

UK Mental Health Research Network (UK-MHRN)

The network:

- is funded by the Department of Health;
- gives researchers the ability to carry out large scale research into mental health and social care;
- is made up of regional research hubs; and
- covers about 60% of the population of England.

Type of research that the UK-MHRN can help with

We deal with:

- research with input from service users in developing research proposals;
- research that is in line with national mental health or social care policy;
- research that poses no ethical problems or problems in design;
- large-scale studies or small scale pilot studies that could become large-scale studies;
- studies of effectiveness, such as of treatments or the service provided;
- studies using descriptive (qualitative) as well as numerical (quantitative) research methods;
- studies of putting policy into practice.

We also handle research that deals with many sites because the researchers:

- need a large sample size;
- need people with rare conditions to take part;
- need people to take part from a particular group or lifestyle;
- need to find out whether the research findings are fairly general; and
- need a randomised trial.

How to apply to run a project on the UK-MHRN

Send your filled-in adoptions form to your local hub or directly to our Adoptions Committee. (You can find the form at www.ukmhrn.info.) We will accept your project if:

- it meets all our conditions;
- you have arranged enough financial resources for the project to take place; and
- we have enough regional resources available to help you.

What we can provide

We can:

- provide links to other UK-MHRN hubs;
- help identify people to take part in the research;
- provide project information and support;
- make sure that the correct procedures are carried out during the research;
- provide local administrative support, such as dealing with research ethics committees and organising honorary contracts for researchers;
- respond to your research needs quickly;
- provide research and clinical expertise;
- link together clinicians, researchers, policy makers, service users and carers; and
- give you advice on research and clinical governance, ethics and data protection.

What we cannot do

We cannot:

- commission research;
- provide research funding; or
- formally 'peer review' research- where the research proposal is checked by independent experts.

Added value for researchers

Being part of the network, you can take advantage of:

- the UK-MHRN writing a letter expressing our support to the organisation you want funding from;
- instant access to clinical and academic centres in the UK that provide research and clinical expertise;
- a large base of patients who come from different backgrounds;
- support for local research administration; and
- a centralised, direct system of checking patients recruited onto studies as well as entering the information collected for the study directly.

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