

## Details of the day

**10.45** Arrival and refreshments  
**11.15** Event welcome  
**11.30** Overview of MND research  
**12.00** Q&A with MND researchers

**12.40** Lunch  
**13.30** Local MND clinical trials  
**14.00** Local care grants and support  
**14.30** Questions & event close



**Dr Charlotte Roy**  
Senior Research Information  
Co-ordinator –  
MND Association

As part of the research communications team, Charlotte helps to communicate the latest MND research in engaging ways.



**Dr Nick Cole**  
Head of Research –  
MND Association

Nick oversees the funding of over 100 research grants provided by the Association to further our understanding of the disease, develop future treatments and improve the quality of life of people living with MND.



**Prof Andrew Blamire**  
Professor of Magnetic  
Resonance Physics –  
Faculty of Medical Sciences,  
Newcastle University

Andrew's research aims to develop new ways to use magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), which is very sensitive to muscle changes in people with MND, to more accurately detect the disease and monitor progression.



**Prof Mark R Baker**  
Consultant Neurophysiologist  
– Royal Victoria Infirmary  
Professor of Experimental  
Neurology –  
Newcastle University

Mark's research interests include understanding how movement is controlled in the body, what goes wrong in neurological disorders, and developing methods to measure and stimulate electrical activity from our muscles and nerves.



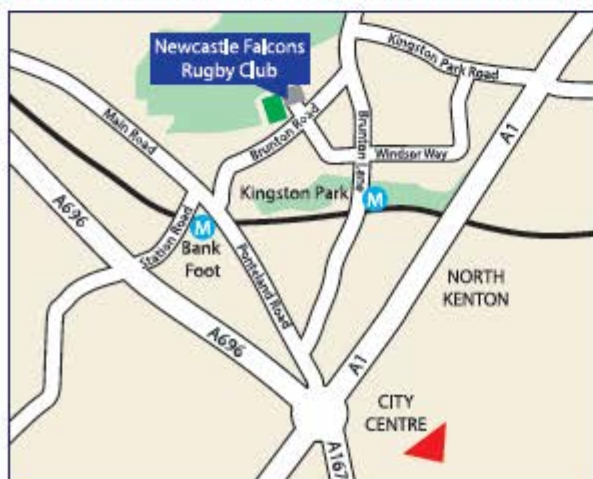
**Dr Fiona LeBeau**  
Reader in Neural Networks –  
Newcastle University

Fiona is developing a new model to help study changes that happen to the brain during MND.



**David Whalley**  
Area Support Co-ordinator –  
MND Association

David provides support to those living with, and affected by, MND in the North East and Cleveland.



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