

RRDN North London Local Priorities

The [NIHR North London Regional Research Delivery Network \(RRDN\)](#) has identified key local priorities to increase research capacity, diversity, and engagement across the region for 2025–2030, aligning with the national "3 shifts" (hospital to community, analogue to digital, sickness to prevention).

Based on recent strategic updates, the North London RRDN is focusing on the following local priorities:

1. Primary and Community Care Capacity Building

- **Strengthening Primary Care Research:** Increasing research capacity in GP surgeries, particularly in North East London, with over £630k boosted into newly formed primary care research units to facilitate research closer to home.
- **Expanding "Wider Care" Settings:** Increasing research delivery in non-traditional settings, including care homes, hospices, community pharmacies, schools, and prisons.
- **Integrated Care Models:** Supporting research in neighbourhood-level, multi-setting environments.

2. Disease-Specific and Health Inequality Focus

- **Research in Underserved Areas:** Prioritising research in areas with high disease burdens where current research activity is disproportionately low.
- **Specific Clinical Priorities:** Focused efforts on increasing research in **mental health, asthma, palliative care, stroke, and transient ischaemic attack (TIA)**.
- **Targeted Outreach:** Using data to drive inclusion in research, specifically for sickle cell disease, which heavily impacts African and Caribbean communities in North London.

3. Digital and Data-Driven Research

- **Improved Clinical Trial Data Collection:** Enhancing data quality, entry, and verification, including automation between Electronic Patient Records (EPR) and Case Report Forms (CRFs).
- **Digital Tools for Recruitment:** Utilizing data to improve participant identification, particularly for enhancing diversity in trials at trusts like Barts Health.

4. Workforce Development

- **Training and Retention:** Supporting the research delivery workforce through the North London Research Internship for Skill building and Excellence (NL RISE).
- **Building Research Capability:** Enhancing the ability of health and care professionals in non-NHS settings to deliver research.

5. Strategic Integration and Performance

- **Streamlined Set-up:** Supporting the "150 Day Acceleration Programme" to speed up study set-up to 150 days or less.

- **Commercial Research:** Strengthening partnerships with the life sciences industry to bring more commercial studies to the region.