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ABHI	Association of British Healthcare Industries
ABPI	Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry
ACFs	Academic Clinical Fellowships
ACTNoW	Accelerating Clinical Trials across the Northern Way
ADASS/ADSS	Association of Directors of Adult Social Services
ADR	Adverse Drug Reaction
AE	Adverse Event
AERC	Alcohol Education and Research Council
AHP	Allied Health Professionals
AHRC	Arts and Humanities Research Council
AI	Adverse Incident
AIMDD	Active Implantable Medical Devices Directive
ALIP	Assisted Living Innovation Platform
AMED	The Allied and Complementary Medicine Database
AMRC	The Association of Medical Research Charities
AMS	Academy of Medical Sciences
APHO	Association of Public Health Observatories
APMS	Alternative Provider Medical Services
AR	Adverse Reaction
ARCO	Attributing revenue costs of externally funded non-commercial research in the NHS
ARMA	Association of Research Managers and Administrators
ARSAC	Administration for Radioactive Substances Advisory Committee
AWARD	All Wales Alliance for Research and Development in Health and Social Care

B

BARQA	British Association of Research Quality Assurance
BBSRC	Biotechnology and Biological Science Research Council
BHMA	British Herbal Medicines Association
BIR	British Institute of Radiology
BIS	Department for Business Innovation and Skills
BMA	British Medical Association
BMJ	British Medical Journal
BNI	British Nursing Index
BRC	Biomedical Research Centre
BRfBH	Best Research for Best Health
BRU	Biomedical Research Unit

C

CAPSS	(MHRN) Child and Adolescent (Psychiatric) Surveillance System
CARN	Collaborative Action Research Network
CBC	Comprehensive Biomedical Research Centre

CCF	Central Commissioning Facility
CCRA	Clinical Contract Research Association
CCRN	Comprehensive Clinical Research Network
CCT	Current Controlled Trials
CfH	Connecting for Health
C.H.A.I.N	Contacts, Help, Advice & Information Network
CI	Chief Investigator
CINAHL	Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature
CL	Clinical Lectureships
CLAHRC	Collaborations for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care
CLG	Consumer Liaison Group (NCRN)
CLRN	Comprehensive Local Research Networks
CMO	Chief Medical Officer (of the Department of Health)
CNO	Chief Nursing Officer
CPA	Centre for Policy on Ageing
CPHVA	Community Practitioners and Health Visitors Association
CRC Cymru	Clinical Research Collaboration Cymru (Wales)
CRD	Centre for Reviews and Dissemination
CRF	Clinical Research Facility
CRG	Clinical Research Groups
CSG	Clinical Studies Groups
CRN	Clinical Research Networks
CRNCC	NIHR Clinical Research Network Co-ordinating Centre
CRO	Contract Research Organisation or Clinical Research Office
CRO mCIA	Clinical Research Organisation model Clinical Investigation Agreement
CSO	Chief Scientist Officer Scotland
CSP	NIHR Coordinated System for Gaining NHS Permissions
CTA	Clinical Trial Authorisations
CTAAC	Clinical Trials Awards and Advisory Committee
CTD	Clinical Trial Directive
C-TRIC	Clinical Translational Research and Innovation Centre
CTU	Clinical Trials Unit
CYPRN	Children's and Young People Research Network Wales

D

DASL	Data and Story Library
DCMO	Deputy Chief Medical Officer
DCSF	Department for Children, Schools and Families
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DENDRON	Dementias and Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network
DH	Department of Health
DIUS	Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills
DRN	Diabetes Research Network
DRN Wales	Diabetes Research Network Wales
DUETS	UK Database of Uncertainties about the Effects of Treatments

