

## **Become a research Champion!**

The new research champion link role will contribute to research activity across the trust to improve awareness and promotion of clinical research, increase patient's opportunity to take part in research and improve departmental working relations. Supporting the trust's CARE values and the 2 year vision.

In December 2016 the first research champions came on board to join us at Research and Innovation.

This was after a successful project carried out and presented on the leadership course at SFH. We have 38 Champions across the trust, and they have contributed to giving patients the opportunity to take part in Research and future treatments.

With support from Leanne Hostler The research Champion Role is now an official link Role. This means we can enrol additional Research Champions across the trust

## **The Research Champion role involves:**

- Giving all our patients the opportunity to take part in health and social care research at the trust, helping to identify suitable patients for research studies in their area. Establishing and maintaining a robust system that ensures all patients are screened for their suitability to be enrolled in research
- In some cases it may involve assistance with data collecting, blood sampling and obtaining test results.
- Helping the research team to track recruited patients on their journey through the trust e.g. if patients transferred to a different ward or hospital
- Raising awareness through education of staff and positive reinforcement of the importance of clinical research in the development of the future of healthcare.

## **What support and benefits can you expect?**

- You will undertake training to gain a certificate in Good Clinical Practice (GCP)

Each champion will have a research team link to help support them and the research conducted in their speciality or area

- The effectiveness of the Research champion role will form part of the appraisal process and CPD

- You will be given the opportunity to become part of the development of future treatments for patients

### **Training**

Training will be provided and you will be expected to attend the trust Champion training sessions.

For further information and interest please contact:

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