

# Clinical research

Sharing knowledge and information to make patients,  
and the NHS, better



## Introduction

- Clinical research – why we all need to get involved?
- What patients and the public know about research ...
- and healthcare professionals
- Why research is at the heart of the reforms
- A quick guide to the reformed NHS
- How NHS Library and Knowledge Services can help – are you plugged into the right networks?
- Championing patient information on research
- Questions

## Why get involved in clinical research?

- **It's what patients want...**
- Widespread public support for a proactive research culture in the NHS
- 2012 consumer survey (OnePoll) – **82%** of people say it is important for the NHS to offer opportunities to take part in healthcare research
- Very few (only **7%** would never consider taking part in a study)
- Similar findings for other consumer polls (Ipsos MORI – 97% think the NHS should support research)



- Last year, more than **half a million patients** took part in clinical research studies – patients are turning their attitudes into action

## What do NHS staff think of research?

- HSJ survey of healthcare professionals
  - 97% said research is important to the NHS
  - 91% said it fuels innovation BUT
  - Two thirds says research is peripheral in their NHS Trust
- Clinical research needs to be embedded in day to day patient care. It needs to become part of performance reporting and support at Board level.

# Why get involved in clinical research?



- Efficiency and effectiveness
- To meet the challenges of the NHS, we need to focus on “what works” – research is how we gather evidence on that
- The “i” in QIPP...

# Why get involved – policy

- Health and Social Care Act 2012
- Liberating the NHS
- Spending Review 2010
- NHS Operating Framework
- ALB review
- The Plan for Growth
- Response to the NHS Future Forum
- Public Health White Paper
- Innovations Health and Wealth
- Strategy for UK Life Science



# Health and Social Care Act 2012

A **duty** to promote research on matters relevant to the health service on:

- Secretary of State for Health
- NHS Commissioning Board
- Clinical Commissioning Groups
- Monitor

A **duty** to promote the use of research evidence by the health service on:

- Secretary of State for Health
- NHS Commissioning Board
- Clinical Commissioning Groups

A **power** to support the conduct of research, including financial support for:

- Secretary of State for Health
- NHS Commissioning Board
- Clinical Commissioning Groups
- Monitor
- Local Authorities (in relation to the health service)

# NHS Constitution

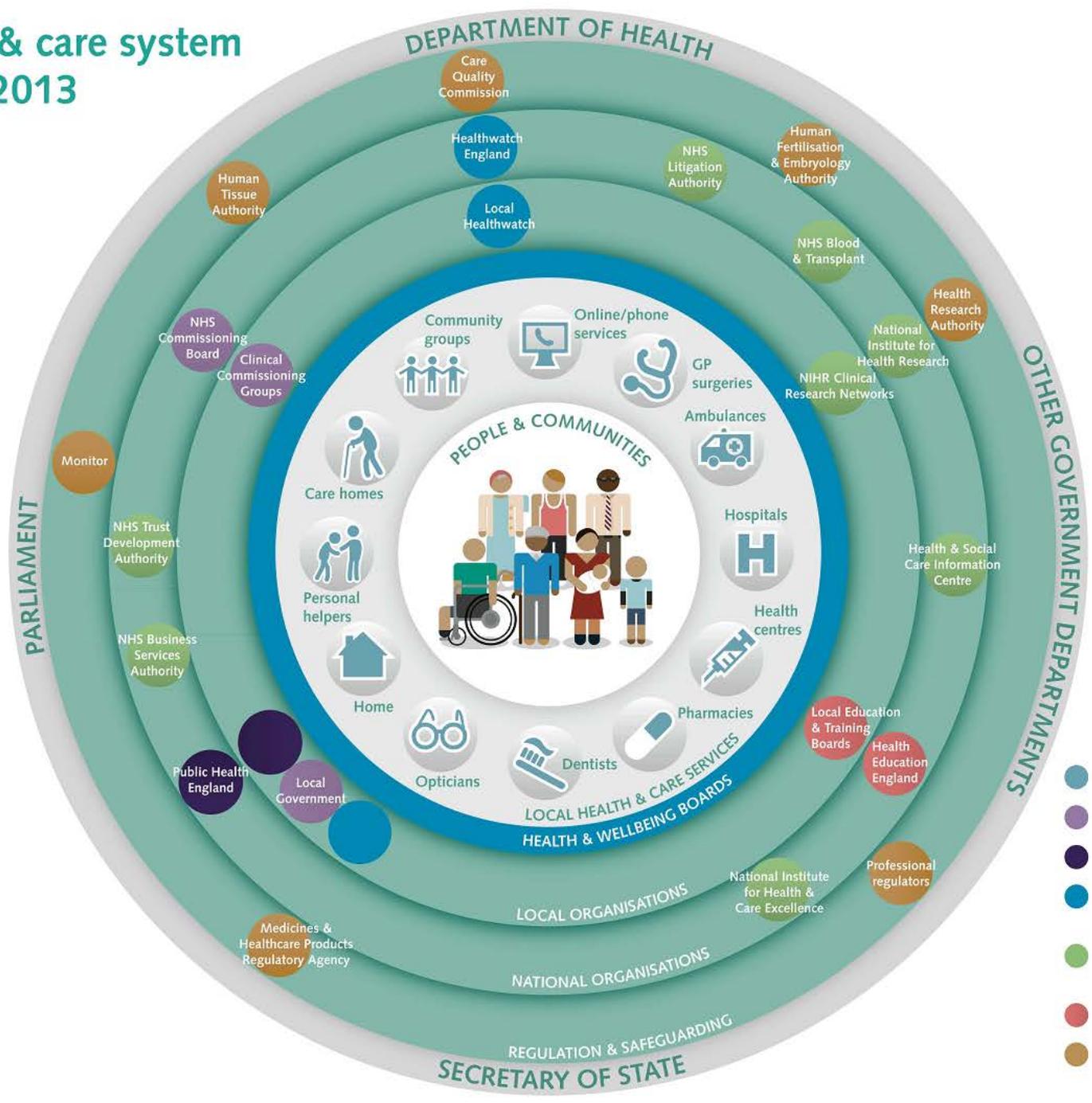
- Contains a pledge for the NHS to promote patient opportunities to participate in clinical research studies
- Clinical research “core business” for the NHS
- Patients have a right to participate in a clinical trial if they are suitable
- Changes likely for consultation: default assumption that patient data can be used for research unless opt-out
- Any willing patient ..... A willing NHS



