



**Centre for
Research Equity**
through Pharmacy, Communities and Healthcare



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Northern Ireland Partnership Manifesto

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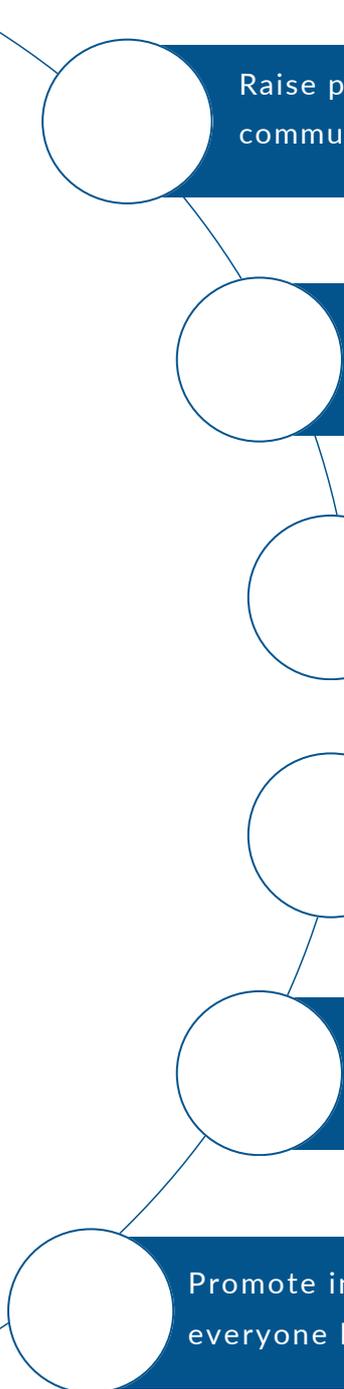




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The **vision** of this partnership is to advocate for research practices that prioritise inclusivity, equity, and meaningful engagement with diverse and underserved communities in Northern Ireland. Improving and embedding health literacy in clinical research in Northern Ireland, with a focus on patient and public involvement, will be central to the partnership aims.

Manifesto statements to develop equitable research for Northern Ireland



Raise public awareness and develop resources and capacity within communities for dialogue in research priorities and delivery.

Advance the understanding of inclusive research practice and community engagement in Northern Ireland

Ensure health and social care research is inclusive and representative of Northern Ireland's population, delivering relevant and applicable outcomes

Build on the evidence base around the determinants of health inequalities, propose methods and research designs to improve outcomes for the population of Northern Ireland

Support inclusive engagement, involvement, and participation in research through a breadth of activities across Northern Ireland

Promote inclusive participation methods and accessible trials to ensure everyone has equal opportunity to take part and benefit from research



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Aim

The aim is to increase research equity across the UK, including Northern Ireland, through a unique cross-boundary collaboration that shares knowledge, expertise, and resources to reduce research disparities and associated health inequities.

Why

Health and social care research is funded to improve the lives of the population across the life course. Research that is relevant and accessible requires a full understanding of population needs and priorities, which can be gained only through direct, sustained, and constructive interactions with communities. Health and social care providers are a conduit to accessing the population and embedding research in prevention, treatment, and management of health and wellbeing.

Who

The [Centre for Research Equity \(CfRE\)](#) group, established in 2023, led by Prof Mahendra Patel OBE and Prof Chris Butler, is an independent, non-profit coalition of patient and public advocates, healthcare professionals, researchers, pharma and health industry, academics, and regulators.

The voluntary partnership is with the [Health and Social Care Research and Development \(HSC R&D\) Division](#) in Northern Ireland, supported by the Department of Health Northern Ireland. It aims to advance the understanding of and improve inclusive research practice and community engagement. This is achieved by developing a spoke to work alongside the CfRE resource hub, knowledge mobilisation platform to develop learning across the UK, provide consistency and reduce duplication.

Membership of the partnership is based on expertise and commitment toward better and meaningful inclusion in research inside and outside of member organisations.



What is being planned?

- Provide support and training for research and support staff to increase health and social care equity.
- Evidence the benefits for community-based recruitment and research trial/study design.
- Build on the evidence base around the determinants of health and social care inequalities and propose methods and research design to improve outcomes for all.
- Support inclusive patient and public involvement and participation in research.

This will be achieved through:

- Advice at research trial development and delivery phases to understand the equity implications and provide solutions.
- Building a delivery network through UK-wide health and social care networks, community, and faith groups.
- Structured training programmes including workshops, toolkits, and guidance.
- Presentations to share the work that has successfully overcome barriers to health and social care equity.
- Showcase and evidence trials, including platform trials, and other novel research study/trial design mechanisms to deliver inclusive research in the real world.
- Curate a repository of exemplar case studies with supporting evaluation data.
- Monitor and evaluate mechanisms to evidence increase in health and social care equity.



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Our Northern Ireland Partner Organisations



