

**SPECIALTY AND SETTING OFFICER
NIHR RESEARCH DELIVERY NETWORK COORDINATING CENTRE**



Salary Grade: 5

Reporting to: Health and Care Specialty/ Setting Programme Manager

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Overview of the Role

The University of Leeds has been chosen by the UK government to lead the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Research Delivery Network Coordinating Centre (RDNCC), and will be joined by 12 new Regional Research Delivery Networks (RRDNs), hosted by NHS organisations across the country to form the NIHR Research Delivery Network (RDN). The new NIHR RDN will operate as one unified organisation across England, balancing regional context, expertise and leadership with national coordination and strategy involving government policymakers. The RDNCC will work across England's health and care system, with staff in all settings, to support the effective and efficient initiation and delivery of research.

You will play a vital and active role as part of the Strategic Development Directorate, working across Specialties and Settings to perform a range of duties which support the activities of the team. Duties will include supporting a range of meetings and their leadership effectively and proactively; supporting time-sensitive communications work such as reports, consultations and case studies; and responding to external enquiries, escalating when necessary.

You will work collaboratively with colleagues within the RDNCC and liaise with other stakeholders as required. You will provide mutual support to colleagues in your team and across the RDNCC and will be positive and flexible in the way you approach your work to support the organisation-wide shift in ways of working and culture through the period of transformation and beyond.

This role requires some national travel.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Common duties and responsibilities for RDNCC Grade 5 roles

Provide comprehensive support for the effective administration, coordination and delivery of activities and projects within the function in line with organisational policies and priorities.

Work as an effective member of the team, providing support to colleagues, supervising staff and/or overseeing and guiding work of others as required and inputting into the function's plans and objectives.

Working collaboratively and liaising with RDNCC colleagues and stakeholders as required, contributing to discussions and sharing best practice to evaluate team and organisational activities and to support service improvements and the development and improvement of systems and processes.

Make decisions about your own work and respond efficiently and professionally to enquiries or requests for information, using guidance and procedures to resolve problems effectively, knowing when and how to refer to more complex queries.

Demonstrate a positive approach to work in terms of being focussed, flexible, professional, motivated and personally effective.

Duties and responsibilities specific to this role

1. Coordinate the set-up and delivery of meetings with internal and external stakeholders, (including National Specialty and Settings Leads) through proactive organisation and facilitation, to ensure successful delivery of the meetings and the actions and outcomes of discussion.
2. Support processes that facilitate National and NHS England Region-Based Specialty and Settings Leads to engage with the RDN, ensuring processes are consistent across all Specialties and Settings. This will include providing high-quality administrative support for National Specialty and Settings Leads as required.
3. Manage and maintain the shared National Specialty and Settings Leads inbox and calendar, responding to enquiries as appropriate and escalating or delegating to colleagues within the team where required.
4. Assist in the collation and analysis of data and intelligence from a range of sources relating to the health and care specialties and settings in liaison with the Specialty and Setting Coordinators, and support the Specialty and Setting Coordinators to use this information to drive strategic activities.
5. Contribute to the development and completion of time-sensitive communications such as meeting agendas, reports, consultations, and case studies as required, signposting to appropriate colleagues to support this activity where necessary.

6. Support processes for funders, sponsors and the RDN functions to access specialist expertise when required, including supporting the provision of responses to enquiries from DHSC in conjunction with colleagues across the directorate.
7. Provide support, and contribute to, strategic development work, projects, and the development of Strategic Development Directorate processes and operations, as required, to ensure continuous improvement and excellent customer service are delivered.

Other duties

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Essential requirements for RDNCC grade 5 roles

- The ability to positively support organisational change and transformation programmes in the way you approach your work and to provide mutual support to colleagues.
- Able to work proactively and independently and use your own initiative and to solve problems efficiently and professionally and to decide when to refer to more complex problems.
- Organisation skills with the ability to work flexibly to plan and prioritise work, deliver to deadlines and manage competing demands.
- Interpersonal skills with the ability to work collaboratively and develop and maintain effective working relationships with colleagues and stakeholders
- Written and verbal communication skills with the ability to articulate information clearly and with attention to detail.
- Computer literate, with experience of using word processing and spreadsheet software and the ability to adapt and learn how to use new programmes and systems.

Essential requirements specific to this role

- Experience of providing a range of high-quality administrative support activities to internal and external stakeholders, while supporting the completion of actions and outcomes from meetings and events, as appropriate.
- Excellent attention to detail and the ability to proactively identify, and support the delivery of, continual service and process improvement opportunities whilst maintaining business-critical activities to ensure the successful completion of day-to-

day work within the team.

- Experience of data extraction, handling, and interpretation from a variety of sources to support the writing of reports and communications

Additional information

NIHR Research Delivery Network

The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) is funded by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). NIHR works in partnership with the NHS, universities, local government, other research funders, patients and the public. The NIHR funds, enables and delivers world-leading health and social care research that improves people's health and wellbeing and promotes economic growth. NIHR is a major funder of applied health research in low and middle-income countries. Further information on the NIHR can be found at www.nihr.ac.uk.

As part of NIHR, the Research Delivery Network (RDN) supports the effective and efficient initiation and delivery of funded research across the health and care system in England for the benefit of patients, the health and care system and the economy. The scope and purpose of RDN is to support:

- Clinical trials and other well-designed health and social care research studies (including studies that are delivered outside of an NHS setting);
- Public health studies that require the recruitment of individuals within an NHS setting (that is, acute, ambulance, mental health, community or primary care) or an episode of care which involves contact with the NHS.

The whole of England will be supported through 12 NIHR Regional Research Delivery Networks (RRDNs). The RRDNs will work with the national Research Delivery Network Coordinating Centre (RDNCC) to provide a joint RDN leadership function so that the NIHR RDN as a whole functions as a single organisation with a shared vision and purpose across England.

The University of Leeds is the provider of the RDNCC, working with and on behalf of DHSC. The University will be the employer for this role.

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Inclusion

At the University of Leeds, we are committed to providing a culture of inclusion, respect and equity of opportunity that attracts, supports, and retains the best students and staff from all backgrounds. Whatever role we recruit for we are always striving to increase the diversity of our community, which each individual helps enrich and cultivate.

Information for disabled candidates

Information for disabled candidates, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found on our [Accessibility](#) information page or by getting in touch with us at hr@leeds.ac.uk

Criminal record information - Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975

A criminal record check is not required for this position. However, all applicants will be required to declare if they have any 'unspent' criminal offences, including those pending.

Any offer of appointment will be in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our [Criminal Records](#) information page.

Salary Requirements of the Skilled Worker Visa Route

Please note that due to Home Office visa requirements, this role is not suitable for first-time Skilled Worker visa applicants. Information on other visa options is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/work-visas>.

Working at the University of Leeds

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