



The Role of ARCs in delivering NIHR's strategy

ARC West Showcase Webinar

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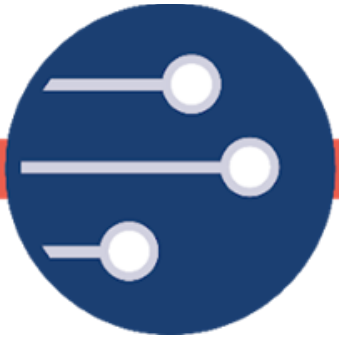


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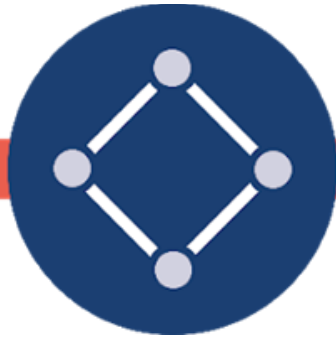
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NIHR's mission: to improve the health and wealth of the nation through research



We fund, support and deliver high quality research



We engage and involve patients carers and the public



We attract, train and support the best researchers



We invest in world-class infrastructure and a skilled delivery workforce



We partner with other public funders, charities and industry



We fund applied global health research and training



We fund or part-fund over 10,000 front-line research delivery staff throughout the NHS



We're funding more than 1,000 active health and social care research projects

NIHR is the nation's largest funder of health and social care research



More than 2,000 researchers hold our career development awards



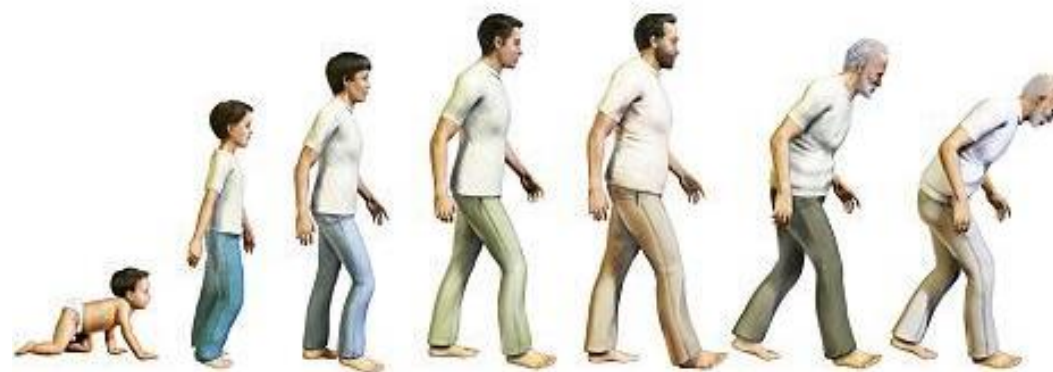
More than a million participants take part in research supported by the NIHR each year

Why We're Here

“NIHR should focus on providing evidence to enable people to be born well, live well and die well. ”