E

EBI	European Bioinformatics Institute
EC	European Commission
ECCO	European CanCer Organisation
ECRIN	European Clinical Research Infrastructures Network

eCas	Electronic Commissioning and Appraisal System
ECMCs	Experimental Cancer Medicines Centres
EEA	European Economic Area
EEC	European Economic Community
ELSA	English Longitudinal Survey of Ageing
EME	Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Clinical Research Programme
EMA	European Medicines Agency
EORTC	European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer
EPSRC	Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council
EQUATOR	Enhancing the Quality and Transparency of Health Research
ERIC	Ethics Research Information Catalogue
ESR	Electronic Staff Register
ESRC	Economic and Social Research Council
ESTRI	Electronic Standards for the Transfer of Regulatory Information
EudraCT	European Clinical Trials Database
Eudravigilance	European Database for Pharmacovigilance

F

FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FEC	Full Economic Costings
FIG	Faculty Implementation Group NIHR
FSF	Flexibility and Sustainability Funding
FSA	Food Standards Agency

G

GCP	Good Clinical Practice
GMP	Good Manufacturing Practice
GHP	Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists
GMC	General Medical Council
GMS	General Medical Services
GPRF	General Practice Research Framework
GTAC	Gene Therapy Advisory Committee

H

HEFCE	Higher Education Funding Council England
HEFCW	Higher Education Funding Council Wales
HEI	Higher Education Institutions
HFEA	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority
HGC	Human Genetics Commission
HIRU	Health Information Research Unit
HLISD	Health Library & Information Services Directory
HOWIS	Health of Wales Information Service
HPA	Health Protection Agency
HRB	Health Research Board (Ireland)
HSC	Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland
HRC	Honorary Research Contract
HRSS	Health Research Support Service
HTA	Health Technology Assessment
HTA	Human Tissue Authority

I

i4i	Invention for Innovation Programme
IAT	Integrated Academic Training
ICH-GCP	International Conference on Harmonisation Good Clinical Practice
ICTRP	International Clinical Trials Registry Platform
IFPMA	International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Associations
IG	Information Governance
IFPMA	International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations
IMCA	Independent Mental Capacity Advocate
IMI	Innovative Medicines Initiative
IMPs	Investigational Medicinal Products
IP	Intellectual Property
IRAS	Integrated Research Application System
ISRCTN	International Standard Randomised Controlled Trial Number

J

JISC	Joint Information Systems Committee
JRF	Joseph Rowntree Foundation

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L

LRN	Local Research Networks
LARIA	Local Authorities Research & Intelligence Association
LDAN	Learning Difficulties and Autism Research Network Wales
LHB	Local Health Board
LLAIS	Language Awareness Infrastructure Support Service
LoA	Letter of Access
LREC	Local Research Ethics Committee

M

MA	Manufacturing Authorisation
MCRN	Medicines for Children Research Network
MHRA	Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency
MHRN	Mental Health Research Network
MHRNC	Mental Health Research Network Cymru
MMV	Medicines for Malaria Venture
MOSAIC	Mechanisms of Severe Acute Influenza Consortium
MRC	Medical Research Council
MRP	Methodology Research Programme

N

NCB	National Childrens Bureau
NCI	National Cancer Institute (America)
NCRI	National Cancer Research Institute
NCRN	National Cancer Research Network
NCVO	National Council for Voluntary Organisations
NERC	Natural Environment Research Council
NEURODEM	Dementias and Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network Wales
NETSCC	NIHR Evaluation, Trials and Studies Co-ordinating Centre
NHAIS	National Health Applications & Infrastructure Service
NHS CfH	NHS Connecting for Health

