National Institute for Health Research

Strategic Aim

To improve the health and wealth of the nation through research
To create:

- a **health research system** in which the NHS supports
- outstanding **individuals**
- working in world-class **facilities**
- conducting leading-edge **research**
- focused on the needs of **patients and the public**
The National Institute for Health Research

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A Health Research System
The NIHR Health Research System

Faculty
- Investigators & Senior Investigators
- Trainees
- Associates

Infrastructure
- Clinical Research Networks
- Clinical Research Facilities, Centres & Units

Research
- Research Projects & Programmes
- Research Schools

Systems
- Research Governance Systems
- Research Information Systems

Universities
- NHS Trusts
- Patients & Public
"...outstanding individuals..."
Infrastructure

Clinical Research Networks

Clinical Research Facilities, Centres & Units

“...the support and facilities the NHS needs for first class research...”
• Clinical Research Networks
• Clinical Research Facilities
• Experimental Medicine Facilities
• Biomedical Research Centres
• Biomedical Research Units
• Research Patient Safety Translational Research Centres
• Collaborations for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care
• Clinical Trials Unit support
• Research Design Service
NIHR Clinical Research Networks

NIHR Dementias & Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network
NIHR Diabetes Research Network
NIHR Medicines for Children Research Network
NIHR Mental Health Research Network
NIHR National Cancer Research Network
NIHR Primary Care Research Network
NIHR Stroke Research Network
NIHR Comprehensive Clinical Research Network
NIHR Biomedical Research Centres: 2012 to 2017
NIHR Biomedical Research Units: 2012 to 2017

Leeds
- Musculoskeletal

Liverpool
- Gastrointestinal

Manchester
- Musculoskeletal

Birmingham
- Gastrointestinal
- Oxford
  - Musculoskeletal

Bristol
- Cardiovascular
- Nutrition, Diet & Lifestyle

Southampton
- Respiratory

Royal Brompton
- Cardiovascular
- Respiratory

Maudsley
- Dementia

Cambridge
- Dementia

Leicester
- Cardiovascular
- Nutrition, Diet & Lifestyle
- Respiratory

Nottingham
- Hearing
- Gastrointestinal

UCLH
- Dementia

Barts and the London
- Cardiovascular

Newcastle
- Dementia
NIHR Clinical Research Facilities: 2012 to 2017

Leeds:
- Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Liverpool:
- Alder Hey Children’s NHS Foundation Trust

Manchester:
- The Christie NHS Foundation Trust
- Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust

Birmingham:
- University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust

Oxford:
- Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust

Exeter:
- Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust

Southampton:
- University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust

Brighton:
- Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust

Newcastle:
- The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Sheffield:
- Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Cambridge:
- Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

London:
- Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust
- Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
- Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust
- The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust
- University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Experimental Cancer Medicine Centre Network from April 2012

- 18 Centres of excellence
- Plus a Network of 9 Paediatric Centres
NIHR Centres for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRCs)

Leeds, York & Bradford
Greater Manchester
Birmingham & Black Country
South West Peninsula
South Yorkshire
Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire & Lincolnshire,
Leicestershire, Northamptonshire & Rutland
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough
North West London

National Institute for Health Research
Previous and Current BRCs and BRUs Directors
Previous & Current BRC Theme Leaders
gender by Health Category

Previous BRC Theme Leaders (2007-12)

Current BRC Theme Leaders (2012-17)
Previous & Current BRU Area Leaders
gender by Health Category
Senior Investigators gender distribution trend

Carl Glenister/OIS/DOH
Gender distribution of trainees (TCC)

- Male: 41.4%
- Female: 57.2%
- N/A: 1.4%
Athena Swan

The Athena Swan Charter recognises and celebrates good employment practice for women working in science, engineering and technology (SET) in higher education and research.

Any university or research institution which is committed to the advancement of the careers of women in SET in higher education and research can apply for membership.

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Frequently asked questions.

Find out more about the Charter’s history and principles.

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News

11 May 2012
New Athena SWAN publications launched
Annual Report and Awards Booklet available to download

10 May 2012
Coventry University joins Athena SWAN Charter
Membership now stands at 76 Institutions

9 May 2012
Athena SWAN awards ceremony
University of Birmingham hosts ceremony

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Dame Sally Davies’ letter to Medical Schools

28 July 2011

Professor Tony Newman, Medical Schools Council
Sir Ron Kain, Association of University Hospitals
Sir Steve Smith, Universities UK
Professor Richard Bannister, Russell Group
Dr Paul Buxton, Rotherham

Dear Tony, Ron, Steve and Michael,

We have just completed a very busy full week with interviewing short-listed academic/NHS partnerships for Biomedical Research Centres and Units (BRCs) and BRUs. The Academic/NHS Research Partnership (ANRP) panel and I were very concerned about going forward with any NHS partner that was in the top 30% of 327 BRCs/BRUs and did not have women directors. This is because the Medical School/Faculty of Medicine has not achieved the Silver Award of the Athena SWAN Charter for Women in Science. The present funding period of five years that we are about to enter gives both those who are funded, and those who are potential entrants next time four years to demonstrate this level of commitment to women in science.

When we announce the present successful awards we will highlight this as a condition for short-listing for the next run of BRCs/BRUs. If, through your networks, you could make everyone aware of this stipulation of time to get the Athena SWAN Silver Award in place efficiently, it would be greatly appreciated.

With best wishes and thanks for your help,

Sally

PROFESSOR DAME SALLY C DAVIES
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER & CHIEF SCIENTIFIC ADVISER
“Britain is a world leader in scientific research. And that is vital to our future economic success.

That is why I am proposing that we do not cut the cash going to the science budget.

Spending on health research will be protected.”

George Osborne
20 October 2010
Government’s *Plan for Growth*

Announced in the 2011 Budget

- Highlighted that health research has a key role in the national economy
- The Government wants to create the right conditions for businesses to succeed, removing barriers that are preventing them from performing to their full potential.
- A thriving life sciences industry is critical to the ability of the NHS to deliver world-class health outcomes. For that to continue, we need to maintain a thriving research base.
NIHR is designed to deliver a research-intensive NHS

Working in partnership..

NHS
NIHR
Industry
Universities
MRC
Charities

..for the benefit of patients and the public
National Institute for Health Research

University of Warwick

14 June 2012

Dr Tony Soteriou
Research Infrastructure and Growth Senior Manager