



National Institute for Health Research

The NIHR commissions and funds NHS, social care and public health research that is essential for delivering our responsibilities in public, health and personal social services. Their role is to develop the research evidence to support decision making by professionals, policy makers and patients, make this evidence available, and encourage its uptake and use.

The NIHR's Dementias & Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network (DeNDRoN) is one of six topic-specific Clinical Research Networks in England that support research to make patients, and the NHS, better. NIHR DeNDRoN supports the development and delivery of clinical research in the NHS in the dementias, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, motor neurone disease, and other neurodegenerative diseases.

Scope

During early 2011, Alison was an interim senior project lead and change manager across Kent & Medway, Surrey and South London delivering :

- a regional network business review, focussing on current quality of services, care pathways, resources, innovation, partnership working, and progress in delivering the Dementia Strategy.
- identification of business opportunities for embedding more research into clinical practice
- implementation of leadership structures underpinned by robust integrated governance

Outcomes:

- A detailed operational and financial regional service review of research into dementia and the neurodegenerative diseases including engagement of key clinicians and academics, and recommendations on the priority areas for improvement.
- Establishment of a regional Project Board with key regional champions to deliver the regional INTERACT project with clear governance structures



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