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# North Wales Clinical Research Centre



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### Purpose

The newly established North Wales Clinical Research Centre (NWCRC) is based at Wrexham, near the Medical Institute. It comprises of research laboratories, clinical suites for undertaking non-laboratory based research, hot-desk facilities, offices, meeting and seminar rooms.

The North Wales Clinical Research Centre is a BCUHB Research & Development initiative, working in collaboration with Glyndwr University, Bangor University, Celtic Advanced Life Science Innovation Network (CALIN), and the Life Sciences Hub Wales.

### How will the research centre support research and what would the impact be on patients and staff?

- The research centre comprises of state of the art equipment, such as blood analysers, tissue culture, flow cytometer, fluorescence microscopy, and the latest molecular equipment.
- It provides a facility and service, allowing BCUHB staff to undertake laboratory based and non laboratory based research investigations.
- Having a research active health board will attract high caliber clinicians and healthcare professionals to North Wales.
- It will maximise research impact and ensure research feeds into the Health Board's mechanism for uptake of best practice and service change improvement, which will ultimately benefit the patients and the public.

### What goals have been set?

- To promote clinical research at BCUHB, and to encourage staff within the health board to undertake research activities.
- To develop NWCRC as a centre of excellence for clinical research (locally, nationally and internationally).
- To develop long-term collaborative partnerships with local HE institutions and commercial organisations.
- To increase the number of research studies that have been adopted on to the Health & Care Research Wales the Clinical Research Portfolio and Commercial portfolio.

### Summary

Developing the North Wales Clinical Research Centre has provided an exciting opportunity, which will provide an excellent resource allowing BCUHB staff to undertake clinical research that will bring together expertise, along with centralising resources.

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