

Who are PenCLAHRC and how can we work with you?



PenCLAHRC is the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC) South West Peninsula – a partnership of NHS organisations across Devon, Cornwall and Somerset, the Universities of Exeter and Plymouth, and the South West Academic Health Science Network (SW AHSN).

The NIHR funds thirteen CLAHRCs across the UK. Their aim is to improve patient outcomes and the health of the population by carrying out applied health research. By undertaking high-quality research focused on the needs of patients, CLAHRCs support the translation of research evidence into practice within the NHS.

PenCLAHRC has three key objectives:

- To increase the volume and quality of patient-focussed research in the South West
- To improve the region's health by supporting the use of research evidence to inform service delivery
- To build capacity within the health economy to generate and use research evidence

What does PenCLAHRC do?

PenCLAHRC is committed to working with healthcare professionals, policymakers and the public to identify areas of research that reflect the real needs and concerns of the health service in the South West.

By understanding the uncertainties faced by those affected by healthcare services, we can shape our research agenda to focus on those issues which present the greatest opportunities to improve healthcare and service delivery.

Where sufficient evidence exists, we work with the NHS to implement service change. However, successful implementation is challenging, so to understand the most effect ways of achieving positive and rapid change, we work with the SW AHSN. Where there is insufficient evidence, we research existing or novel interventions or develop new approaches to tackle the issue.

This process of co-production is based on our belief that genuine partnerships between those who make decisions, those who produce evidence and those affected by change, increases the likelihood of research leading to lasting healthcare improvements.

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