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Leicester Tigers Mattioli Woods Welford Road Stadium, Aylestone Road, Leicester, LE2 7TR

### **Programme – Day One**

<b>Doors Open to Delegates</b>		
Arrive between: 08:45 – 09:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bag Drop off (Chairmen Suite)</li> <li>● Sign-in (Reception)</li> <li>● Refreshments and networking</li> <li>● Exhibitor stands</li> <li>● Poster viewing</li> </ul>	Final Whistle
<b>Conference Session A</b>		
<b>Plenary Session 1</b> (105 minutes)		<b>Chair:</b> Professor Nigel Brunskill
09:30 – 09:50	Delegates take their seats	Premier Suite
09:50 – 10:00	<b>Welcome from Leicester</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Professor Nigel Brunskill, NIHR Leicester CRF Director</li> <li>● Richard Mitchell Chief Exec at University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust</li> </ul>	Premier Suite
10:00 – 10:20	<b>Engaging with a multiethnic population for health: Lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Professor Ivan Browne, Professor of Public Health, and Social Determinants of Health, De Montfort University Leicester</li> </ul>	Premier Suite
10:20 – 10:40	<b>UKCRF Network update: Progress to date and priorities for 2024-25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Professor Saul Faust, UKCRF Network Clinical Lead</li> <li>● Paul Brown, UKCRF Network Operational Director</li> </ul>	Premier Suite

10:40 – 11:00	<b>National Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Saul Faust, UKCRF Network Clinical Lead</li> <li>• Professor Nigel Brunskill, NIHR Leicester CRF Director</li> <li>• Professor Jacky Smith, NIHR Manchester CRF Director</li> </ul>	Premier Suite
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Comfort break</b> (drinks served in same room)	Premier Suite
<b>Plenary Session 2 (3 x 20-minute sessions)</b>		<b>Chair: Professor Nigel Brunskill</b>
11:15 – 11:20	Chair introduces next section	Premier Suite
11:20 – 11:40	<b>Using new investment in research careers to address research inequities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Ruth Endacott, NIHR Director of Nursing and Midwifery</li> </ul>	Premier Suite
11:40 – 12:00	<b>Understanding ethnic inequalities in cardiometabolic disease</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Kamlesh Khunti, Professor of Primary care Diabetes and Vascular medicine and Directs the University of Leicester’s Real-World Evidence Unit and Centre for Ethnic Health Research.</li> </ul>	Premier Suite
12:00 – 12:20	<b>Promoting eye health and research in underserved communities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Roxanne Crosby-Nwaobi, Lead Nurse for Research at Moorfields Eye Hospital.</li> </ul>	Premier Suite
12:20 – 13:45	<b>Lunch &amp; Networking</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunch, poster viewing, and exhibition stands</li> </ul>	Final Whistle
<b>UKCRF Network Staff Group Sessions</b> Please attend the most relevant session for your role(s)		
13:45 – 15:10	<b>CRF Directors Meeting</b> (invite only, contact <a href="mailto:sophie.black@mft.ac.uk">sophie.black@mft.ac.uk</a> if unsure)	Clubhouse
	<b>Clinical Research Delivery Staff:</b> Integrating patient perspectives into Clinical Research Practice	1880 Suite (Part of Premier Suite)
	<b>Education Leads:</b> Exploring Opportunities in Education - Sharing Best Practice	Directors Suite (Part of Premier Suite)
	<b>Quality Assurance Staff:</b> Embedding a Quality Culture	Guys (VOCO Hotel)
	<b>Clinical Trial / Project Management</b> Challenges to Providing Participant Feedback and Challenges in Clinical Trial Management & Administration	Dolls (VOCO Hotel)
	<b>Laboratory Staff:</b> Exploring Pre-Analytical Processing	Crumbie