NIC	National Innovation Centre
NICE	National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence
NICRN	Northern Ireland Clinical Research Network
NIGB	National Information Governance Board
NIH	National Institute of Health (USA)
NIHR	National Institute for Health Research
NIHR HSR	NIHR Health Service Research Programme
NIHR PHR	NIHR Public Health Research Programme
NIHR RDS	NIHR Research Design Services
NIHR SDO	NIHR Service Delivery and Organisation Programme
NIHR TCC	NIHR Trainees Co-ordinating Centre
NIII	National Institute for Innovation and Improvement
NOCRI	NIHR Office for Clinical Research Infrastructure
NPCRDC	National Primary Care Research and Development Centre
NPSA	National Patient Safety Agency
NRES	National Research Ethics Service
NRR	National Research Register
NRRSC	National Research Register for Social Care
NRSCC	NHS Research Scotland Co-ordinating Centre
NSF	National Service Frameworks
NSPCR	National School for Primary Care Research
N-WORTH	North Wales Organisation for Randomised Trials in Health

O

OPAN	Older People & Ageing Network Wales
OSCHR	Office for Strategic Co-ordination of Health Research

P

PCRN	Primary Care Research Network
PCT	Primary Care Trust
PGfAR	Programme Grants for Applied Research
PHA	Public Health Agency
PHIRN	Public Health Improvement Research Network
PI	Principal Investigator
PIAG	Patient Information Advisory Group
POST	Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology
PPI	Patient Public Involvement
PRP	Policy Research Programme

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R

RAE	Research Assessment Exercise (replaced by the REF)
RCGP	Royal College of General Practitioners
RCM	Royal College of Midwives
RCN	Royal College of Nursing
RCP	Research Capability Programme
RCT	Randomised Controlled Trials
REC	Regional Ethics Committees
REF	Research Excellence Framework (Replaced RAE)
RfPB	Research for Patient Benefit Programme

RGF Research Governance Framework (England)
RISC Research for Innovation, Speculation and Creativity
RMG/RM&G Research Management & Governance
RSS Really Simple Syndication

S

SAE Serious Adverse Event (In a Trial)
SAHSC Scottish Academic Health Sciences Collaboration
SCIE Social Care Institute of Excellence
SCOTMCN Scottish Medicines for Children Research Network
SCOTDRON Scottish Dementia Research Network
SCREC National Social Care Research Ethics Committee
SCRN Scottish Cancer Research Network
SDRN Scottish Diabetes Research Network
SEWTU South East Wales Trials Unit
SHA Strategic Health Authorities
SHEFC Scotland Higher Education Funding Council
SIGN Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network
SINAPSE Scottish Imaging Network
SIRN Scottish Infection Research Network
SMHRN Scottish Mental Health Research Network
SMP Standard Manufacturing Procedures
SOP Standard Operating Procedures
SPARC Streamlined NHS Permissions Approach to Research – Cymru
SPCRN Scottish Primary Care Research Network
SPSRN Scottish Patient Safety Research Network
SRN Stroke Research Network
SSA Site Specific Assessment
SSAR Serious Suspected Adverse Reaction
SSCR School for Social Care Research
SSRG Social Services Research Group
SSRN Scottish Stroke Research Network
SSI Site Specific Information
SUSAR Suspected Unexpected Serious Adverse Reaction

T

TCRN Topic Specific Clinical Research Networks
TMF Trial Master File
TOPRA The Organisation for Professionals in Regulatory Affairs
TRUST Thematic Research Network for Emergency and Unscheduled Treatment Wales
TSC Trial Steering Committee

U

UKCC UK Cochrane Centre
UKCDS UK Collaborative on Development Sciences
UKCRC UK Clinical Research Collaboration
UKECA UK Ethics Committee Authority
UKPMC UK Pubmed Central
UKRIO UK Research Integrity Office
UKSCB UK Stem Cell Bank

V

W

WAG

Welsh Assembly Government

WCTN

Wales Cancer Trials Network

WEDHS

Wales Equality and Diversity in Health and Social Care Research and Support Service

WERN

Wales Epilepsy Research Network

WHESS

Welsh Health Economics Support Service

WHO

World Health Organisation

WISERD

Wales Institute of Social and Economic Research, Data and Methods

WIsH

Wales Innovations in Healthcare

WMA

World Medical Association

WORD

Wales Office for Research and Development for Health and Social Care

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