Collaboration with University Medical Schools plays an important role in driving innovation, research, and development opportunities for the North Wales Clinical Research Facility (NWCRF). This collaboration also benefits the Medical Schools by building the capacity of future healthcare professionals through recruitment and retention of staff. Additionally, it provides both parties with increased educational opportunities, potential academic publications, and reputational enhancement.

**Education**
The NWCRF provides undergraduate and postgraduate educational and research placement opportunities to medical students. This collaboration benefits the CRF by promoting research and funding doctors and allied healthcare professionals to undertake university programs. We have set up an MSc Res in Clinical Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics at Bangor University, which has increased the number of students enrolled in university programs.

**Medical School**
We link with the North Wales Medical School at Bangor University. This collaboration benefits both parties by providing increased educational opportunities and supporting university REF frameworks, as well as reputational enhancement. We have also made informal links with Glyndwr University.

**Academic Fellows**
The NWCRF has appointed academic fellows with honorary contracts with Bangor University. This collaboration benefits the CRF by providing research funded MRes, and opportunities for research, as well as enhancing the reputation of the CRF.

**Staff**
CRF staff training sessions: CRF staff have presented training sessions to the University students. This collaboration benefits both parties by providing educational opportunities and awarding honorary contracts to CRF staff with Bangor University.

**Students**
Special study component students: This collaboration improves education opportunities by providing placement opportunities within the CRF, and benefiting both parties with research opportunities.

**Strategic Alliance**
Strategic alliance with academic groups: We have formed a strategic alliance with various academic groups at Bangor University, including the imaging unit, photonics and communications group, and visualization and data research team. This collaboration benefits both parties by driving translational research.

Our future endeavours include securing honorary contracts for CRF staff and providing placement opportunities for special study component students. These efforts will further improve education opportunities and promote collaborations with University Medical Schools, enhancing the reputation of the NWCRF and driving translational research forward.

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