

# Scottish Genomes Project: Taking Genomics into Healthcare

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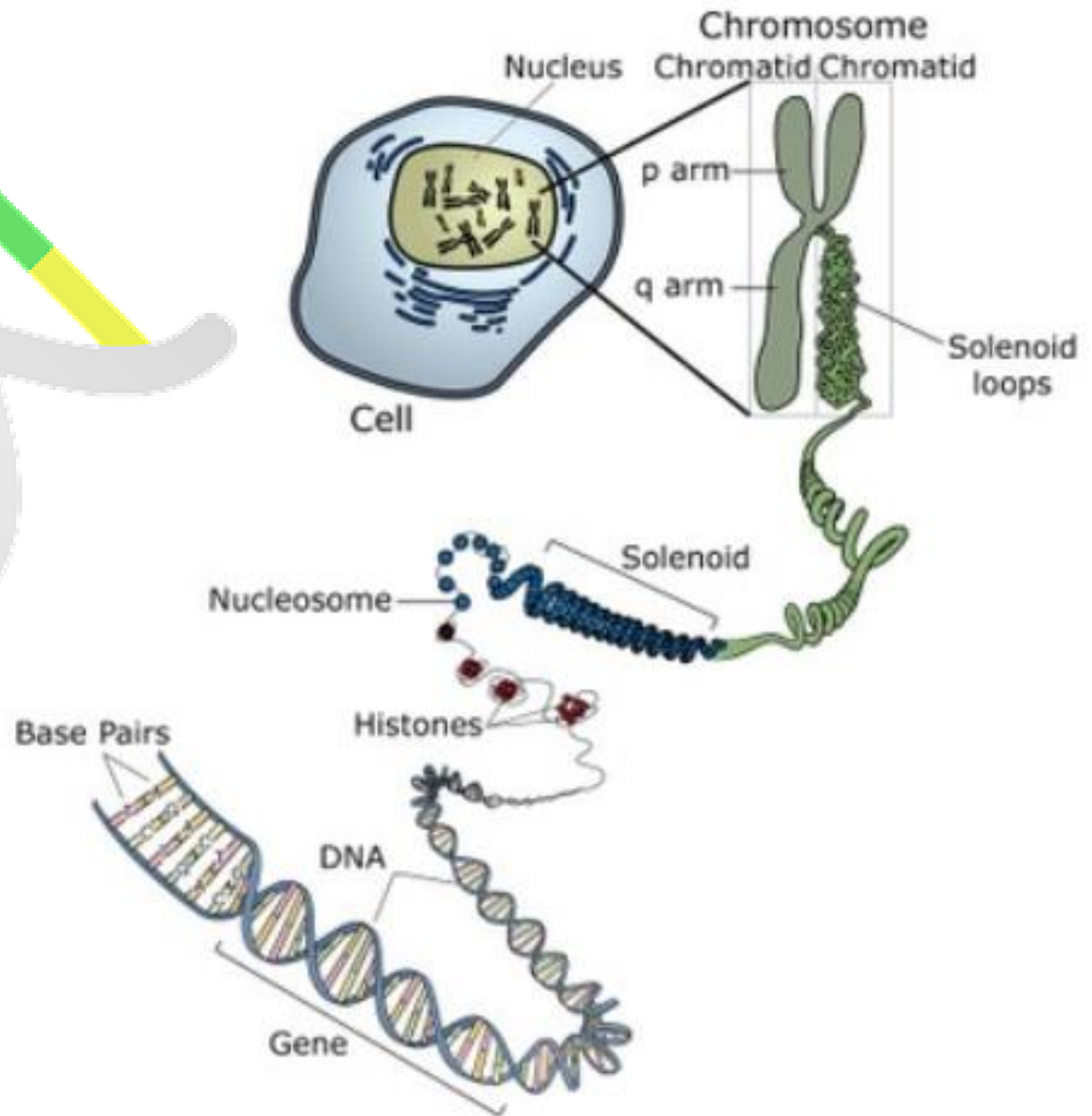
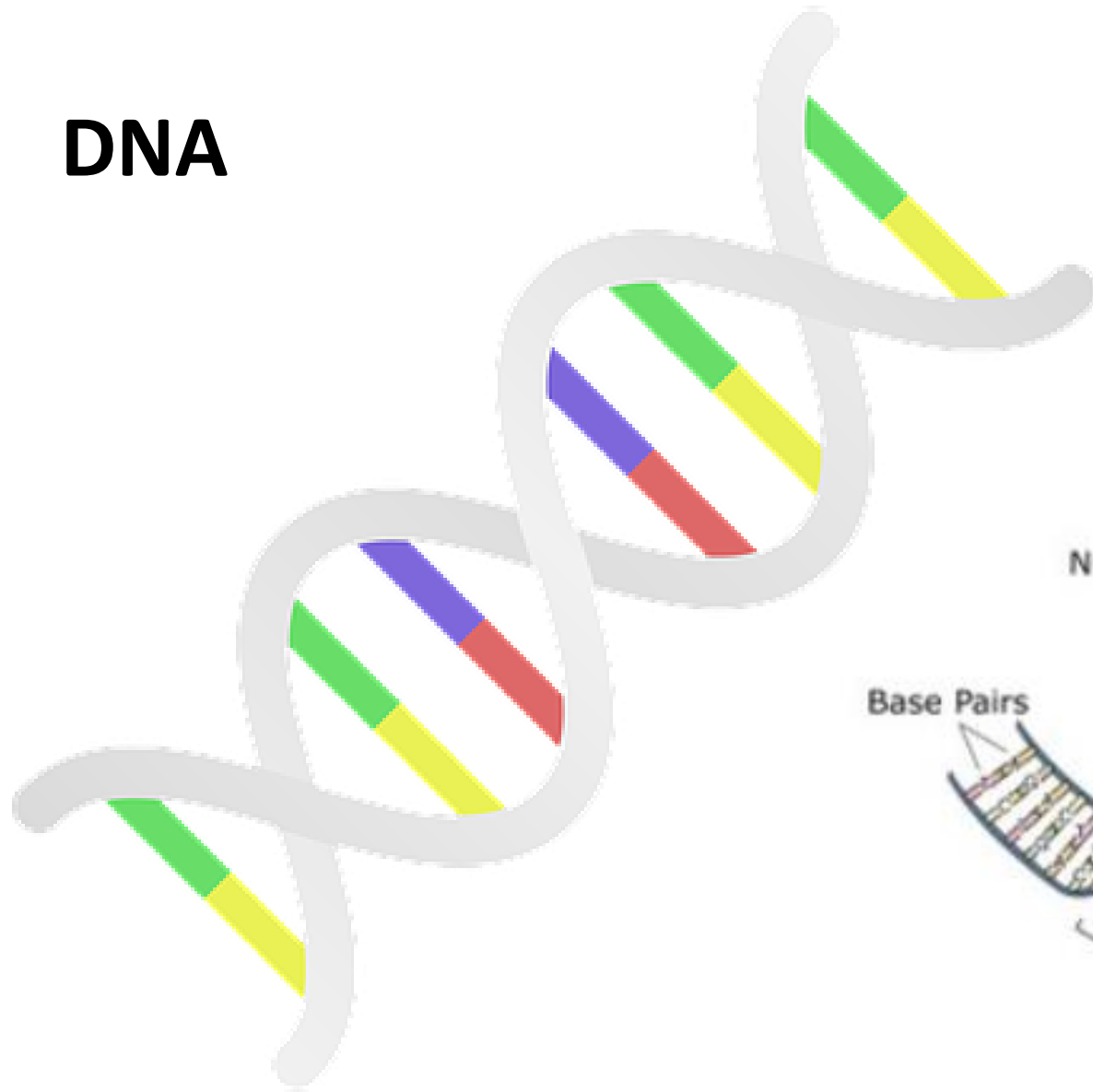
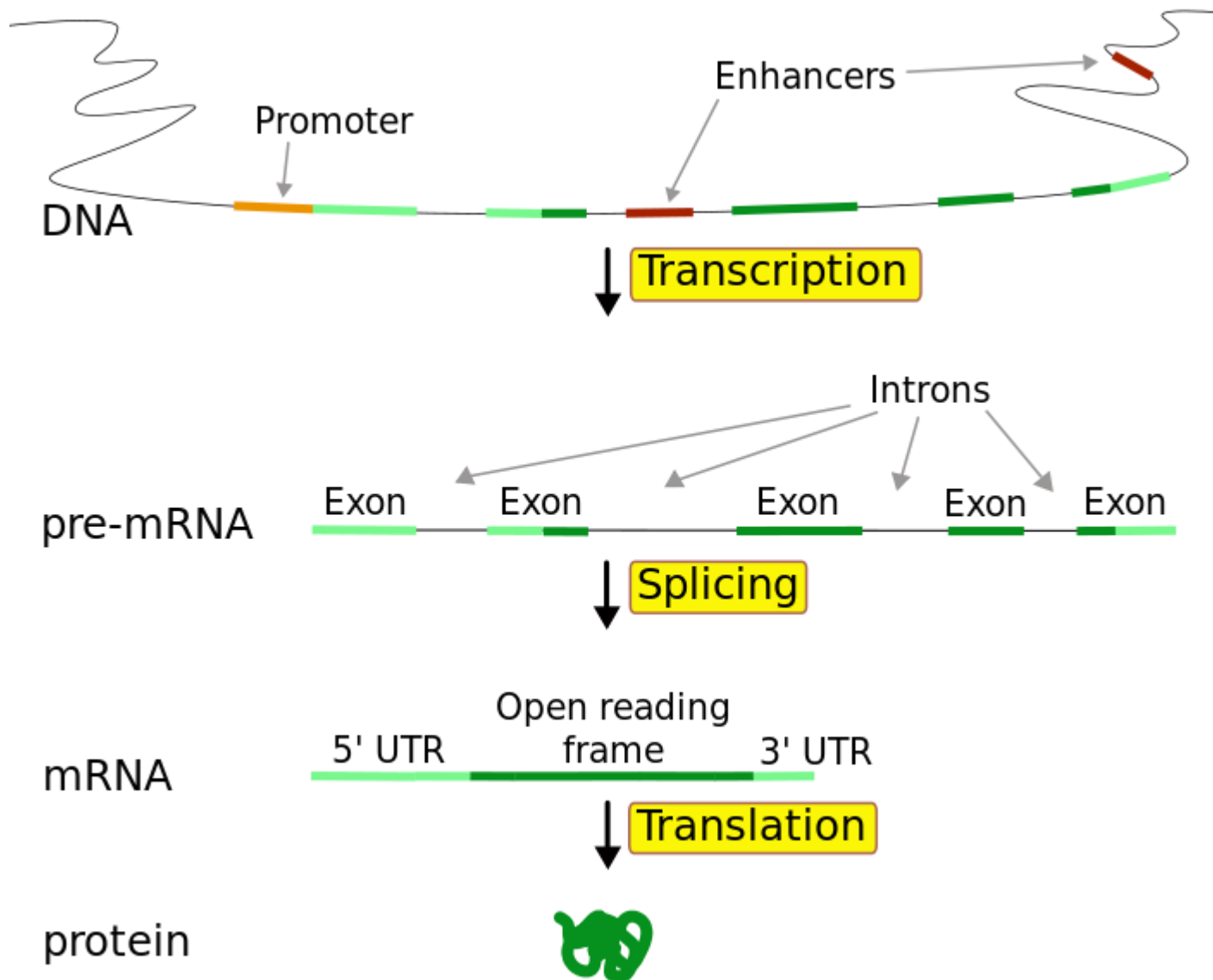


