



**DAY 1 | MONDAY 13 APRIL 2026**

**08:00 Delegate registration and exhibition viewing**

**Session 1 - Opening Plenary**  
*Chair: Karen Roy, ICR Board Co-Chair*

**09:30 ICR Welcome**

**Speaker:** *Karen Roy; Peter Davidson; Tina Barton*

**Panel on the Future of the Clinical Research Industry**

**09:45 Chair:** *Martin Gouldstone, CEO, Oncimmune;*

**Panellists:** *Alistair Macdonald, CEO, Worldwide Clinical Trials; James Pound, Director of Innovation and Compliance, MHRA; Paul Agapow, CSO, Bayezian*

**11:00 Refreshments and exhibition viewing**

**Session 2 – Increasing Clinical Research in the UK**  
*Chairs: Helen Buck & Jo Burmester*

**11:30 What's New in Medical Device Clinical Investigations: An MHRA Update**

**Speaker:** *Mark Grumbridge, Head of Clinical Investigation, MHRA*

**12:00 UK Clinical Trial Regulation Updates and Priorities for Implementation**

**Speaker:** *Kingyin Lee, Head of Clinical Trials, MHRA*

**12:30 HRA view on Clinical Trials**

**Speaker:** *Kate Greenwood, Senior Improvement Delivery Manager, HRA*

**13:00 Lunch and exhibition viewing**

**Session 3 – Raising the profile of Clinical Research**  
*Chair: Christine McGrath, ICR Board*

**14:00 NIHR Industry Hub**

**Speaker:** *Dr. Kate Jones, Director of Research Delivery, NIHR*

**14:30 Milestones, Millstones, and Moonshots: The role of Patients, Carers, and the Public in Clinical Research**

**Speaker:** *Simon Denegri, Chair of UKCRC CTU Network and Sense About Science*

**14:50 From Information to Intention: The Psychology of Joining a Trial**

**Speaker:** *Keith Berelowitz, Founder & CEO, PRX Engage Inc.*

**15:10 Enrolment IS Patient: Designing Trials Patients Can Actually Live With**

**Speaker:** *Mr Liam Eves, Founder of Renable*

**15:30 Refreshments and exhibition viewing**

**Session 4 – Round tables on Clinical Research Challenges**  
*Chair: Lucy Clossick Thomson, Purespring*

**Roundtables on Clinical Research Challenges:**

- 16:00**
- **Accelerating Start-Up Timelines in the UK**  
*Karen Shepherd, Biogen;*  
*Sarah Fallon, NIHR;*  
*Kate Greenwood, HRA*
  - **Risk-Based approaches including DCTs**  
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*Graham Wylie, MRN*



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*Daniel Nasmyth-Miller, Freelance Consultant, Nasmyth CRC*

- **Reducing Site Burden: Realistic Wins**  
*Mariam J Al-Laith, Imperial*
- **Developing Clinical Operations Talent for the future**  
*Samantha Hadfield, PPD*  
*Jo Burmester, Consultant*
- **Inspection Readiness: What Sponsors Get Wrong**  
*Dr. Fatemeh Jami, Worldwide Clinical Trials*
- **Diversity & Inclusion in Clinical Trials**  
*Tina Barton and Shalom Lloyd, eMQT*
- **Moving the TMF, protocol and others to a digital world: Documents to Data**  
*Karen Roy, Phlexglobal and Tim Hardman, Niche*

17:00

**Final address from chair and close of day 1 of conference**

**Chair: Jane Bentley, ICR**

19:00

**ICR Networking Reception**

*Mercian Foyer, BCEC*



**DAY 2 | TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2026**

**08:00 Delegate registration and exhibition viewing**

**Session 5 – Innovative Clinical Trials**

*Chair: Stephanie Jones, Associate Director, Clinical Trial Delivery Unit, Biogen*

**Innovation in Alzheimer's**

**09:00 Speaker:** *Sharon Allin, Director, Head of Patient R&R, Patient Centricity and Engagement, Biogen*  
*Dr. Ben Fell, Head of Research, Akrivia Health*

**09:30 Recall-by-genotype and phenotype: clinical trial recruitment with Our Future Health**

**Speaker:** *Dr. Cosima Gretton, Executive Director, Our Future Health*

**10:00 Identifying and Characterising Precision Cohorts from EHR Data**

**Speaker:** *Dr. Peter Fish, CEO, Mendelian*

**10:30 Refreshments and exhibition viewing**

**Session 6 – Site Innovation and Collaboration**

*Chair: Mikayala King, Research and Development QA Manager, University Hospital Southampton*

**11:00 Site Excellence, Innovation and Partnership**

**Speaker:** *Bianca Mills, Head of Research and Development, RCHT*

**Site Digitalisation including ISF**

**11:30 Speakers:** *Luke Atwill, Acting R&D Quality Assurance Lead for Wessex Commercial Research Delivery Centre, University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust, and*  
*Carolyn Maloney CMgr MCMI, R&I Director of Operations, University Hospital of Leicester NHS Trust*

**12:00 Ensuring Secure Data Environments at Investigator Sites: A CRO's Guide to Protecting Clinical Trial Integrity**

**Speaker:** *Shaun Hastings, Director of Quality Assurance, PHARMEExcel*

**12:30 Lunch and exhibition viewing**

**Session 7a – Risk proportionality and ICH E6 R3**

*Chair: Daniel Nasmyth-Miller, Freelance Consultant, Nasmyth CRC*

**13:30 Risk proportionality and ICH E6 R3**

**Speaker:** *Mrs Rebecca Stanbrook, EFPIA Topic lead for ICH E6(R3)*

**14:15 Keeping Quality Simple: CSV doesn't need to be burdensome**

**Speaker:** *Kieran McKeever, Director of Aoire Ltd*

**Session 7b – Role of AI in Clinical Trials**

*Chair: Tim Hardman, Founder and Managing Director, Niche Science & Technology Ltd*

**14:45 Responsible AI Adoption of Clinical Research**

**Speaker:** *Sheuli Porkess, Director, PM Life Sciences*

**15:15 Final address from chair and close of conference**

*Chair: Sally-Ann McDowell & Graham Wylie, ICR*