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The ACTNoW® online database

Is an invaluable clinical research resource for the Pharmaceutical and Medical Device industries, Academia and the NHS. It is a web-based tool created to facilitate better and faster site selection for clinical trials, and to improve communication between NHS and Industry.

Register yourself as a NHS researcher and/or apply for user access by visiting www.actnow-database.co.uk, or for further information contact **ACTNoW®** (enquiries@actnow-database.co.uk, 0161 901 2511).

Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) Project

The business case for **ACTNoW®** has been validated by the award of a KTP grant to review stakeholder needs and implement changes and enhancements to the **ACTNoW®** service. The project in partnership with the Manchester Business School will also establish a recommended sustainable business model for the long-term.

Matt Hobbs has joined the team specifically to listen to the needs of our users and develop the service accordingly.

Stakeholder Groups:

Pharmaceutical Companies	Medical Device Companies
Clinical Research Organisations	Researchers
NHS R&D	University R&D

If you are one of our stakeholders we would be delighted to hear your views.

Please contact Matt to register an interest / to receive our development questionnaire.

(matthewhobbs@actnow-database.co.uk or 0161 901 2510)

Database roll-out in new regions

ACTNoW® is hosted by the NHS Innovations hubs in the North of England and is most established in the North West (operated by TrusTECH®) but is already live for data from Yorkshire and Humberside (Medipex®). Yorkshire data will be completed this year and data for the North East (NHS Innovations North) will go live in summer 2008.

ACTNoW® Key Features:

- Free online searchable database of trial experienced investigators
- User friendly interface for identifying Investigators/clinical research resources of interest
- Single point of contact per NHS Trust – to ease communications and facilitate study start-up
- Powerful keyword search functions for speciality and sub-speciality listings
- Free Online registration for new Investigators and research staff
- Export your search results in Adobe Acrobat pdf format

NEW Free Online registration for new users – select your own username and password

ACTNoW® currently has 1148 separate listings and 956 investigators already registered to undertake clinical trials plus over 200 registered users

ACTNoW® provides access to:

- ACTIVE Investigators from Acute and Specialist NHS Trusts
- ACTIVE Investigators from GP Primary Care Investigators
- Research Nurses
- Trust R&D/Clinical Trial Units Contacts
- Research Networks (including UKCRN Local Research Networks)
- Clinical Research Facilities
- University Clinical Trial Contacts
- NEW** Allied Healthcare Professionals
- NEW** Non-clinical experts and research support staff (especially for Medical Devices)
- NEW** Yorkshire and Humber data (starting with Leeds and Bradford)

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Exhibiting at
ICR 2008

Team Biographies



**Meet us on stand 31 at the
Birmingham ICC
on 8th-9th April**

**Mr Adrian Warner,
BSc, MICR
ACTNoW[®] Business
Development
Manager
(TrusTECH[®])**



Adrian has fourteen years of experience in commercial clinical trials, holding senior positions in both Site Management and Clinical Research Organisations (SMO & CRO) covering business development, study feasibility, site selection and planning/delivery. He is a professional member of the Institute of Clinical Research (MICR)

Adrian started his career in Biomedical Research at AEA Technology (Formerly the Government's UKAEA) laboratories at Harwell, working on in-vivo metabolism studies using radiotracers. This continued with specialisation in bone metabolism studies using bone densitometry techniques and involvement in osteoporosis clinical trials dating back to 1993.

More recently, specific responsibilities have included:

- assessing the feasibility of conducting pharmaceutical phase II/III clinical trials in 12 private clinical research centres in the UK (Synexus Ltd);
- working as a senior member of the Central Feasibility Team for a large global CRO (Quintiles Ltd), his remit was to provide a central point of contact in Europe for the co-ordination of accurate, robust feasibilities in support of Requests for Proposal (RFPs).

He joined *TrusTECH* in February 2007 to focus on developing and extending **ACTNoW[®]**. This online clinical expertise register serves the Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Industries and the NHS research community by facilitating better and faster clinical trial site selection.

**Dr Matthew Hobbs,
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ACTNoW[®] Business
Development
Officer (TrusTECH[®]/
University of
Manchester)**



Matt joined the ACTNoW project in January 2008 as a KTP associate, in partnership with Manchester Business School, to develop the system in response to the needs of users and to investigate options for a sustainable long-term business model.

Matt has recently completed a PhD in chemistry during which he synthesised several novel compounds based on a lanthanide metal. These types of compound are of interest in a range of active research areas including catalysis, display technologies and replacement of silicon dioxide in transistors. Prior to his PhD Matt obtained an MChem in Chemistry with French from the University of Liverpool, with the third year of the degree spent studying chemistry at the University of Poitiers.

Whilst writing up his thesis Matt worked at Lhasa Ltd, a not for profit company supplying knowledge based software and associated databases for use in metabolism, toxicology and related sciences. During his time there he helped to develop and test a new product as part of the EU-funded NoMiracle project.