The NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) enables patients and medical professionals to participate in high quality research that benefits the NHS and the public. This sheet shows the CRN’s activity in numbers for 2018-19.

**Record numbers take part**
More than eight hundred and seventy thousand participants (870,250) took part in clinical research across England - the highest number since records began and an increase of over 140,000 since 2017/18.

**Year on year growth**
The number of participants recruited into studies supported by NIHR hit record levels for the third year in a row - with the annual participation growth rate at 20%, the highest on record.

**Record number of new studies**
The number of new studies being supported by the NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) was the highest yet, with the CRN pledging its support to 2,194 new studies over the year.

**Life sciences industry research thriving**
The number of participants taking part in commercial contract research - studies sponsored by the life science or pharmaceutical industry remains high for the second year in succession. The NIHR CRN helped recruit 46,064 participants to commercial studies - the second highest number on record.

The number of new commercial contract studies being set up across the year reached record levels - with 740 new studies sponsored by the life sciences industry registered on the NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) portfolio in 2018/19, bringing the total number of studies being delivered in partnership with commercial organisations to 1,523.

**Research opportunities available at 100% of NHS trusts across England**
Patients from every single NHS trust in the country took part in NIHR supported studies this year - for the first time since 2015/16

**Dementia and Neurodegeneration**
The number of participants involved in dementia and neurodegeneration studies also reached record levels - with 42,024 participants involved in vital NIHR supported studies (up from 33,208 the previous year)

**Set up and delivery**
Ensuring studies are set up on time, recruited to target and delivered more efficiently is a key objective of the NIHR CRN. This year, NIHR achieved its target for the second successive year - delivering 82% of non-commercial research to time and recruitment target. While 69% of commercial studies were delivered to time and target.