# A new regulator to promote research in the interests of patients and the public

- *Health Research Authority vision and ambition*
- Establishment: Professor Jonathan Montgomery, Chair; Dr Janet Wisely, Chief Executive
- Mandate: Protecting and promoting the interests of patients and the public in health research
- Creation of a unified health research approval process and the promotion of consistent, proportionate standards for compliance and inspection
- HRA's success acknowledged by key stakeholders, as well as seen through improved approval times, increased numbers of research participants and projects, and greater confidence in health research
- The Government wants to give the HRA even greater independence and stability. It has published clauses to establish it as a non-departmental public body for pre-legislative scrutiny as part of the draft Care and Support Bill

# The health & care system from April 2013



- KEY**
- Providing care
  - Commissioning care
  - Improving public health
  - Empowering people and local communities
  - Supporting the health and care system
  - Education and training
  - Safeguarding patients' interests

Are we doing enough to follow through with patients?

- OnePoll consumer survey
  - Patients expect the NHS to be doing clinical research  
More than 50% of patients want to receive information about clinical studies as part of a medical consultation, yet only a small proportion do.

# What can NHS Library and Knowledge Services do to promote participation in research?

- Develop links with:
  - Academic Health Science Networks
  - Health Education England
  - Comprehensive Local Research Networks
  - National Commissioning Board
  - Clinical Commissioning Groups
  - Local Authorities
  - Public Health England
  - Clinical Learning Research Networks
- Training & Development – Undergraduates & continuous professional development
- Public Health England
- Champion information sharing with NHS staff about research
- Foster closer collaboration between NHS Library and Knowledge services and provider patient information teams
- Promote the role of patient information librarians
- Develop links with public librarians

# Interested?

## Here's how to find out more:

1. Visit the NIHR website: [www.crncc.nihr.ac.uk](http://www.crncc.nihr.ac.uk)
  2. Sign up to their monthly e-news and other publications: [www.crncc.nihr.ac.uk/register](http://www.crncc.nihr.ac.uk/register)
  3. Follow me on Twitter: @candymorris3
  4. Read more about research in the NHS on the Clinical Research Zone on the Guardian Online  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/healthcare-network-nihr-clinical-research-zone>
  5. View the NHS Trust “league table” for research delivery:  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/healthcare-network-nihr-clinical-research-zone/trustresearch-activity-league-tables>  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/healthcare-network-nihr-clinical-research-zone/table/trust-research-activity-league-tables>
- Data in therapy areas:  
[http://www.crncc.nihr.ac.uk/health+professionals/research\\_performance/index?time=634780321454251566](http://www.crncc.nihr.ac.uk/health+professionals/research_performance/index?time=634780321454251566)
6. Visit the HRA website: [www.hra.nhs.uk](http://www.hra.nhs.uk)
  7. See the latest edition of DH's The Month: [www.dh.gov.uk](http://www.dh.gov.uk)