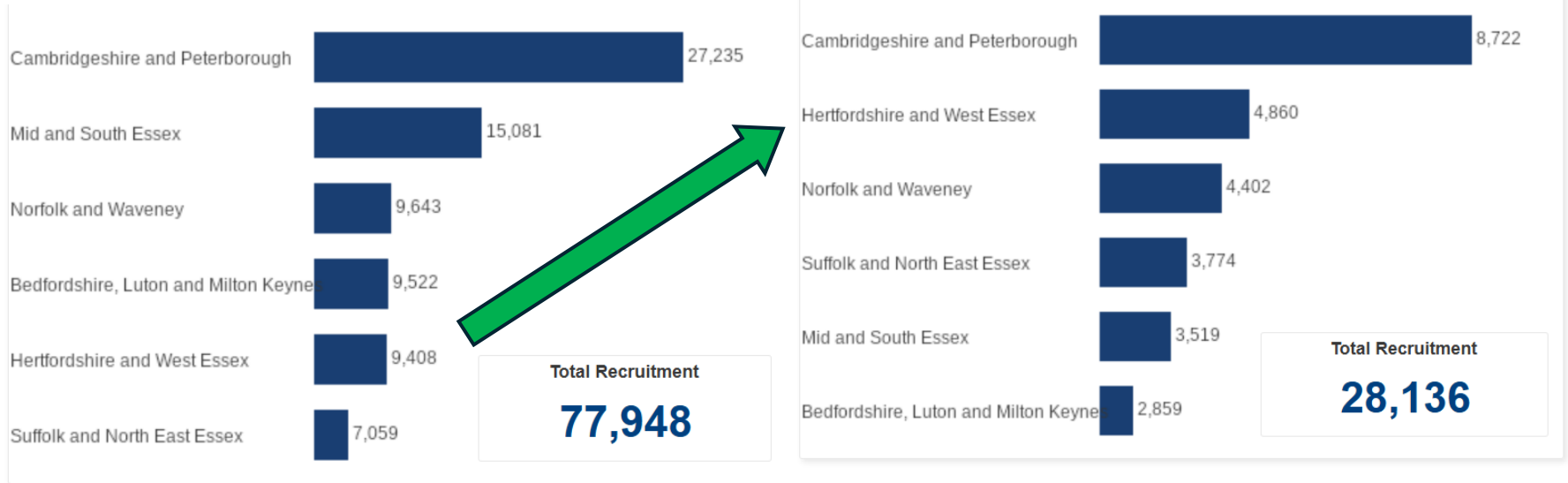
<p><b>Recruitment Tracker</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recruitment Matrix</li> </ul>	<p><b>Trust Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summary</li> <li>- Regional &amp; National</li> <li>- Specialities overview</li> <li>- Specialty detailed</li> <li>- Non-Commercial studies</li> <li>- Commercial studies</li> </ul>	<p><b>Specialty Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summary</li> <li>- Regional &amp; National</li> <li>- Recruitment vs Projections</li> <li>- Trust overview</li> <li>- Non-Commercial studies</li> <li>- Commercial studies</li> <li>- EoE-Led studies</li> <li>- Subspecialties</li> </ul>	<p><b>Data Quality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Study &amp; Site Status discrepancy</li> <li>- Inactive studies</li> <li>- Queried Data</li> </ul>	<p><b>Integrated Care Boards - ICBs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ICB Overview</li> <li>- ICB Recruitment Matrix</li> </ul>
<p><b>Horizon Scanning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Studies Open to New Sites</li> </ul>			<p><b>Study Insights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Single study review</li> </ul>	
<p><b>PRES Dashboards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EOE RRDN ADULT PRES Dashboard</li> <li>EOE RRDN CHILDREN PRES Dashboard</li> <li>RDN National PRES Dashboard</li> </ul>	<p><b>Trust RTT Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RTT Non-Commercial Trust-level</li> <li>- RTT Non-Commercial Site-level</li> </ul>	<p><b>Additional Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Radiotherapy Report</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Vaccine Dashboards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EOE RRDN Vaccine Hubs Dashboard</li> </ul>	<p>RTT Commercial data - Restricted. Please request access if needed.</p>			

