



FACT SHEET

1. The public is supportive of clinical research. According to a recent consumer survey, **82%** of people questioned said it is important for the NHS to offer opportunities to take part in healthcare research.
(Source: OnePoll survey, 2012, commissioned by the NIHR Clinical Research Network)
2. In the same survey, **just 7%** of those questioned said they would *never* take part in a clinical research study.
(Source: OnePoll survey, 2012, commissioned by the NIHR Clinical Research Network)
3. Doctors and other clinicians play a key role in alerting patients to suitable clinical studies. **53%** of people say they would prefer to receive information about clinical studies from their doctor as part of a medical consultation.
(Source: OnePoll survey, 2012, commissioned by the NIHR Clinical Research Network)
4. The medical profession is behind research *in theory*. **97%** of healthcare professionals believe that healthcare research is important to the NHS.
(Source: HSJ survey, October 2011, in partnership with the NIHR CRN)
5. Many healthcare professionals believe that research is a vital element in innovation, with **91%** agreeing that clinical research helps to foster innovation in the NHS.
(Source: HSJ survey, October 2011, in partnership with the NIHR CRN)
6. Whilst clinicians can see the benefits for patients, in practice, there is more to do to develop a research culture in the NHS. **61%** of healthcare professionals believe that research is peripheral in their NHS Trust - demonstrating that NHS Trust Boards could do more to drive research across their organisations.
(Source: HSJ survey, October 2011, in partnership with the NIHR CRN)
7. Research is widespread, although depth of involvement varies. **99 per cent of NHS Trusts** conduct some level of clinical research, although this varies greatly from a single study in a single therapy area, to widespread research activity.
(Source: the National Institute for Health Research Clinical Research Network Portfolio)
8. In 2011-2012, the National Institute for Health Research Clinical Research Network helped to engage NHS patients in more than **3,500 studies**
(Source: the National Institute for Health Research Clinical Research Network Portfolio)
9. NHS research links with commercial pharma, med-tech and bio-tech are growing. In 2011-12, the Clinical Research Network recruited to nearly **500 commercial studies**, helping to bring important new treatments to UK patients more quickly.
(Source: the National Institute for Health Research Clinical Research Network Portfolio)
10. Last year, **nearly 600,000 patients** took part in clinical research studies in the NHS. *(Source: the National Institute for Health Research Clinical Research Network Portfolio)*