

Glossary of terms

The following terms are defined in relation to NIHR ARC NWC activities

- **Applied Research** - scientific investigations conducted to answer specific clinical questions or solve practice-related problems.
- **Applied Research Collaboration North West Coast (ARC NWC)** - a collaboration that brings universities, local authorities, NHS organisations and the public together – working to accelerate the translation of research findings into health service improvements and changes that will reduce health inequalities and improve population health.
- **Health Inequalities Assessment Tool (HIAT)** - HIAT functions as a lens through which to assess the extent to which a piece of work proposed within ARC NWC has potential to reduce health inequalities.
- **Host Trust** – the organisation that holds the funding contract with the NIHR i.e. Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group.
- **Implementation** - "making things happen" and "making sure they have happened". In terms of ARC NWC this implies achieving changing ways of working that narrow the health inequality gap and doing so using evidence that shows there is a better way of delivering care in terms of outcomes and cost.
- **Matched funding** - Matched funding refers to cash and/or costed support in kind which is dedicated to supporting the ARC NWC Themes of research, implementation or a mix of both.
- **National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)** - The National Institute for Health Research is a UK government body that coordinates and funds research for the National Health Service.
- **Neighbourhoods for Learning (Nsfl)** - The ARC Neighbourhoods for Learning (Nsfl) are a network of neighbourhoods of approximately ward size across the NW Coast footprint identified by local authorities as areas in which population health was relatively poor compared to more advantaged neighbourhoods. The Nsfl have been identified so that the ARC partners working together with residents of these neighbourhoods can develop, implement and evaluate innovative approaches to improving the wider social economic and environmental determinants of these health inequalities and share the learning from this work across and beyond the North West Coast.
- **Members** – Organisations (NHS, Universities, Local Authorities) that have formally agreed to contribute matched funding in cash or in kind towards the ARC NWC Programme
- **Public Engagement** - refers to the many ways in which the public can contribute to ARC NWC work including active involvement in: prioritising work, the design and conduct of activities and the production and dissemination of outputs.
- **Research Capacity Development** - developing a real understanding of what research entails, so participants (organisations and individuals) would not just learn about research, and use research, but do research, alongside experienced researchers.