

## Media Release

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### UKCRC Registered CTUs Network recognises clinical trials expertise

The UK Clinical Research Collaboration (UKCRC) Registered Clinical Trials Units Network is pleased to announce that 46 clinical trials units have been successfully registered following the 2017 Registration Review Process which was led by an International Review Committee of experts. The outcome of the 2017 round brings the total number of UKCRC Registered Clinical Trials Units to 51.

The Registration Process which has been running since 2007 is designed to signpost the available high quality expertise to carry out clinical trials in the UK. Clinical Trials Units are specialist units that bring together the expertise needed to undertake a clinical trial, including statisticians, trial managers, information technology specialists and clinicians. The Registered Units form a network of UK wide Clinical Trials Units some of which have been registered since the first round of the process in 2007. To be eligible to apply, the Units had to demonstrate they were capable of centrally coordinating multi-centre clinical trials and other well-designed studies, taking overall responsibility for the design, conduct, data management, publicity and analysis of a trial in line with appropriate standards and regulations. Sir Kent Woods, Emeritus Professor at the University of Leicester and Chair of the International Review Committee said:

“The International Registration Review Committee is delighted to see the clear impact of this programme on the quality of conduct of clinical trials research in the UK.”

The registration process was coordinated in the University of Leeds by the UKCRC Registered CTU Network Secretariat on behalf of the UK Clinical Research Collaboration. Professor Julia Brown, Director of the UKCRC Registered CTU Network and Director of University of Leeds Institute of Clinical Trials Research said:

“The University of Leeds is delighted to host the UKCRC Registered CTUs Network which we see as key to underpinning the delivery of high quality clinical trials research in the UK”

A full list of the Registered Clinical Trials Units is available at [www.ukcrc-ctu.org.uk](http://www.ukcrc-ctu.org.uk)

**[Ends]**

For further information contact:

Saeeda Bashir  
Programme Manager  
Tel: 0113 3439132  
Email: [S.M.Bashir@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:S.M.Bashir@leeds.ac.uk)

## NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The Clinical Trials Units are required to meet a number of key competencies, which are assessed against detailed evaluation criteria and reviewed by an international panel. These include a track record of experience in coordinating multi-centre clinical trials, presence of expert staff and robust quality assurance systems, and evidence of long term viability of capacity for trials coordination. Clinical Trials Units that meet all these criteria will receive Full Registration. Those that were clearly working towards developing sufficient expertise to enable Full Registration but which do not yet meet all the criteria relating to infrastructure, resources and experience will receive Provisional Registration.

Further information on the UKCRC Clinical Trials Unit Registration Process is available at [www.ukcrc-ctu.org.uk](http://www.ukcrc-ctu.org.uk).

2. A list of all currently registered clinical trials units is available at [www.ukcrc-ctu.org.uk](http://www.ukcrc-ctu.org.uk).
3. The UK Clinical Research Collaboration (UKCRC), established in 2004, is a partnership of organisations working together to establish the UK as a world leader in clinical research by harnessing the potential of the NHS. The Partners include the key stakeholders that shape the health research environment, including research funders, the NHS, government, industry, academia, regulators, charities and patients. Detailed information on UKCRC activities can be found on the UKCRC website at [www.ukcrc.org](http://www.ukcrc.org).