

## **Frequently asked questions**

- **Why be a Research Champion?**

- Being a Research Champion means you are giving patients the opportunity to take part in Clinical research, contributing to knowledge on the subject, and leading to the development of better treatment.
- You are also creating a strong research culture.
- Professional development.
- Opening career pathways.

- **What will be expected of me as a Research Champion? i.e. what will I need to do?**

The purpose of a research champion is to improve awareness and promotion of clinical research, increase patient's opportunity to take part in research and improve departmental working relations. It involves helping to identify suitable patients for research studies in your area. This may also involve providing an information sheet to the patient and alerting the research team to carry out any further activity.

- **What training will I receive?**

- There will be 2 face to face training sessions where you will gain an understanding of the principles of Clinical Research, roles and responsibilities.
- You will be required to complete Good clinical practice training (GCP) which will assure patients and the public that the rights, safety and wellbeing of people taking part in studies are protected and that research data is reliable.
- There will also be opportunity to shadow the research team.

- **What trials are currently taking place in my area?**

Specific training will be provided to the individual areas and information provided regarding each trial we would like you to assist with.

- **What support will I receive?**

You will receive support from the Research and Innovation Champion leads but also the research nurses working in your area. Your line Manager will also support you with any further requirements.

- **Where can I find general information about Research champions?**

You can find most of the information on the intranet under champions/research champions. Information is also on the Research intranet and internet page. Links will be providing during the training but you can also ring the Research and innovation team for any further information x 3990.