Data extracted from the national live NIHR [Open Data Platform \(ODP\)](#)

# 2) Research Activity in HWE ICS a) 2024/5 vs 2025/6 Year to Date)

2024/5 NIHR Research activity

2025/6 (year to date) NIHR Research activity



From 2024/5 to 2025/6 year to date, HWE ICS has risen to 2<sup>nd</sup> in EoE in terms of NIHR research activity

## 2) 2025/6 Research Activity in HWE ICS

### b) Research in Primary Care

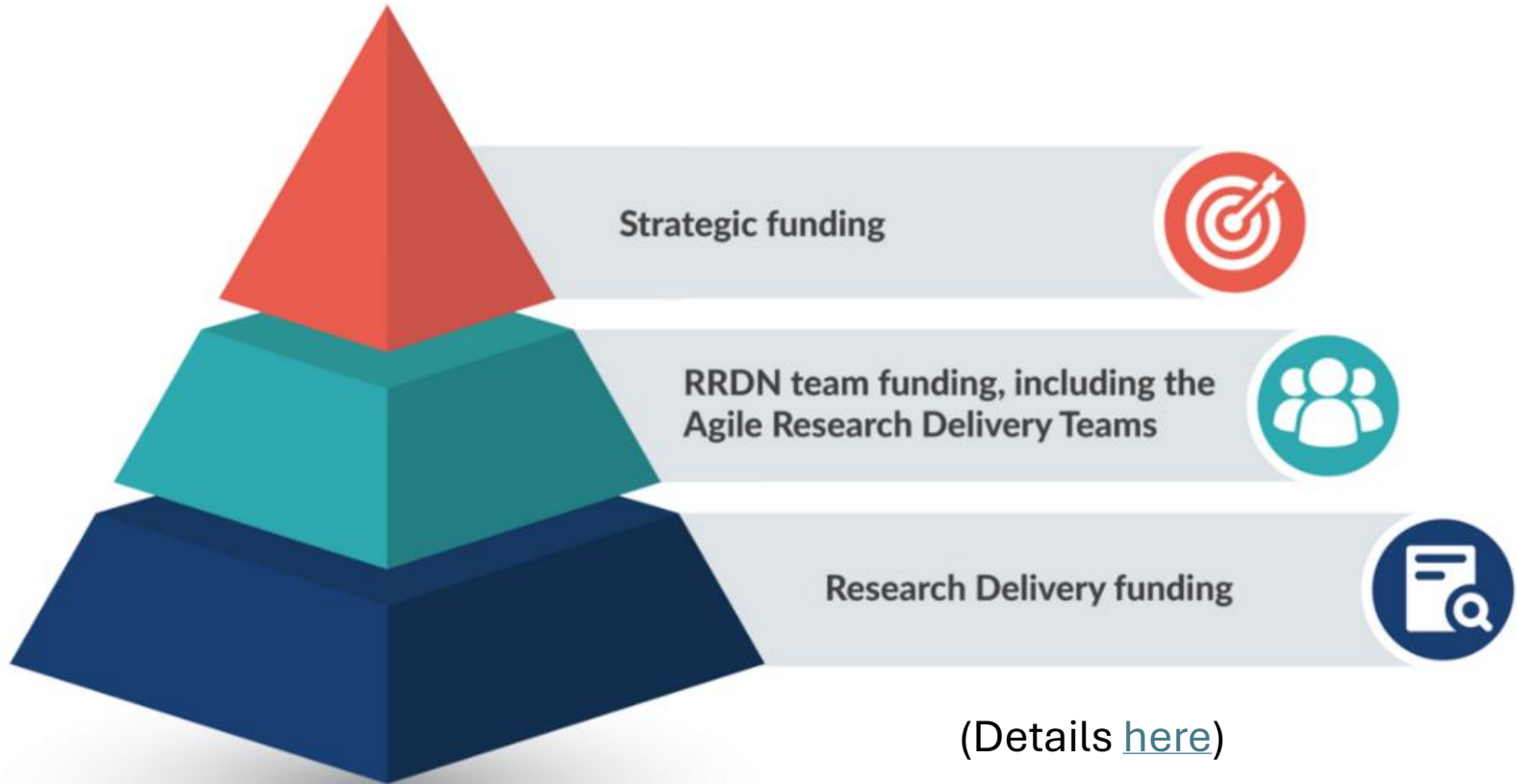
GP Practices	Consult-GP v1.0	DaRe2TH INK	DURATION UTI	INDIGO Community	OPTIMISE2	PETRA	The ELSA study	The i4i PRODiCT™ Study	Grand Total
Parkbury House Surgery		1		86					87
Bancroft Medical Centre				41					41
King's Medical Centre				33					33
Kings Medical Centre	18								18
Crocus Medical Practice					17				17
Ongar Health Centre					15				15
Warden Lodge Med Practice					12		1		13
Fairview Medical Centre								7	7
Stanmore Medical Group			6						6
Rothschild House Group						3			3
The Eden Surgeries					1				1
The Grove Medical Centre		1							1
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## 2) 2025/6 Research Activity in HWE ICS