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**GENOME IS ALL OF OUR DNA: CODING & NON-CODING**

# Sequencing of Whole Genomes at Scale in Scotland



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## The Scottish Genomes Partnership

£21m boost for Scotland's gene research

- £15M investment by Edinburgh and Glasgow Universities  
- Illumina HiSeq X Ten platform
- £6M award from Scottish Government and MRC

“Scotland is amongst the 20 global leaders in genomics”

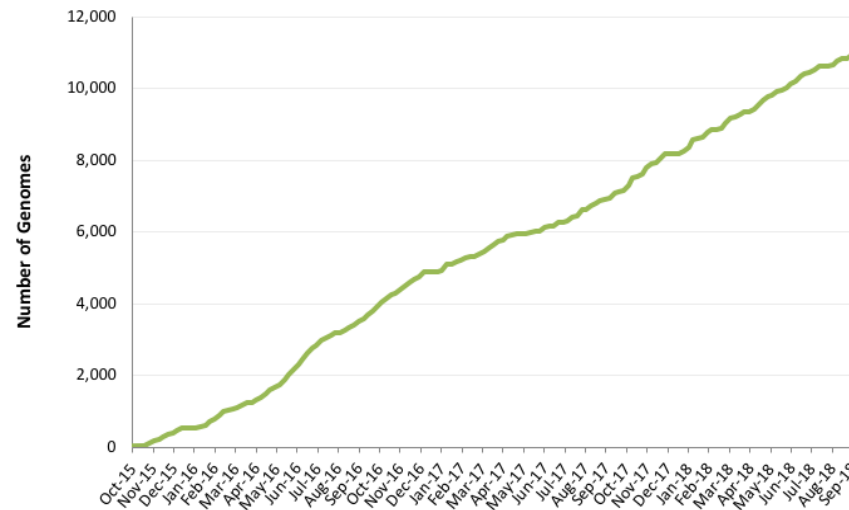


JP Morgan Investors' Conference, Jan '15

## Edinburgh Genomics Sequencing Facility



## Cancer Genomes at University of Glasgow



11,000 whole genomes sequenced  
(Oct 2018)

# Scottish Genomes Project

- Scotland-wide collaboration (PIs Tim Aitman & Andrew Biankin)
- Major investment by Universities of Edinburgh & Glasgow in equipment
- Building on Scotland's strengths in genetics research and clinical practice across four centres
  - Population cohort sequencing- Lothian birth cohort, Viking cohort, rare disease, MND
  - Cancer- focus on pancreatic, ovarian & oesophageal cancers
  - NHS Scotland in 100,000 Genomes Project to improve diagnosis of rare disease



