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Conference success for NHS R&D Forum

The NHS R&D Forum's Annual Conference & Exhibition is destined to be another success this year. The full delegate package is sold out, as is the exhibition and evening reception.

The NHS R&D Forum Annual Conference is the event for everyone involved in or interested in research management in the NHS. The conference is taking place on 24th and 25th May 2010 at The Lowry situated on the waterfront of Salford Quays, close to Manchester City Centre. 400 delegates from NHS organisations and universities across the UK will be attending to hear the most up to date news and information in NHS research and to network with other colleagues in this field.

The North West has a vibrant research community and has attracted significant NIHR funding from £32 million in 2006 to £80 million this year. Some key successes have been the establishment of the Manchester Biomedical Research Centre in Developmental Medicine, the Liverpool Biomedical Research Centre in Microbial disease, the Manchester Academic Health Science Centre, the Manchester CLAHRC and the Liverpool Biomedical Research Unit in Pancreatic Disease. These centres and the local research networks together with the region's reputation for partnership working, paved the way for the North West to host the Pharma Exemplar Programme which aims to show how the NHS can support the pharmaceutical industry in testing new medicines quickly and efficiently. More information on this initiative will be available at the Conference. Research managers play a large part in making sure that research in the NHS has the facilities, funding and support needed to produce high quality research that will benefit patients and the public.

The Conference reception will be held on 24th May starting with drinks reception in The Lowry Galleries where the largest private collection of LS Lowry's work will be on display. Following the drinks reception, the conference dinner will be held in the

Compass Room where this circular room provides panoramic views of the Quay's and Manchester's skyline. The conference also incorporates an exhibition of 25 stands where commercial and non-commercial organisations are present to share their information and news with delegates.

We hope this year's venue will provide an exciting and stimulating venue to generate a spirit of participation, interaction and collaboration.

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About the NHS R&D Forum

The NHS R&D Forum is a network for those involved in managing and supporting R&D in health and social care. Our aim is to improve the environment for research in health and social care by facilitating and encouraging sharing of best practice and working with other organisations. Membership of the Forum is free and open to anyone involved in or interested in managing and planning research and development in the NHS or social care.

www.rdforum.nhs.uk

About The Lowry

The Lowry opened in 2000 to bring together performing and visual arts under one roof. The Lowry is a mixture of award-winning architecture and breathtaking surroundings with a stunning exterior - an international landmark.

www.thelowry.com

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