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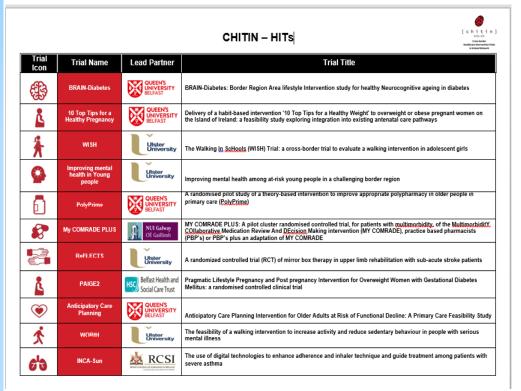
SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

Project Case Study: Cross-Border Healthcare Intervention Trials in Ireland Network (CHITIN)

The CHITIN project is a unique cross-border initiative between the Health and Social Care Research & Development Division of the Public Health Agency (PHA) in Northern Ireland and the Health Research Board (HRB) in Ireland.

CHITIN has enabled the PHA and HRB to fund 11 health intervention trials recruiting in excess of 3,500 participants in NI and ROI border. Health intervention research can investigate if a new intervention is safe; determine if it is better than current practice; or direct resources to improve and protect people's health and reduce health inequality. A health intervention could be a new diagnostic, a new test, a new service or approach to a particular health problem.

In Ireland there is inequity of access to some health and care services and in the opportunity for involvement in health intervention research, particularly in more rural areas. This inequity is exacerbated by the existence of a border. The CHITIN trials aim to provide citizens and HSC professionals with greater breadth and reach of opportunity to participate in and deliver health intervention research.



CHITIN table of Healthcare Intervention Trials







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"CHITIN is enhancing involvement in health intervention research.

Through strong and enduring cross-border collaboration the PHA and HRB can improve and protect people's health, and reduce health inequality. Evidence generated from health intervention research can be used to change lifestyles, prevent illness, improve care and drive policy change.

The cross-border multi- and interdisciplinary trial teams have formed a network wherein mentoring, training and skills development is being supported and knowledge, experience and expertise is being shared and capitalised upon, creating a legacy for future research in the region. Skilled researchers and Health and Social Care professionals will have the ability to conduct and bring further health intervention research activity to the region."

Dr Rhonda Campbell, CHITIN Programme Manager, HSC Research & Development Division, Public Health Agency



Photo taken at the official launch of the CHITIN project on the 21 September 2018.