

**NIHR Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care,
North West Coast Strategic Vision**

Mission Statement:

The mission of the NIHR CLAHRC NWC is to work collaboratively with Partner organisations and other stakeholders including members of the public to co-produce and conduct high quality, leadership enhancing, applied research designed to decrease health inequalities and improve the health of the population of the NW Coast.

Aim:

The NIHR CLAHRC NWC will create an environment to facilitate a step change towards a culture of co-production of research, engagement and capacity development across our partner organisations. This will contribute to reductions in health inequalities through improvements in public health and chronic disease management.

Principles:

Through the use of our Equity Lens, we will ensure all our activities remain focused on work that has the potential to reduce health inequalities. We will ensure that all research and implementation activities consider their differential impacts across social groups.

We are a Collaboration.

We will support co-production through effective engagement of our Partners and stakeholders across all of our activities.

Our engagement strategy is inclusive.

We will support and encourage active partner and stakeholder involvement across all of our activities, aiming to build sustainable applied research and implementation capacity, to embed research, and support organisational excellence.

We will engage and involve the public, including patients, service users and carers, and members of communities of interest and place, across all of our work.

We are committed to achieving excellence.

Through peer review and co-production we will ensure all our research and implementation activity will be of excellent quality and relevant to our stakeholders. We will foster a culture of evaluation and reflection across all of our programmes.

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Our Steering Board and Host NHS Trust will: hold us to account for the quality and efficiency of our work and the processes to monitor them; co-determine our priorities and activities in line with our vision and bid document, including updates following periodic review. Our governance structures will ensure that resources are allocated transparently and in accordance with our strategy.

To ensure a legacy CLAHRC NWC will develop capacity for applied research and implementation across the partnerships through co-production, training, bursaries, mentorship and other support.

Strategies and Themes:

Our key areas of interest and expertise within the academic centres are highlighted by the focus of our Themes, and all centre on Health Inequalities. However through CLAHRC NWC we will work with our stakeholders to develop and deliver their projects that lie within our overall framework.

Our overarching themes are:

- Evidence synthesis supported by the North West Coast Evidence Synthesis Collaboration.
- Knowledge exchange and co-production supported by an Engagement Strategy and a Capacity Development Strategy.

In addition we have four Programme Themes:

- Delivering Personalised Health and Care
- Improving Mental Health
- Improving Public Health and Reducing Health Inequalities
- Managing Complex Needs

We will start from the best available evidence to inform our activities, supported by the NWC Evidence Synthesis Collaboration.

We will seek to collaborate with other CLAHRCs nationally, and the NWC Academic Health Sciences Network (AHSN) regionally, on shared projects broadening our activities, while retaining our focus on reducing health inequalities.

We will signpost other activity across the CLAHRCs and/or recommend other funding streams in collaboration with the NIHR Research Design Service for the NW.

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We will closely align with NWC AHSN as our implementation partner, leading an initial implementation and evaluation prior to the NWC AHSN guiding its rollout.

We will build upon existing NHS/academic partnerships that have a proven track record of using research, strengthened further by the new AHSN and commissioning structures.

We will build on our multidisciplinary approach, stakeholder integration and engagements with industry to accelerate the translation of research findings into service improvements and to generate wealth.

Supporting Documents Available on our Website:

Terms of reference for Steering Board and Management Group and list of members

Stakeholder Engagement Strategy

Public Engagement Policy

Capacity Building Strategy

Theme short summaries

List of Partner Organisations