	<b>Industry Liaison Staff:</b> Strategic partnerships with Industry	Tryline
	<b>Staff involved in the NIHR Annual Report and day to day management of data:</b> Sourcing, Validating & Overcoming Challenges in Data Collection	XV Club
	<b>Inclusion and Involvement Staff (and Public Contributors):</b> Rounding up, moving forward and sharing our work	Champions Club (Part of Premier Suite)
15:10 - 15:15	Delegates move to Plenary Session 3 location	
Refreshments will be available between 13:45 pm to 15:15 pm		
<b>Conference Session B</b>		
<b>Plenary Session 3</b>		<b>Chair: Professor Nigel Brunskill</b>
15:15 – 15:20	Chair introduces next section	Premier Suite
15:20 – 15:40	<b>Creating research space in fragile X syndrome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Julian Barwell, Professor in Genomic Medicine, Leicester</li> <li>• Alex &amp; Chris McQuade who are parents of two boys with Fragile X syndrome.</li> </ul>	Premier Suite
15:40 – 16:00	<b>Recruiting Acutely Unwell Patients in Hospital to Clinical Trials</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Neil Greening, Associate Professor at the University of Leicester and Honorary Consultant Respiratory Physician.</li> </ul>	Premier Suite
16:00 – 16:20	<b>Where do we start?</b> <b>Protected characteristics, finding the baseline</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connie Shiridzinomwa, Senior Project Manager, Bristol Health Partners Academic Health Centre</li> <li>• Margie Pavey, CRF Manager, NIHR Bristol CRF</li> </ul>	Premier Suite
16:20 – 16:40	<b>Ever-widening circles:</b> <b>Establishing meaningful under-represented community partnerships through participatory research and design</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Elizabeth Johnson, Assistant Professor, Mark &amp; Robyn Jones College of Nursing, and Co-Director, Biomedical Innovation for Research and Development (BioReD) Hub - Montana State University, USA</li> </ul>	Premier Suite
16:40 – 16:45	<b>Closing remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Nigel Brunskill, Clinical Director, NIHR Leicester CRF</li> </ul>	Premier Suite
<b>Gala Dinner</b>		

18:30– 19:45	Pre – Gala dinner activity Pre – Gala dinner drinks	Final Whistle
19:45 – 23:00	Gala Dinner – <b>Kings and Queen Theme</b>	Premier Suite
23:00	Carriages	

Programme – Day Two Summer School

Registration		
08:00 – 09:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration</li> <li>• Refreshments and networking</li> <li>• Exhibitor stands</li> <li>• Poster viewing</li> </ul>	Final Whistle
Conference Session C		
Welcome & Plenary Session 4		Chair: Professor Nigel Brunskill
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome to Day 2: Host CRF Director	Premier Suite
09:10 – 09:55	(10-minute plenary and 5 minutes Q&A):	Premier Suite
	<b>Embedding research culture in the neonatal unit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Siobhan Moore, Senior Research Midwife, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, NHS GGC</li> </ul>	
	<b>Research Inclusion and Inclusive Practice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Natalie Darko, Associate Professor of Health Inequalities, at the University of Leicester and Director of Inclusion at the Leicester National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Biomedical Research Centre</li> </ul>	
09:55 – 10:25	<b>Investing in the future of research</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachael Phillips, Training &amp; Development Lead at NIHR Leicester CRF</li> <li>• Jamie Percy Roberts, Student Nurse at University of Leicester</li> </ul>	Final Whistle
	Poster viewing	
10:25 – 10:30	Delegates move to summer school session rooms	
Summer School Sessions (Refreshments will be available throughout the sessions)		
Morning Sessions		
10:30 – 12:00	I've been allocated a student nurse: How can they achieve their objectives?	ABC Bar
	Making sampling simpler: A unified approach and guidance on NCVR costing for trial laboratories.	Crumbie
	Research Advanced Clinical Practitioners and increasing clinical based ACP's engagement with research	Guys
	International nursing showcase	Dolls
	Moving forward together: Inclusive Research in a CRF setting	Champion's Club

	Inspections uncovered: Real life experiences of regulatory inspection in a CRF	1880 Suite
	Not all phase I trials are created equal: Using the UKCRF Network Risk Stratification Matrix and Phase I Framework	Tryline
	The business of ATIMPS: Making the most of your infrastructure.	XV Club
	NCVR one year on: Implications for early phase studies in CRFs	Clubhouse
	How to make an impact in public and patient involvement	Director's Suite
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch & Networking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lunch</li> <li>● Poster viewing</li> <li>● Exhibition stands</li> </ul>	Final Whistle
<b>Afternoon Sessions</b>		
13:30 – 15:00	Clinical Research Practitioners: Evolving roles in CRFs	Dolls
	ATIMP ask the expert	Clubhouse
	Level up! Harnessing the potential of games to enhance education in clinical research	Director's Suite
	Positively energising leadership: Skills to support your team	1880 Suite
	GCP compliant dose escalation: It's everybody's business	ABC Bar
	The quality game: Understanding quality assurance and audit in a CRF	Tryline
	Essential equipment for CRF labs: Tools and recent developments in science	Crumbie
	Understanding the Research Engagement Network: Their impact and potential for collaboration with CRFs	Champion's Club
	Increasing access in psychedelic research	Guys
	SoMe So What? Why sharing your voice on social media is your CRF's biggest secret asset	XV Club
	Delegates move to Premiership Suite for closing ceremony	
<b>Day Two Close</b>		
15:10 – 15:30	Join us to celebrate a successful conference and congratulate the poster winners. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Poster prizes</li> <li>● Evaluation</li> </ul>	Premiership Suite

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next year's conference - handover</li></ul>	
15:30	Conference Close	

**Please note these facilities will also be available throughout the Conference:**

Prayer room; secure luggage storage room and private room for nursing mothers