Best Research for Best Health

Introducing a new national health research strategy
The way forward

**Vision**
Our vision is to improve the health and wealth of the nation through research.

**Mission**
We aim 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.

we will play an important role in developing the research skills of the future leaders in applied health and social care research
**Strategic goals**

In pursuit of our vision, we will:

1. Establish the NHS as an internationally recognised centre of research excellence
2. Attract, develop and retain the best research professionals to conduct people-based research
3. Commission research focused on improving health and care
4. Strengthen and streamline systems for research management and governance
5. Act as sound custodians of public money for public good.
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ing-edge research focused
on the public

In five years time...
we will have:

• A thriving research culture within the NHS
• Fairness of access across England for patients
  and health professionals to take part in multi-
  centre studies
• More patients and health professionals
  participating in health research with high-quality
  protocols and early access to new intervention
  and prevention strategies
• Increased industry investment in clinical research
  in the NHS
• The National Programme for IT transforming
  our ability to recruit patients to clinical trials
  and gather data to support work on the health
  of the population and the effectiveness of
  health interventions

• The best research and researchers winning grants
  regardless of location
• Researchers working in a supportive environment
  to help them through the regulatory framework
  and conduct research relevant to the needs of
  patients and the population
• The NHS recognised for taking an international lead
  in supporting a research-led culture for health
• Researchers and healthcare professionals proud to
  say that they work in a research-led and evidence-
  based NHS
• Health and healthcare improved by research evidence.

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For Best Health: A new national health research strategy and Implementation Plans visit
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we aim to provide the NHS with the support and infrastructure it needs to conduct first-class research funded by the Government and its partners