

NIHR BioResource Centre Manchester

The NIHR BioResource Centre Manchester is one of 13 centres around England which make up the NIHR BioResource for Translational Research in Common and Rare Diseases. This integrates existing NIHR resources into a single facility, recruiting patients with both common and rare diseases, their relatives and healthy volunteers to take part in experimental medicine and clinical research studies. All the personal data and samples are held securely and protected by national governance and ethics policies.

The NIHR BioResource Centre Manchester sits within the wider NIHR infrastructure in Manchester, including the NIHR Manchester Biomedical Research Centre and Clinical Research Facility, and is led by Professor Gareth Evans. He is Consultant in Medical Genetics and Cancer Epidemiology at Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust and The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, and Professor of Medical Genetics and Cancer Epidemiology at The University of Manchester. Professor Evans has a national and international reputation in clinical and research aspects of genetics, particularly in neurofibromatosis and breast cancer.

The Operational Group meets on a regular basis to ensure successful implementation of BioResource plans. This group includes Professor Ian Bruce, Director of the NIHR Manchester Biomedical Research Centre. The NIHR Manchester Biomedical Research Centre connects world-leading researchers based at The University of Manchester and three NHS Trusts in Greater Manchester, with a joint vision to drive forward the transformation of scientific breakthroughs into life-saving treatments and care for patients.

In the North West (NW), patients diagnosed with eligible common and rare diseases will be asked to give their consent for their health information and biological samples to be shared with the NIHR BioResource. New research studies into common and rare diseases will benefit from accessing these patient samples. The Manchester team will also collect additional samples and information from healthy volunteers across the NW region.

Manchester is the lead BioResource centre for [Neurofibromatosis Type 1](#) and [Neurofibromatosis Type 2](#) (both led by Prof Gareth Evans) and [Congenital Hyperinsulinism](#) (led by Prof Mark Dunne) and will also be recruiting participants across the other rare and common disease categories. If you are interested in participating in the study or finding out more you can contact:

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