**Gloucestershire Primary Care Research Champions (PCRC)**

Following a successful bid for funding from West of England Clinical Research Network (CRN), Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Trust (GHC) and Gloucestershire ICB have appointed their first 5 **Primary Care Research Champion GP practices**. This was following an advert placed back in June 2024, offering 0.1 WTE for the equivalent of a Band 7 role.

The 5 Primary Care Research Champion practices are:

* Phoenix Health Group, Cirencester
* Prices Mill Surgery, Nailsworth
* Severnside Medical Practice, Gloucester
* Mann Cottage Surgery, Moreton-in-the-Marsh
* Beeches Green Surgery, Stroud

We have now had two meetings of the Primary Care Research Champions and we felt it was time to provide everyone with an update.

The PCRC consists of 5 GP Practices, the GHC Research Matron and the GHC Research Administrator who are working together to develop and expand the Primary Care Research Portfolio across the county. The objectives of the project are to:

* Map current research activity in primary care, exploring active sites, active research studies and identifying practices interested in developing their research portfolio.
* Create and lead a community of practice for research active/interested staff.
* Identify the barriers and challenges that may be preventing sites from becoming research active.
* Identify opportunities for opening studies and developing the research portfolio in primary care.
* Helping GP practices to get more involved in commercial research.
* Identify opportunities for collaboration across the healthcare, social care and education sectors both within Gloucestershire and with regional partners.
* Consider a reflective account of the role as a PCRC

This project is still evolving. If anyone has any feedback or would like to know more about the project please contact Marelle Harvey GHC Research Matron at [Marelle.harvey@ghc.nhs.uk](mailto:Marelle.harvey@ghc.nhs.uk) or Brionne Thomas GHC Research Administrator at [Brionne.thomas@ghc.nhs.uk](mailto:Brionne.thomas@ghc.nhs.uk)