# Scottish Variant Repository: scotvardb.igmm.ed.ac.uk

- Browser of “normal” genetic variation in Scottish population
- Integrated Variant Analysis browser for aggregate data
- Virtual server provisioned for 5 years with 1Tb of storage
  - Behind University of Edinburgh firewall
  - VPN access with user login
- Access by application to SGP OMC
- OpenCGA database back-end, not accessible to outside



# NHS Scotland in 100,000 Genomes Project

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# NHS Genetics in Scotland

- Managed consortium for laboratory testing- 32 years
- 4 genetic centres
  - High proportion of adult disease (paeds <20% of referrals)
  - Labs and clinics work together
- Higher level of genetics initiated and mainstream testing than England for many years despite test criteria being the same
  - Early adopters



# Taking Genome Testing to the Clinic

- Standard genetic testing
  - Number of chromosomes & pieces of chromosomes
  - Details of one to a few hundred genes
  - Aimed at particular conditions considered likely
- 10,000 genes implicated in rare disease
  - Looking at them all could be better for diagnosing some patients
  - Genome examines non-coding DNA too
  - At present tests in NHS focus on coding DNA
- Standard tests cheaper with better coverage but look at fewer genes

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It's Not Rare to Have a Rare Disease

## It's Not Rare to Have a Rare Disease

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

ISBN: 9781784126575

The Implementation Plan for Rare Diseases in Scotland

### Executive Summary

'It's Not Rare to Have a Rare Disease', describes how Scotland is currently contributing to the delivery of the UK Rare Disease Strategy commitments and sets out areas for future partnership to deliver actions in:

- Empowering those affected by rare diseases
- Identifying and preventing rare diseases
- Diagnosis and early intervention
- Co-ordination of care

