

Position Title: Research Theme Lead – NIHR Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) North West London (NWL)

The NIHR Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) North West London seeks applications for the role of Research Theme Lead to support an application for an NIHR ARC in NWL for the period April 2026 to March 2031. This will require working with other theme leads, ARC staff and stakeholders from academia and the health and care sector locally and nationally, including other ARCs to develop an application for a new ARC programme in NWL. The individual will play a key leadership role, managing a specific research theme if the application for a new ARC programme is successful and contribute to the overall strategic objectives of ARC NWL for the 2026-2031 programme period.

Commitment and Tenure: The role requires a minimum commitment of 20% Full-Time Equivalent (FTE), provided as an in-kind contribution from the individual's current employer, up to March 2031.

The proposed themes are:

1. Health Data Research
2. Social Care
3. Early Diagnosis of Cancer
4. Implementation and Evaluation
5. Long Term Conditions
6. Digital Health / Self-Driven Healthcare
7. Child Population Health

Please note that theme titles may change as may the final list of themes; so this list should not be seen as definitive.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Strategic Direction and Leadership:** Lead and manage a designated research theme, ensuring alignment with the ARC's overall goals and contributing to regional and national health improvement priorities.
- **Programme Development:** Design and oversee research activities within the theme, fostering a culture of innovation and evidence-based practice.
- **Research Funding:** Apply for funding to expand ARC research programmes and other applied health research programmes in NW London.
- **Collaboration and Networking:** Build and sustain effective partnerships with academic institutions, health services, social care bodies, and the wider NIHR network.
- **Research Excellence and Impact:** Drive high-quality research outputs that demonstrate clear benefits and applications within the health and care landscape.
- **Engagement and Dissemination:** Promote the work of the research theme through publications, conferences, and collaborations to elevate the profile and impact of ARC NWL.
- **Capacity Building and Mentorship:** Support the growth and development of junior researchers and project teams within the theme, ensuring skill enhancement and professional development.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Demonstrated leadership in managing research programmes with significant outcomes and impact.
- Strong national and regional professional networks, particularly within the ARC network, NIHR infrastructures, or related fields.
- A proven track record of fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and promoting research impact across varied sectors.
- Institutional support to undertake the responsibilities of the Theme Lead role.

Eligibility and Inclusivity: The position is open to professionals from various disciplines, including academia, clinical practice, public health, and social care in North West London.

Application Process: Applicants should submit the following:

An updated CV.

A concise cover letter (up to two pages) that outlines relevant expertise, motivation, and vision for leading the research theme.

Review and Selection: Applications will be reviewed by a selection panel comprising academic and healthcare leaders from NW. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview.

Deadline: Please submit applications by Friday 15 November and **state which theme lead role you are applying for**. Applications should be sent to Ella Kennedy e.kennedy@imperial.ac.uk and Megan Russell megan.russell@imperial.ac.uk.

Contact for Further Information: For questions or additional information, please contact Professor Azeem Majeed, Director of NIHR ARC NWL, via email: a.majeed@imperial.ac.uk.

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