

# NIHR Research Delivery Network

## Configuration of the NIHR Regional Research Delivery Networks from April 2024

### Background and rationale

The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) has agreed new geographic configurations for the future NIHR Research Delivery Network. New geographic configurations for the Regional Research Delivery Networks (RRDNs) will cover the whole country, with a national coordinating centre. Determinants included size of population, number of Trusts/Partner organisations, patient pathways, geographic area covered.

Alignment of the Network with the seven NHS England regions is considered vital. Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) and their component organisations will be crucial partners for the RDNs. The new configuration recognises the importance of our research in the NHS and the focus on social care and public health. ICSs are organised within NHSE regions, and local authorities mostly share boundaries with ICSs.

**Note:** The names of the new networks in this document are working titles and may change. The nomenclature for the new NIHR Regional Research Delivery Networks is yet to be confirmed.

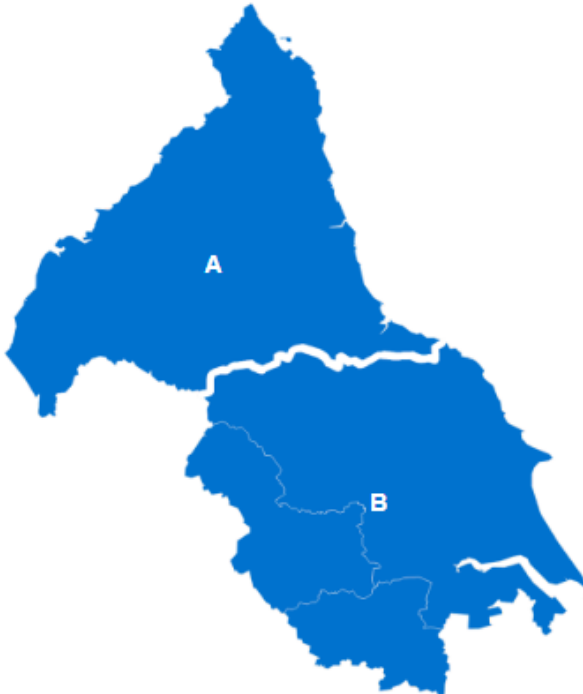
### Overview of regions

- A - North East & North Cumbria
- B - Yorkshire & Humber
- C - North West
- D - East Midlands
- E - West Midlands
- F - East of England
- G - North London
- H - South London
- I - South East Central
- J - South East Coast
- K - South West Central
- L - South West Peninsula



## North East & Yorkshire - NHS England region

Networks A and B - 'North East & North Cumbria' and 'Yorkshire & Humber'



NHSE Region	New RRDNs		Current LCRNs in footprint	ICS Areas	Additional information
North East and Yorkshire	A	North East and North Cumbria	North East and North Cumbria (unchanged)	North East and North Cumbria	Population: 3.0m NHS Trusts: 11 Studies: 1,206 Participants: 181,110
	B	Yorkshire and Humber	Yorkshire and Humber (unchanged)	Humber and North Yorkshire  South Yorkshire  West Yorkshire	Population: 5.6m NHS Trusts: 22 Studies: 2,092 Participants: 290,796

## North West - NHS England region

Network C - 'North West'



NHSE Region	New RRDNs		Current LCRNs in footprint	ICS Areas	Additional information
North West	C	North West	Greater Manchester North West Coast	Cheshire and Merseyside Greater Manchester Lancashire and South Cumbria	Population: 7.0m NHS Trusts: 33 Studies: 2,311 Participants: 293,720

## Midlands - NHS England region

Network D and E - 'East Midlands' and 'West Midlands'



