

## Essex and Hertfordshire CLRN Local Specialty Group Leads

The LSGs established within the CLRN offer grass roots expertise on feasibility and “do-ability” of local, national and international studies registered with, or in the process of being adopted onto, the NIHR portfolio. The key aspect of the Groups’ remit is to provide advice on and to facilitate effective recruitment to the NIHR portfolio studies. They also contribute to expanding local Chief Investigator capacity and provide opportunities to learn about practical aspects of clinical research.

LSG Leads assist the CLRN Executive with identifying and addressing issues relating to research activity in their specialist fields, and maintain a strategic overview of the local infrastructure required for effective conduct of the NIHR portfolio studies.

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