

# 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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# Working in world-class cutting-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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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



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