Medicines for Children Research Network (MCRN)

The Medicines for Children Research Network (MCRN) has the central objective of facilitating the development of medicines that are both safe and effective in the treatment of children. It will have a major focus on clinical trials but will also include other study designs relevant to the overall objective.

The vision is of a network which will provide leadership and a world-class environment to conduct clinical trials of medicinal products for children throughout the whole range of healthcare, and that includes the active involvement of children. This will provide considerable benefit for children through the new knowledge gained by excellent research and the improvements in care, which will follow.

The strategic approach to addressing these challenges includes the development of a research portfolio that:

- Is relevant to all aspects of the Medicines for Children agenda
- Is ambitious and will make a real difference to the health and lives of children in the UK and beyond
- Will be generated by investigators from a wide range of disciplines
- Will have a major focus on clinical trials but will also include all other study designs relevant to the overall objective
- Will be informed by the views and perspectives of children and families.

Surrey & Sussex wasn’t covered by MCRN in the initial set up. However we are now working closely with London South East, North Central & East (SENCE) network to develop MRCN research within Surrey & Sussex.