### c) Study details

<a href="#"><u>Consult-GP v1.0</u></a>	Advance care planning in dementia: Improving GP consultations and development of a support programme for general practitioners
<a href="#"><u>DaRe2THINK</u></a>	Preventing stroke, premature death and cognitive decline in a broader community of patients with atrial fibrillation using healthcare data for pragmatic research: A randomised controlled trial
<a href="#"><u>DURATION UTI</u></a>	Impact of duration of antibiotic therapy on effectiveness, safety and selection of antibiotic resistance in adult women with urinary tract infections (UTI): a randomised controlled trial.
<a href="#"><u>INDIGO Community</u></a>	INDIGO Community: Investigating DIGital Outcomes in a community setting for patients living with and beyond a diagnosis of cancer
<a href="#"><u>OPTIMISE2</u></a>	Optimising Prescription of Treatment In older patients with Mild hypertension at Increased risk of Serious adverse Events (OPTIMISE2): a non-inferiority trial
<a href="#"><u>PETRA</u></a>	PrEgabalin for Treatment Resistant generalised Anxiety disorder (PETRA)
<a href="#"><u>The ELSA study</u></a>	The ELSA Study is screening children for type 1 diabetes.
<a href="#"><u>The i4i PRODiCT™ Study</u></a>	Uptake and acceptability of the i4i PRODiCT™ test which combines both common and rare genetic changes (genetic variants) into one saliva-based DNA test to estimate a person's future risk of prostate cancer (PrCa) in people of varying ethnicities.

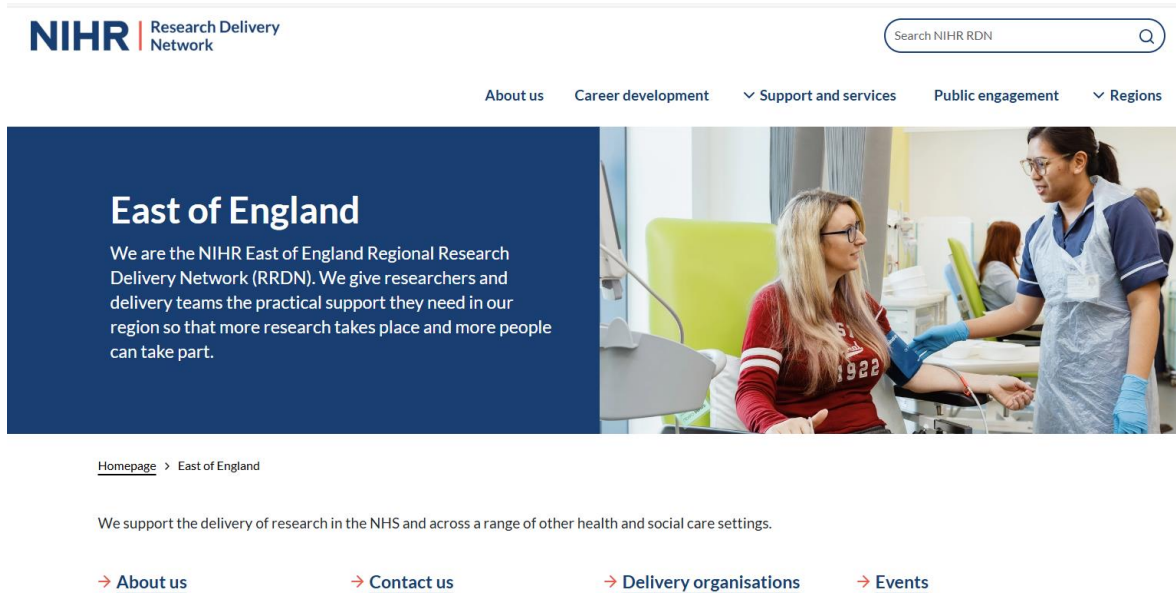
## 4) The new NIHR funding model (££)