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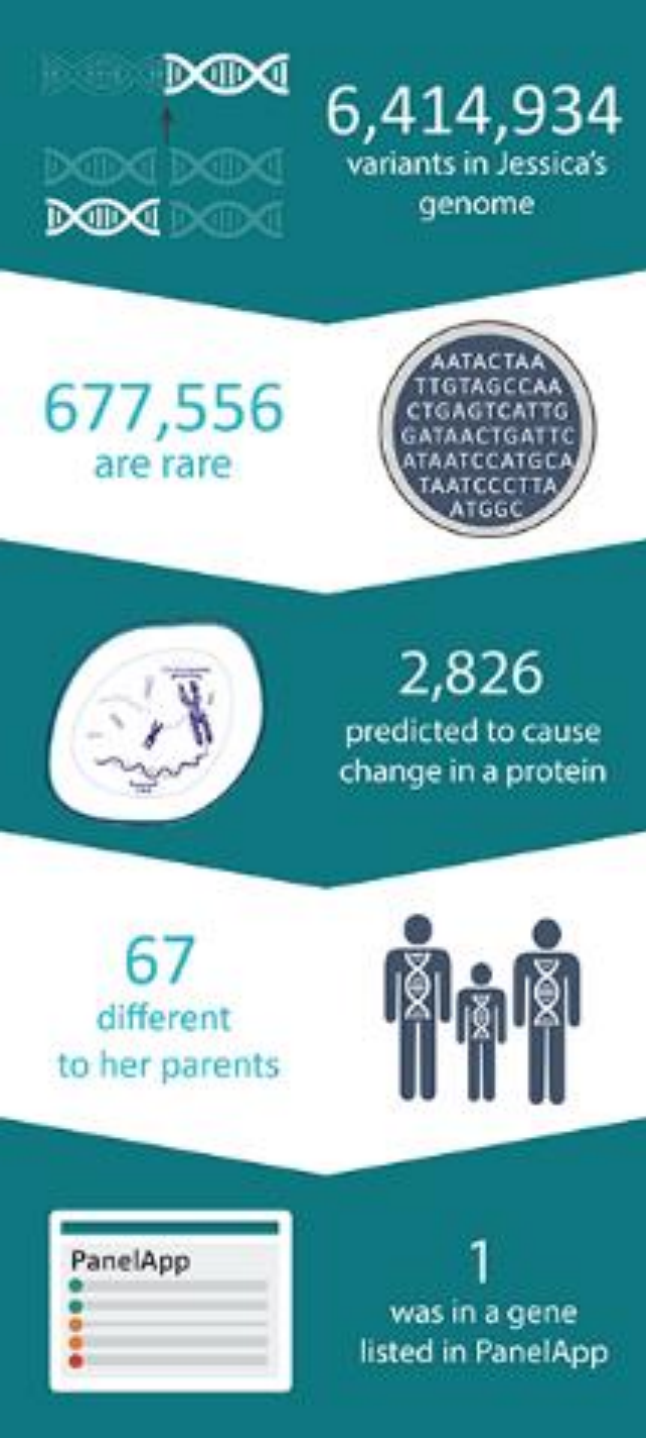
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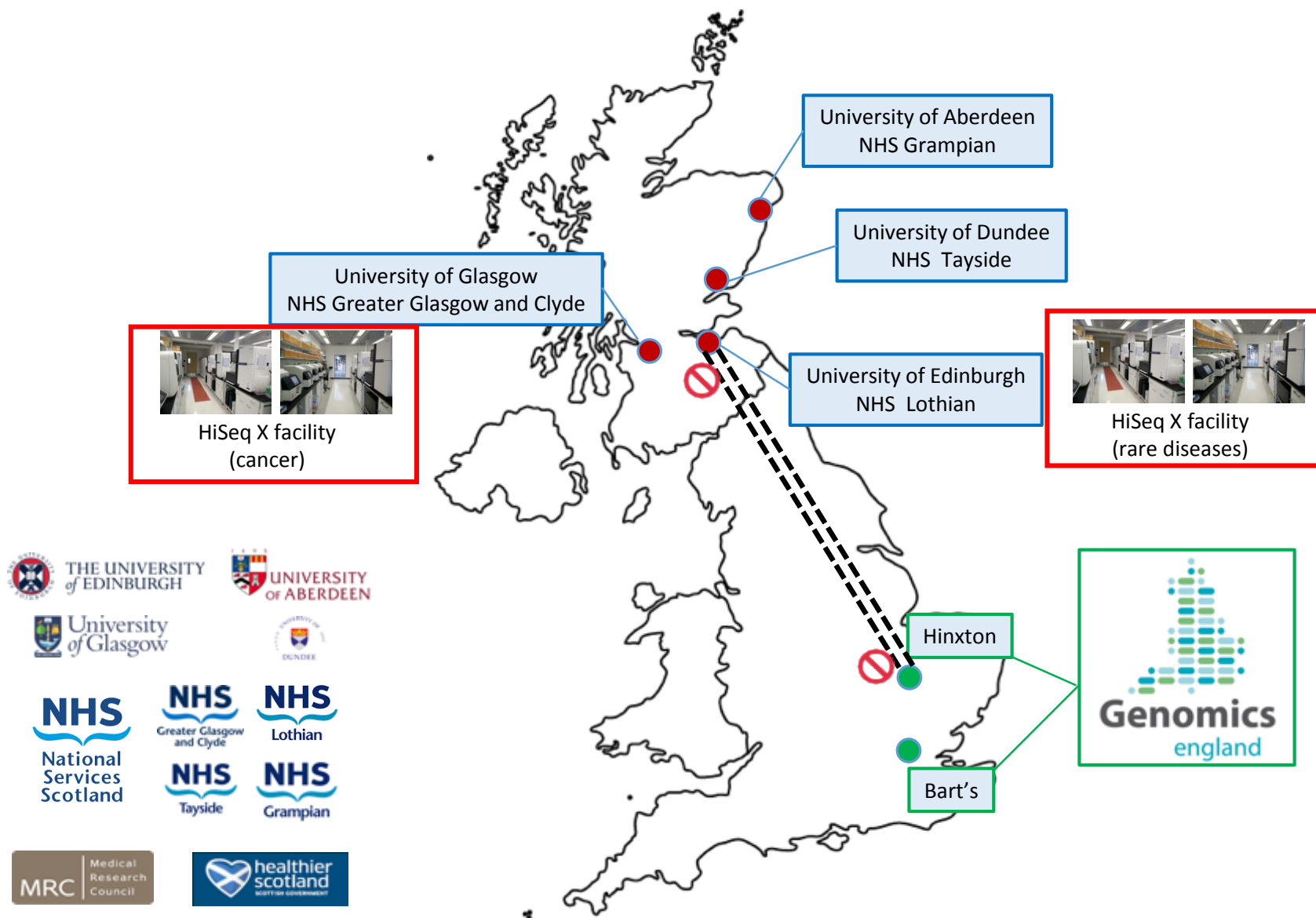