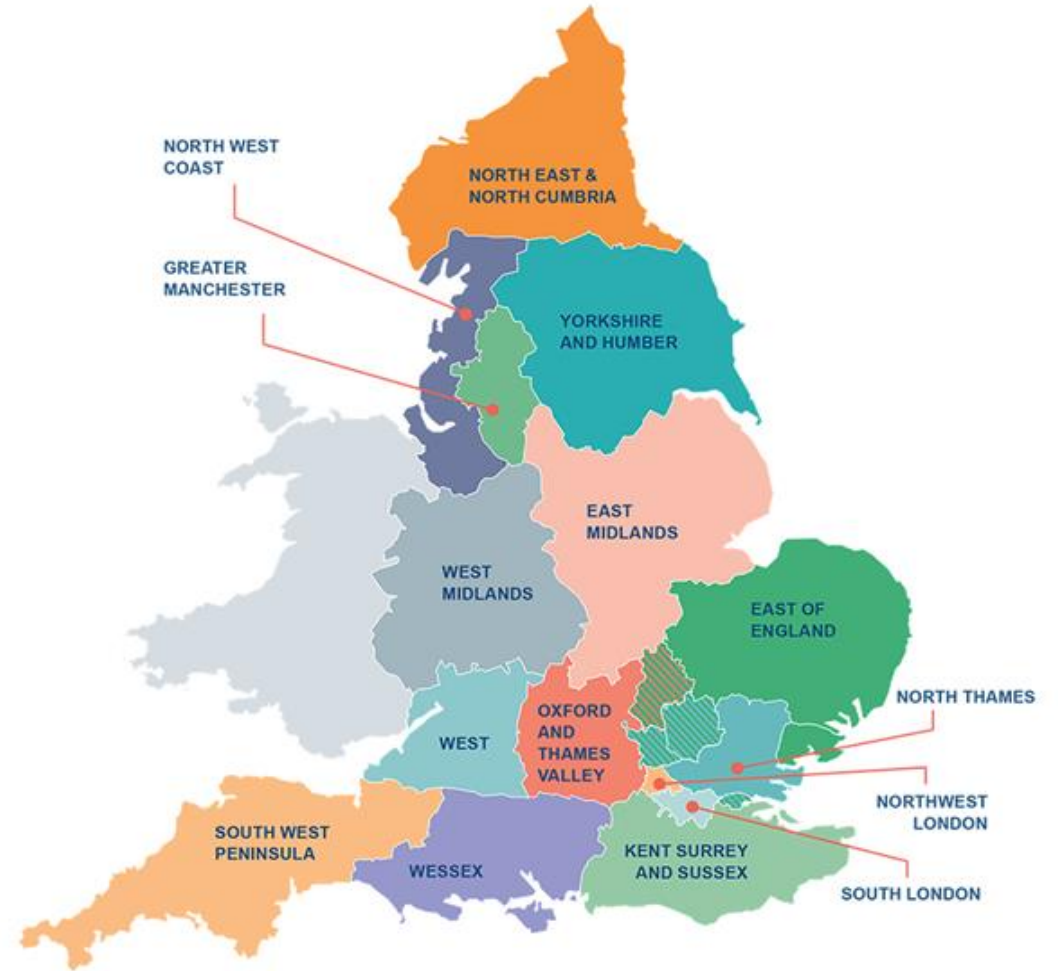
NIHR public reviewer – Future of Health

https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR2147.html



NIHR Applied Research Collaborations (ARCs)

- Each ARC is hosted by an NHS organisation and is a **collaboration** of the local NHS providers and commissioners, providers of care services, local authorities, Academic Health Science Network, industry, charities, and the local Universities
- Our 15 ARCs undertake **high-quality generalisable applied health and care research**, meeting needs of local populations and health and care system
- Work across local health and care systems to support, facilitate and **increase the rate at which research findings are implemented**
- Total funding **£150m over 5 years**
- Work together for **national impact**



Areas of Strategic Focus supported by ARCs include:

- Evidence to **help the health and care system recover**, reform and renew post COVID-19
- Building capacity in **primary care, public health and social care research** and addressing the prevention agenda, inc obesity and mental ill-health
- Evidence to address **health inequalities**
- Research to meet the needs of people with **multiple long-term conditions** (multi-morbidity)
- Bringing clinical and applied research to **under-served regions and communities** – “research following patient need”

Underpinning Activities



X-NIHR Working



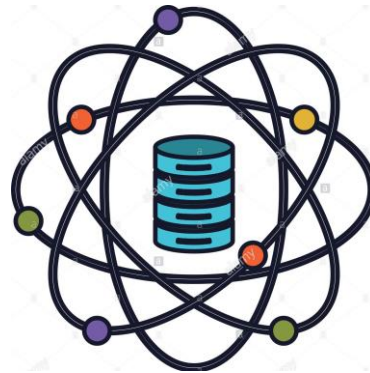
Diverse methodologies



Multiple Disciplines



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion



Exploiting data science



Bureaucracy-busting



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