## 4) Opportunities and next steps

- 1) **We need to be alert** - Details emerging, activity and strategic funding streams with agile support offer
- 2) **To spot opportunities** - Retrospective and prospective funding available – there is a need to apply
- 3) **Let's work together** - Suggest having a working party to ensure we benefit from new arrangements – Fiona and Phil happy to help
- 4) **To Get more research opportunities for patients funded**

# 5) Reference documents - NIHR Research Delivery Network primary care support (click [here](#))



The screenshot shows the NIHR Research Delivery Network website for the East of England region. The header includes the NIHR logo and the text 'Research Delivery Network'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The navigation menu includes 'About us', 'Career development', 'Support and services', 'Public engagement', and 'Regions'. The main content area features a blue sidebar with the heading 'East of England' and a paragraph: 'We are the NIHR East of England Regional Research Delivery Network (RRDN). We give researchers and delivery teams the practical support they need in our region so that more research takes place and more people can take part.' To the right of the sidebar is a photograph of a healthcare professional in a blue uniform and gloves taking a blood sample from a patient. Below the sidebar, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'Homepage > East of England'. A paragraph states: 'We support the delivery of research in the NHS and across a range of other health and social care settings.' At the bottom, there are four navigation links: '→ About us', '→ Contact us', '→ Delivery organisations', and '→ Events'.

Funding (various)  
Research Governance  
Training

Other Support:

- Access to Research Networks:
- Patient and Public Involvement (PPI)
- Technical Support

# 5a) NIHR RRDN EoE Primary Care

## Core team

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**More Info** [Training](#), [Resources](#), [Studies](#)

## Locality team

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L-R Suzanne Skinner, Natalie Peters



# 5b) NIHR RDN EoE Primary Care (click [here](#))

## Welcome



## Who are we and what do we do?

**Further  
information**

[Home](#)

[Training](#)

[Resources](#)

[Studies](#)