# Genome Trio-based Analysis

- <https://www.genomicsengland.co.uk/the-100000-genomes-project>



Glut1 deficiency: SLC2A1 deletion or mutation  
Treatment with ketogenic diet

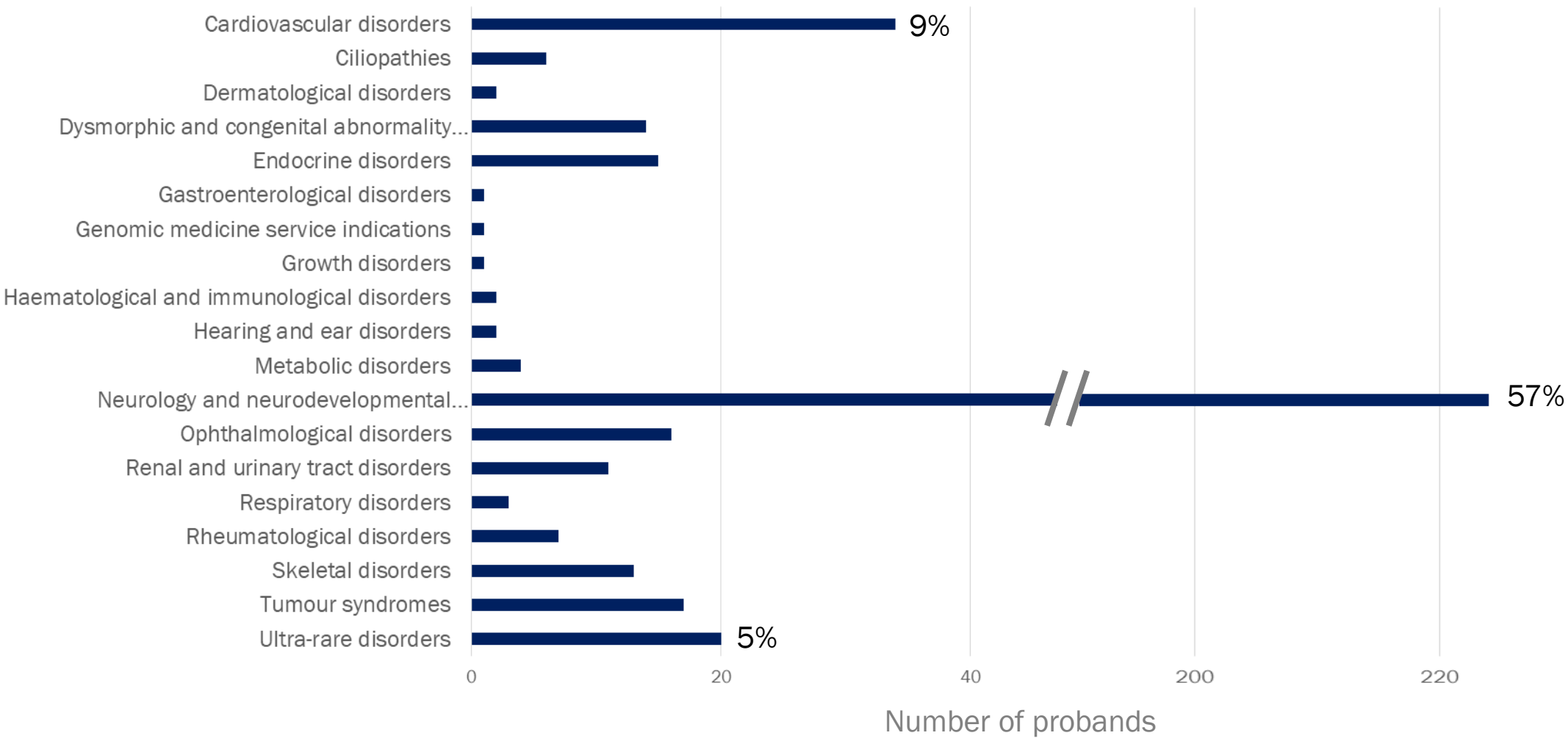


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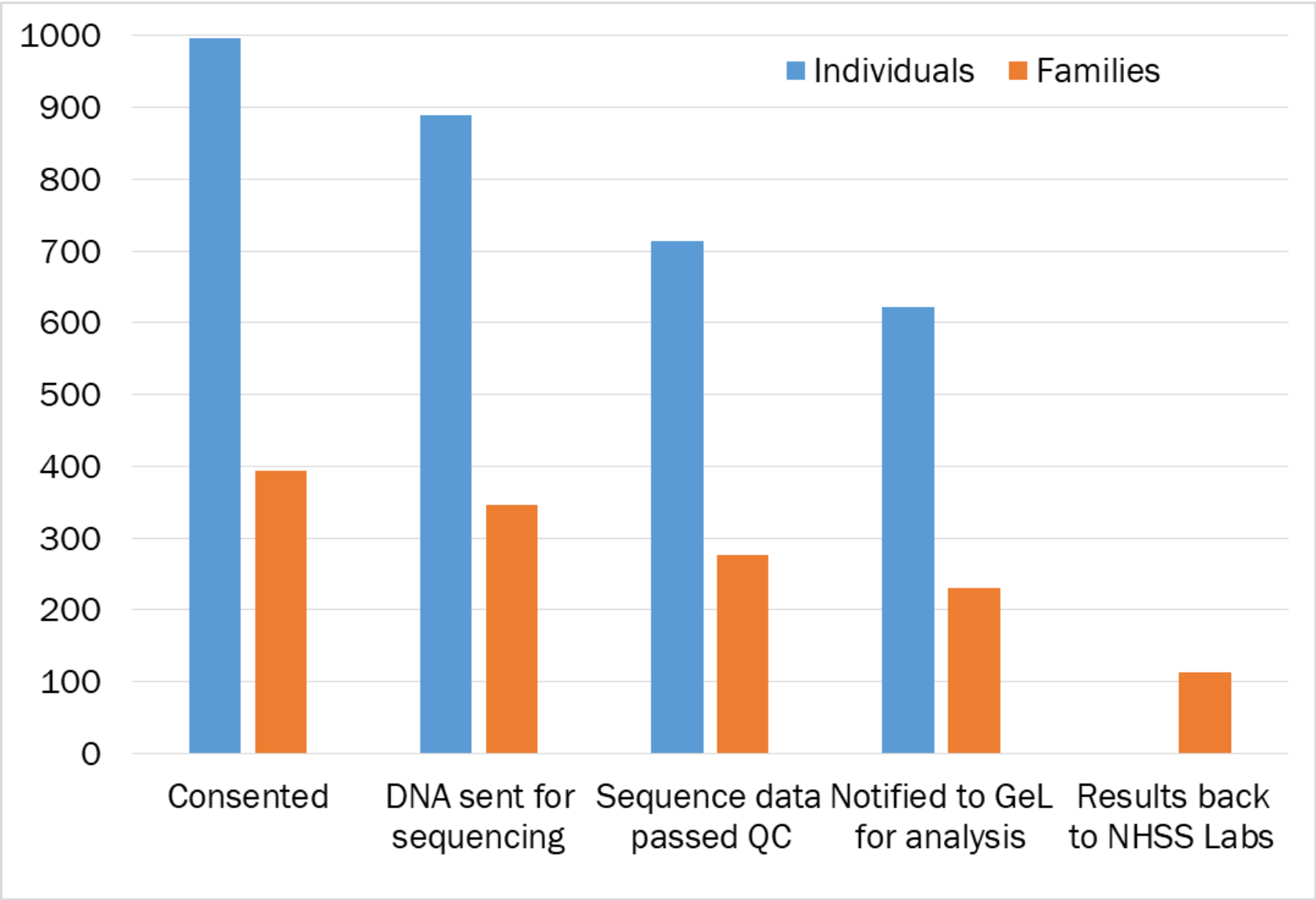
- 1,000 genomes sequenced in Scotland
- Usually child & parents- consented
- Anonymised genetic & clinical data transferred, stored, used & shared in Genomics England datastore
  - Genome results filtered to possible suspects using automated software
- Suspect genes checked by NHS Scotland lab & clinic staff
- Reported back to patients by their genetics doctor's team
- Additional analysis using more detailed filter systems developed in Edinburgh (Fitzpatrick)
- Consent to lifetime follow-up of clinical records



# Scottish participation in the 100,000 Genomes Project: **Proband phenotype distribution**

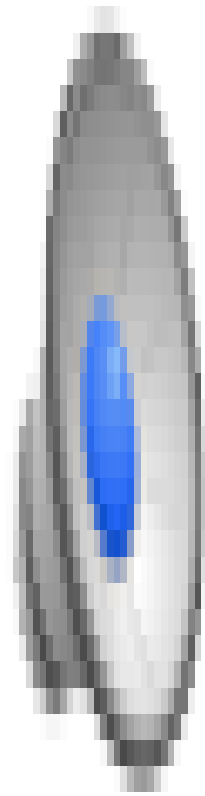


Scottish participation in the 100,000 Genomes Project: **Project progress**



# Genomics in NHS Scotland

- Review of Scottish Genetics Consortium set genomic testing as a priority
- SGP has established processes for clinical genome analysis in NHS Scotland
- Establishing best way to test each patient depending on presentation
  - Ongoing health economics review
  - Detailed costing & development of appropriate measure of value
- Ongoing Scottish Scientist Advisory Council review to discuss how to make genomics standard care in Scotland & to expand other genetics tests to deliver personalised medicine



# Scottish Strengths

- Key strengths of bioinformatics, high performance computing and health care evaluation to bring to the table
- Engaged and effective NHS genetic workforce working as one
- Research embedded in workforce culture
- Education programmes available
- We need to define our place in the worldwide genomic landscape

