

Strong infrastructure and world-class clinical and academic expertise creates a vibrant and innovative research environment in Scotland.

One Scotland

A research-ready nation

- Unified health service
- Stable population of c.5million
- Nationwide research infrastructure
- Internationally leading clinicians
- World-class academics
- Exceptional health data and informatics
- High incidence of complex disease

NHS Research Scotland (NRS)

Simplifies access to Scotland's world-class research infrastructure, supporting the placement, set-up and delivery of clinical research studies and innovative research collaborations from all sectors and therapy areas.

As a partnership of Scottish NHS Boards and the Chief Scientist Office (CSO) of Scottish Government, we ensure NHS Scotland provides the best environment to support research and contributes towards a thriving life sciences sector.

"Our vision is to support and increase the level of high-quality health research so that Scotland is recognised globally as a "come-to" place for health science. Through NHS Research Scotland we have made it easy for companies to find the right experts and facilities, underpinning NHS Scotland as a base for trials of the most advanced healthcare treatments, diagnostics and medical technologies and bringing them to patients faster"

Ricky Verrall, Head of Chief Scientist Office (CSO), Scottish Government



National research infrastructure

Our unique whole country approach creates an efficient, supportive and attractive research environment. Investments in nationwide clinical research infrastructure provide researchers, clinicians and industry access to state-of-the-art facilities to conduct clinical trials.



NHS SCOTLAND

Our unified health system – **38 hospitals, 1020 general practices** - with research embedded as a cornerstone of person-centred healthcare.



CLINICAL RESEARCH FACILITIES

Dedicated clinical **research space** and **expertise** to support delivery of multidisciplinary clinical research.



NETWORKS & SPECIALTY GROUPS

National expertise and support across all **therapy areas** facilitates delivery of high-quality research across the NHS.



SAFE HAVENS

Secure platform for use of **NHS electronic data** including data linkage, feasibility assessments and real world evidence.



BIOREPOSITORIES

National systems streamline access to **anonymised tissue and associated clinical data** for use in research.



IMAGING

Dedicated facilities and expertise across Scotland including a **central image bank** and **7T MRI capability**.



EFFICIENT START UP SERVICES

Streamlined national approach supports **rapid, efficient and predictable** study start-up across Scotland.



INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

Strategic partnerships with **IQVIA, Pfizer, PPD and Roche**, help Scotland remain a global centre of research excellence.



RESEARCH SUPPORT

Over **100 NRS Fellows** appointed since 2011 strengthening research culture across NHS Scotland.

Wider Collaborations

The Scottish Health Research Register (SHARE) is a partnership between the NHS, government and universities in Scotland.



A growing research register of over 206,000 pre-consented patients who have registered interest in helping medical research and can be identified via the coded data in their NHS health records. Permission to store and use blood that remains after routine clinical testing allowing research into the relationship between genes and disease, and responses to treatment.

 www.registerforshare.org.uk  [@register4share](https://twitter.com/register4share)

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