NHSE Region	New RRDNs		Current LCRNs in footprint	ICS Areas	Additional information
Midlands	D	East Midlands	East Midlands (unchanged)	Derby and Derbyshire  Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland  Lincolnshire  Northamptonshire  Nottingham and Nottinghamshire	Population: 4.7m NHS Trusts: 16 Studies: 1,662 Participants: 153,761
	E	West Midlands	West Midlands (unchanged)	Birmingham and Solihull  Black Country  Coventry and Warwickshire  Herefordshire and Worcestershire  Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin  Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent	Population: 5.9m NHS Trusts: 25 Studies: 1,921 Participants: 145,632

## East of England - NHS England region

Network F - 'East of England'



NHSE Region	New RRDN		Current LCRNs in footprint	ICS Areas	Additional information
East of England	F	East of England	East of England North Thames (part) Thames Valley (part)	Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Hertfordshire and West Essex Mid and South Essex Norfolk and Waveney Suffolk and North East Essex	Population: 6.6m NHS Trusts: 22 Studies: 1,636 Participants: 191,206

## London - NHS England region

Networks G and H - 'North London' and 'South London'



NHSE Region	New RRDNs		Current LCRNs in footprint	ICS Areas	Additional information
London	G	North London	North-West London  North Thames (part)	North Central London  North East London  North West London	Population: 5.7m NHS Trusts: 23 Studies: 2,637 Participants: 248,265
	H	South London	South London (unchanged)	South East London  South West London	Population: 3.3m NHS Trusts: 12 Studies: 2,256 Participants: 208,260

## South East - NHS England region

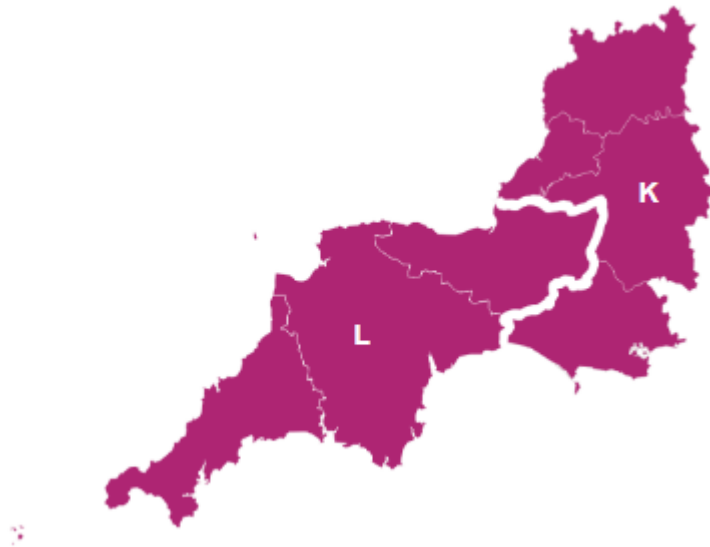
Networks I and J - 'South East Central' and 'South East Coast'



NHSE Region	New RRDNs		Current LCRNs in footprint	ICS Areas	Additional information
South East	I	South East Central	Thames Valley (part) Wessex (part) Kent, Surrey and Sussex (part)	Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West  Frimley  Hampshire and Isle of Wight	Population: 4.3m NHS Trusts: 13 Studies: 2,063 Participants: 285,727
	J	South East Coast	Kent, Surrey and Sussex	Kent and Medway  Surrey Heartlands  Sussex	Population: 4.6m NHS Trusts: 16 Studies: 1,271 Participants: 103,603

## South West - NHS England region

Networks K and L - 'South West Central' and 'South West Peninsula'



NHSE Region	New RRDNs		Current LCRNs in footprint	ICS Areas	Additional information
South West	K	South West Central	Wessex (part) West of England	Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire  Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire  Dorset  Gloucestershire	Population: 3.3m NHS Trusts: 11 Studies: 1,496 Participants: 109,964
	L	South West Peninsula	South West Peninsula  (unchanged)	Cornwall and The Isles of Scilly  Devon  Somerset	Population: 2.3m NHS Trusts: 10 Studies: 1,409 Participants: 67,604