

Northern England Strategic Clinical Networks

# Research

## Introduction

We are committed to leading and participating in national and local research studies. During your investigation or treatment you may be invited to take part in one of the research projects taking place in the hospital you are being treated at.

## What is research?

Research is the term used to gather information to improve our understanding and knowledge of a subject. Research may take the form of testing of new treatments or completing questionnaires. Blood, saliva and tumour samples may also be taken to find more about genetic causes of conditions. The aim of this research is to enhance the care and treatments our patients receive in order to successfully treat certain cancer conditions.

## How you will be approached?

Your doctor is aware of the research projects that are currently recruiting patients and will speak to you at your clinic appointment or you may be contacted by one of the research staff. Some research projects are looking for patients with a specific condition, so you may not be approached if you do not have that condition. However, please feel free to ask your doctor or specialist nurse if you have not been approached.

## More information on Research

There are local research staff which assist with projects and they can be contacted through the switchboard of the hospital you are being treated at.

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