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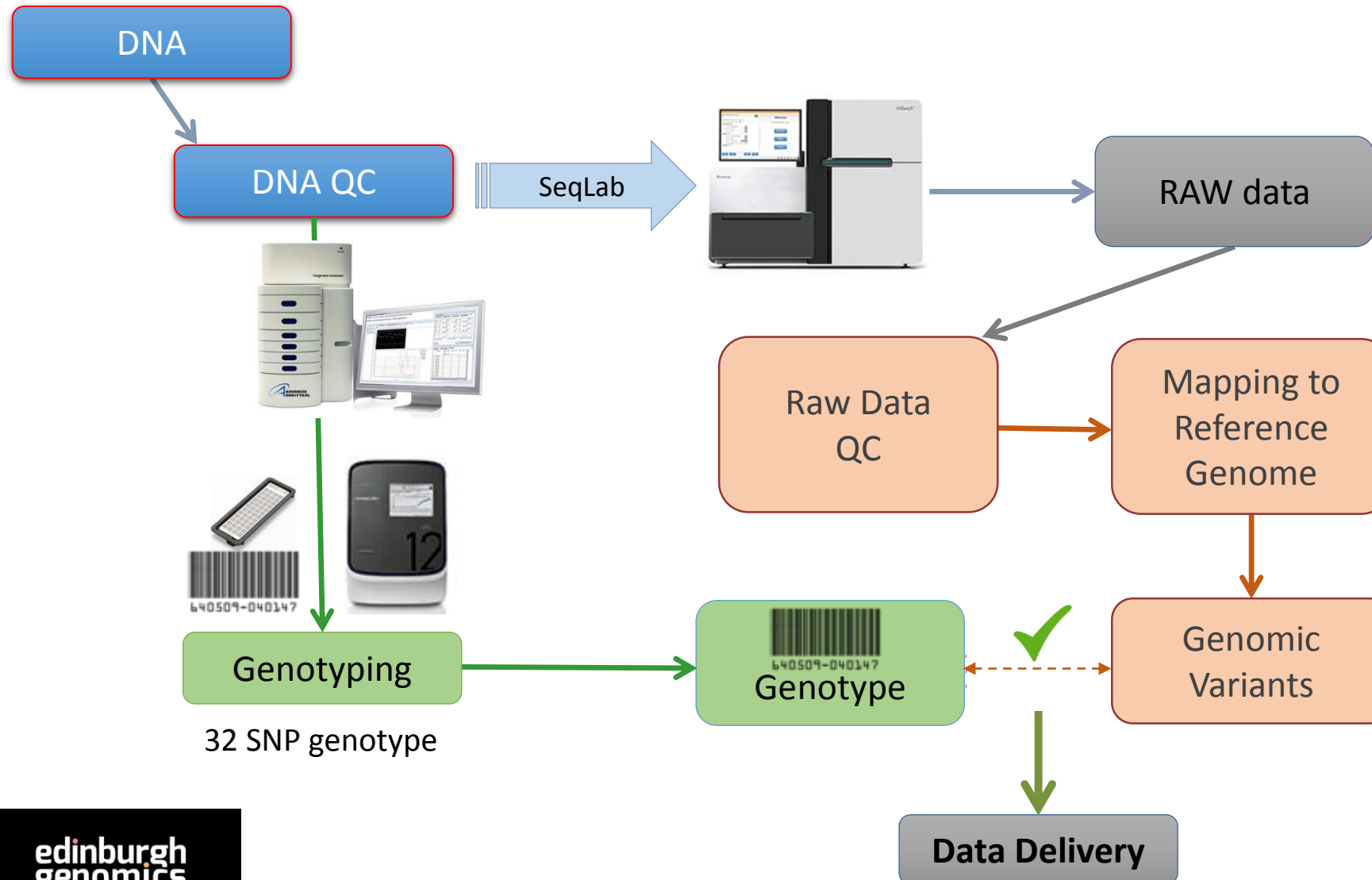
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# How is Scotland different from the rest of the 100,000/

- Separate consent and data governance
  - Considered as a research study
- Sequencing in Scotland- only de-identified data flows south
  - Cipher held in clinical genetics centres
  - In Scotland analysis in parallel
- Reports to patients as part of NHS care as per NHSE

# Excellent QC for whole Genome Sequencing at Edinburgh Genomics (Clinical)



# Reports of QC for Whole Genome Sequencing at Edinburgh Genomics (Clinical)

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- **Genomics England:** “No queries on either sample swaps or data entry errors. This is a major achievement when entering such complex information on large numbers of participants.”
- **UK NEQAS:** “The Scottish system is a high quality, good approach.”
- **ISO 17025:** Final audit passed August 2018.

# Current ScotVar Datasets

- VIKING study
  - 500 individuals from Shetland population isolate
- Unaffected parents from rare disease cohorts
  - ~150 individuals
- Germline normal samples from ovarian cancer project
  - 200 individuals
- Non-SGP: Lothian Birth Cohort
  - 1300 individuals