## Research in Primary Care

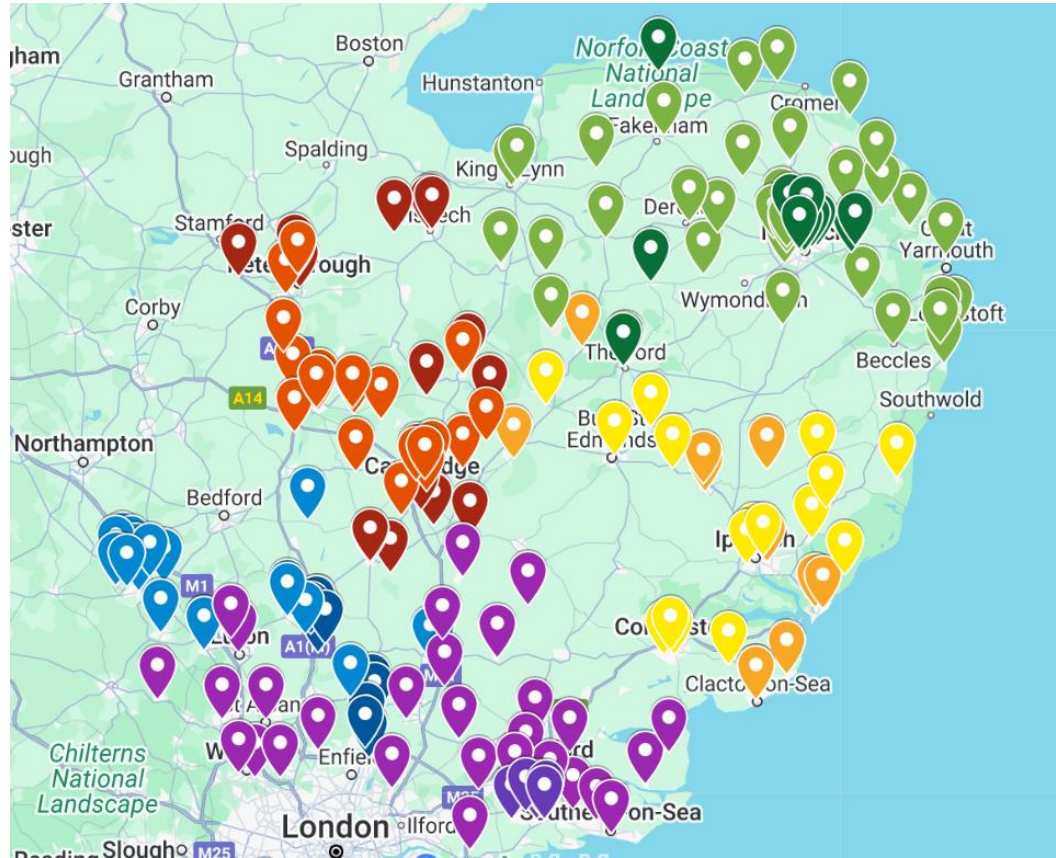
We are the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) East of England Regional Research Delivery Network (RRDN)\* and we bring together a wide variety of primary care practitioners, including GPs, Dentists, Pharmacists and Health Visitors to offer patients in primary care settings unprecedented opportunities to become involved in high quality clinical studies. This involves innovations in prevention, diagnosis, treatment and health care delivery in the community.

We support the set up and delivery of this research in Primary Care settings.

The Primary Care Specialty has successfully recruited across a range of conditions and complex interventions.



# 5d) NIHR Research Site Initiative sites EoE ([click here](#))



# 5e) Help, advice and support - [RCGP](#)

1

## How can we support your research

We support skills, have access to a large primary care data centre and research network and provide research grant funding.

2

## How we celebrate and promote research

Find out about clinical research, including our award winners and get in touch with us to find out about how we might work together to disseminate your research for impact.

3

## Research Surveillance Centre

The RCGP RSC is an internationally renowned source of information, analysis and interpretation of primary care data.

4

## Key statistics and insights

The RCGP has collated the following key statistics to provide an easily accessible source of information.

Renew



# 5f) Help, advice and support - Research Support Service



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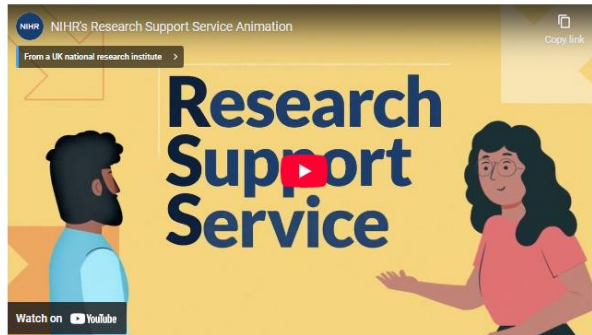
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## Research Support Service

The RSS supports researchers at any stage of their career to develop competitive funding applications for health, public health and social care research.

[Homepage](#) > [Research Support Service](#)



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## Research funding

- Overview of research career funding programmes
- Predoctoral
- Doctoral
- Postdoctoral
- Professorships and Senior Investigators

## Industry and commercial trials

## Our research infrastructure

## Find an expert or specialist

## Research Support Service

## Support for delivering research

## Research Delivery Network