

**UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL BIRMINGHAM NHS FOUNDATION TRUST
REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY 26 MAY 2011**

Title:	BIRMINGHAM & THE BLACK COUNTRY COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL RESEARCH NETWORK (CLRN) FUNDING ALLOCATIONS 2011/12
Responsible Director:	Tim Jones, Executive Director of Delivery
Contact:	Theresa Morton, CLRN Senior Manager (Ext 2022)
Purpose:	The purpose of this paper is to request approval from the Board of Directors of the allocation of CLRN funding to CLRN Member Organisations for 2011/12.
Confidentiality Level & Reason:	None
Annual Plan Ref:	Aim 3: Research and Innovation - To ensure UHB is a leader of research and innovation
Key Issues Summary:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UHB hosts Birmingham & the Black Country CLRN and is responsible for the management of CLRN funding (£11.3m in 2011/12) in line with an agreement between UHB and the Secretary of State. 2. Funding has been allocated to cover UHB's costs of hosting the CLRN and employing the CLRN Management Team. 3. Funding has also been allocated to the CLRN Member Organisations and Local Research Networks through an application process. 4. Authorisation of the Board of Directors is required in order to make payments in line with the allocations.
Recommendations:	<p>The Board of Directors is asked to:</p> <p>APPROVE the proposed allocation of CLRN funding as detailed in Appendix 1.</p>

Signed:	Date: 11 May 2011
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PRESENTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DELIVERY

1. Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to request approval from the Board of Directors with regard to the allocations of Birmingham & the Black Country Comprehensive Local Research Network (CLRN) funding and authorise payments in line with these allocations.

2. Background

2.1 The Trust is host to Birmingham & the Black Country CLRN under an Agreement with the Department of Health which expires on 31st March 2013. As host, the Trust has responsibility for managing the CLRN's funding.

2.2 The CLRN has a budget of £11,346,233 for 2011/12. This is divided into hosting costs, management costs and delivery funding.

2.2.1 Hosting the CLRN is a cost-neutral activity. The host costs have been set by UHBFT finance department in line with NIHR guidance.

2.2.2 Management costs constitute the pay and non pay costs associated with employing the CLRN management team, including an honorarium to the CLRN Board Chair and sessional payments to members of the CLRN Executive Group. These allocations have been made in line with NIHR guidance.

2.2.3 Delivery funding is used to support the Research Management and Governance (RM&G) and NHS service support costs associated with delivering NIHR Portfolio studies. The RM&G element is costed using an activity based model. The service support element is primarily allocated through an application process based on the Member Organisations' and Local Research Networks' own stated needs.

2.3 The allocations to each organisation are presented in Appendix I. These have been approved by the CLRN's Executive Group and were ratified by the CLRN Board on 9 May 2011. Formal sign-off by the NIHR Clinical Research Network Coordinating Centre is expected by the end of May 2011.

2.4 The Board of Directors is asked to approve the allocation of the CLRN budget.

3. **Summary**

This paper outlines the aspects of CLRN funding for which the Trust is responsible and requests expenditure of the CLRN's budget in line with allocations approved by the NIHR.

4. **Recommendations:**

The Board of Directors is asked to:

APPROVE the allocation of CLRN funding as detailed in appendix 1.

Tim Jones
Executive Director of Delivery

Appendix I: BBC CLRN Funding Allocations 2011/12

	2011/12 Allocation			
	Delivery Funding	RM&G	Other	Total
Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	1,443,068	38,322	0	1,481,390
Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust	<i>Note 1</i>	<i>Note 2</i>	0	0
Birmingham East and North PCT	<i>Note 1</i>	<i>Note 2</i>	0	0
Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust	307,162	17,965	0	325,127
Birmingham Women's Health Care NHS Foundation Trust	378,071	22,726	0	400,797
Dudley PCT	<i>Note 1</i>	<i>Note 2</i>	0	0
Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust	0	<i>Note 2</i>	0	0
Heart of Birmingham Teaching PCT	0	<i>Note 2</i>	0	0
Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust	1,223,726	82,685	0	1,306,411
Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (formerly SMHSCT)	18,041	<i>Note 2</i>	0	18,041
Sandwell PCT	<i>Note 1</i>	<i>Note 2</i>	0	0
Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust	895,995	69,310	0	965,305
Solihull Care Trust	<i>Note 1</i>	<i>Note 2</i>	0	0
The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	1,009,466	43,988	0	1,053,454
The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	203,984	5,372	0	209,356
South Birmingham PCT	<i>Note 1</i>	<i>Note 2</i>	0	0
University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust (formerly Heart of Birmingham Teaching PCT)	12,903	<i>n/a</i>	0	12,903
University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust	2,758,719	91,181	0	2,849,900
Walsall Hospitals NHS Trust	83,116	13,781	0	96,897
Walsall Teaching PCT	<i>Note 1</i>	<i>Note 2</i>	0	0
CLRN RM&G Consortium	<i>n/a</i>	164,008	0	164,008
Medicines for Children Research Network	65,054	<i>n/a</i>	0	65,054
Mental Health Research Network	178,408	<i>n/a</i>	0	178,408
Primary Care Research Network	1,195,117	<i>n/a</i>	0	1,195,117
Stroke Research Network	101,817	<i>n/a</i>	0	101,817
CLRN-wide	335,864	100,851	20,000	456,715
CLRN Management Costs	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	340,828	340,828
CLRN Host Costs	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	109,724	109,724
Total	10,210,510	650,189	470,552	11,331,252
CLRN Allocation				11,346,233
Contingency Remaining				14,981

Note 1: All studies are expected to be managed through the Primary Care Research Network, and as such the Service Support Costs have been allocated directly to the Primary Care Research Network as agreed with these organisations.

Note 2: RM&G is undertaken by the CLRN RM&G Consortium (hosted by UHB), and as such the funding will go directly to the Consortium as agreed with these organisations.