

Brief outline of CHAIN ...

CHAIN (standing for Contacts, Help, Advice & Information Network), sponsored by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR), is a successful online mutual support network for people working in health and social care.

The Network originated 29 years ago in the NHS Research & Development programme and has since grown into a not-for-profit international online community of about 15,000 people who are willing to share freely their knowledge and experience with each other. CHAIN is multi-professional and cross organisational, designed to connect health and social care practitioners, researchers, managers and educators.

Membership of CHAIN is free, and members may join the network, update their records or leave at any time.

Key benefits of CHAIN membership are:

- Access to a searchable online directory of all members and their interests
- The ability to post questions or seek advice from a rich and diverse pool of members
- Receiving intelligence on resources, activities, events and opportunities relevant to one's interests

There are more than 75 sub-groups and special interest groups within CHAIN, including long-established groups such as those focusing on Dementia, Diabetes, Stroke, Obesity, Patient & Public Involvement and more recent ones focusing on Social Care Research & Evaluation, Rural, Remote & Coastal Health & Social Care, Diagnostic technologies, Active or Aspiring Innovators, and AI in Health & Social Care.

For further information and to join CHAIN visit: www.chain-network.org.uk