

Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust (RCHT)

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust (RCHT) is a major acute Trust serving the majority of Cornwall with a resident population of around 400,000 but this can more than double by holidaymakers during the summer. It provides over half a million outpatient, day case and inpatient assessments and treatments each year. It comprises the Royal Cornwall Hospital in Truro, West Cornwall Hospital in Penzance and St Michael's Hospital in Hayle.

In 2004 it became a partner in the new Peninsula Medical School and the Trust's sites became a teaching hospital with a purpose built educational and research facility – the Knowledge Spa. A Dental School is now being developed creating the Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry.

It is a member of the South West Medical Research Consortium, working with academic institutes and other healthcare providers across a population of almost 2 million, encouraging and facilitating research. The RCHT hosts research networks of the National Institute of Health Research in cancer, diabetes, neurodegenerative diseases, stroke, mental health, medicines for children and the comprehensive local research network which covers other conditions. This is with the aim of increasing research for patient benefit.

The Duke of Cornwall Department of Rheumatology, RCHT has many years experience of treating rheumatic disorders combined with research into developing and implementing new treatments. It leads the Peninsula Bone and Joint Research Network and is active in health needs assessment of musculoskeletal conditions (MSC); estimating burden of disease; developing health strategies for MSC; osteoporosis; early arthritis and outcome; and medical, patient and public education. In 2007, in recognition of clinical expertise and research in osteoporosis, it was named the Duchess of Cornwall Centre for Osteoporosis. It has lead and participated in several EU projects (see CV below).

Key Staff

Prof Anthony D Woolf, BSc, MBBS; FRCP. Provides clinical rheumatology service, directs research programme and manages research at local and regional level. Experience in managing EU projects; developing strategies for prevention and control of MSC; working with all stakeholders, including patients and policy makers. Consultant Rheumatologist, Royal Cornwall Hospital (RCHT), Truro, Cornwall, 1987- Honorary Professor, Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry, Univ Exeter & Plymouth, 2002- Visiting Professor in MSK Science, Lund University, 2008- Partner, Lund Univ WHO Collaborating Centre for Evidence-Based Health Care in MSC 2007- Director Research & Development, RCHT, 1995- Clinical Director, Peninsula Comprehensive Local Research Network, 2007- HONORARY POSITIONS (current & recent) EULAR: Member, Executive Committee, 1994-2007; responsible for international liaison 2002-07 Bone and Joint Decade: Founder Member International Steering Committee (Bone and Joint Decade is a member of the WHO Regional Office for EU Health Evidence Network) Invited participant various WHO expert meetings

EDITORIAL BOARDS: Ann Rheum Dis: Ed Board 1988-08, Ass Editor 1999-08, Adv Board 2008-

MAJOR PROJECTS

Bone and Joint Monitor Project (co-ordinator); DG SANCO Indicators for Monitoring Musculoskeletal Conditions (S12.297217) 2001 – 2002; DG SANCO EU Bone and Joint Health Strategies Project (S12.304 598) (2001- 2004); Global Burden of Disease 2010. ; OA Communicator Pilot Project (An EU Leonardo da Vinci Project) 2005 – 07; Major and Chronic Disease Report 2008 DG SANCO; Global Report on the Health Status in the EU (EUGLOREH

2007); WHO EU Strategy for Noncommunicable Diseases: invited member of Expert Ref Group 2005-6

PUBLICATIONS

Author of 108 peer reviewed papers, 57 educational articles, 18 editorials, 37 chapters, and author or editor of 21 books or reports on a variety of rheumatological subjects, principally burden of disease, osteoporosis, viral arthritis, early arthritis and education.

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