



# National Institute for Health Research

## Strategic Aim

To improve the **health and wealth** of the nation  
**through research**

# National Institute for Health Research

## Vision

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**

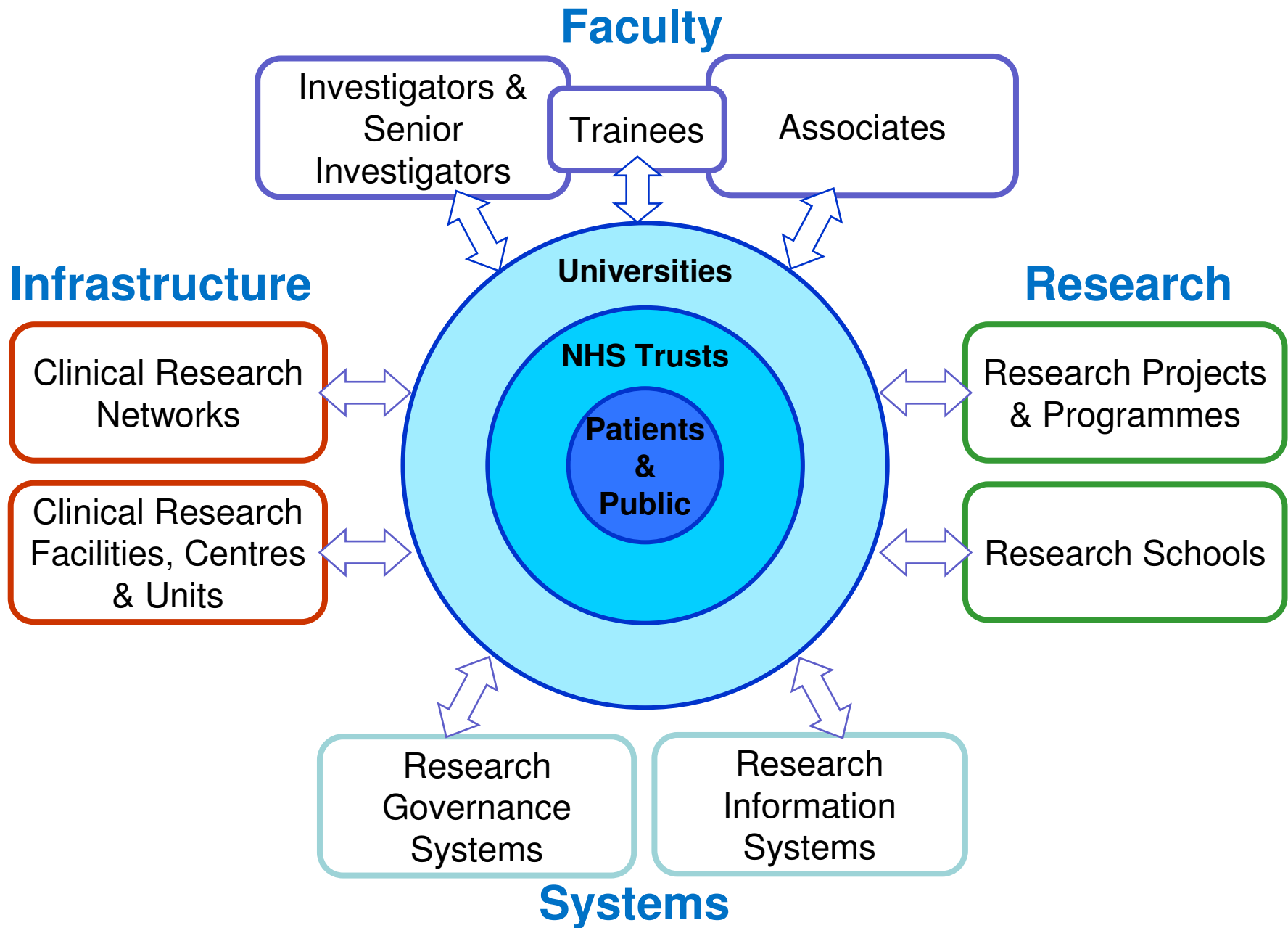
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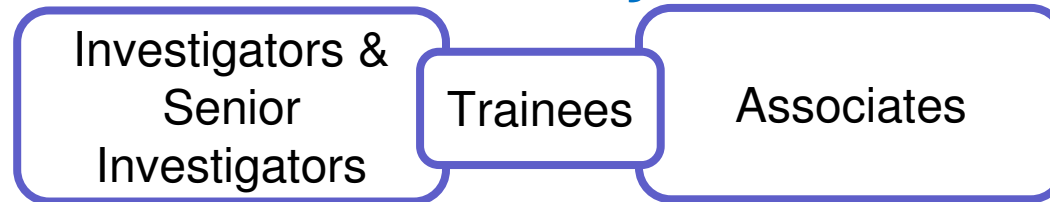
## A Health Research System



# The NIHR Health Research System



## Faculty



***“...outstanding individuals...”***

## Infrastructure

Clinical Research  
Networks

Clinical Research  
Facilities, Centres  
& Units

***“...the support and facilities the NHS  
needs for first class research...”***

## Infrastructure

Clinical Research  
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- Clinical Research Networks
- Clinical Research Facilities
- Experimental Medicine Facilities
- Biomedical Research Centres
- Biomedical Research Units
- Research Patient Safety Translational Research Centres
- Collaborations for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care
- Clinical Trials Unit support
- Research Design Service



# NIHR Clinical Research Networks

## NIHR Dementias & Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network

**DeNDroN**  
Dementias & Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network

NIHR Networks  
Non NIHR Networks  
Supplementary Resources for Motor Neurone Disease & Huntington's Disease

## NIHR Diabetes Research Network

**DRN**  
Diabetes Research Network

## NIHR Medicines for Children Research Network

**mcrn**

## NIHR Mental Health Research Network

**UK Mental Health Research Network**

## NIHR National Cancer Research Network

**NCRN**  
National Cancer Research Network

## NIHR Primary Care Research Network

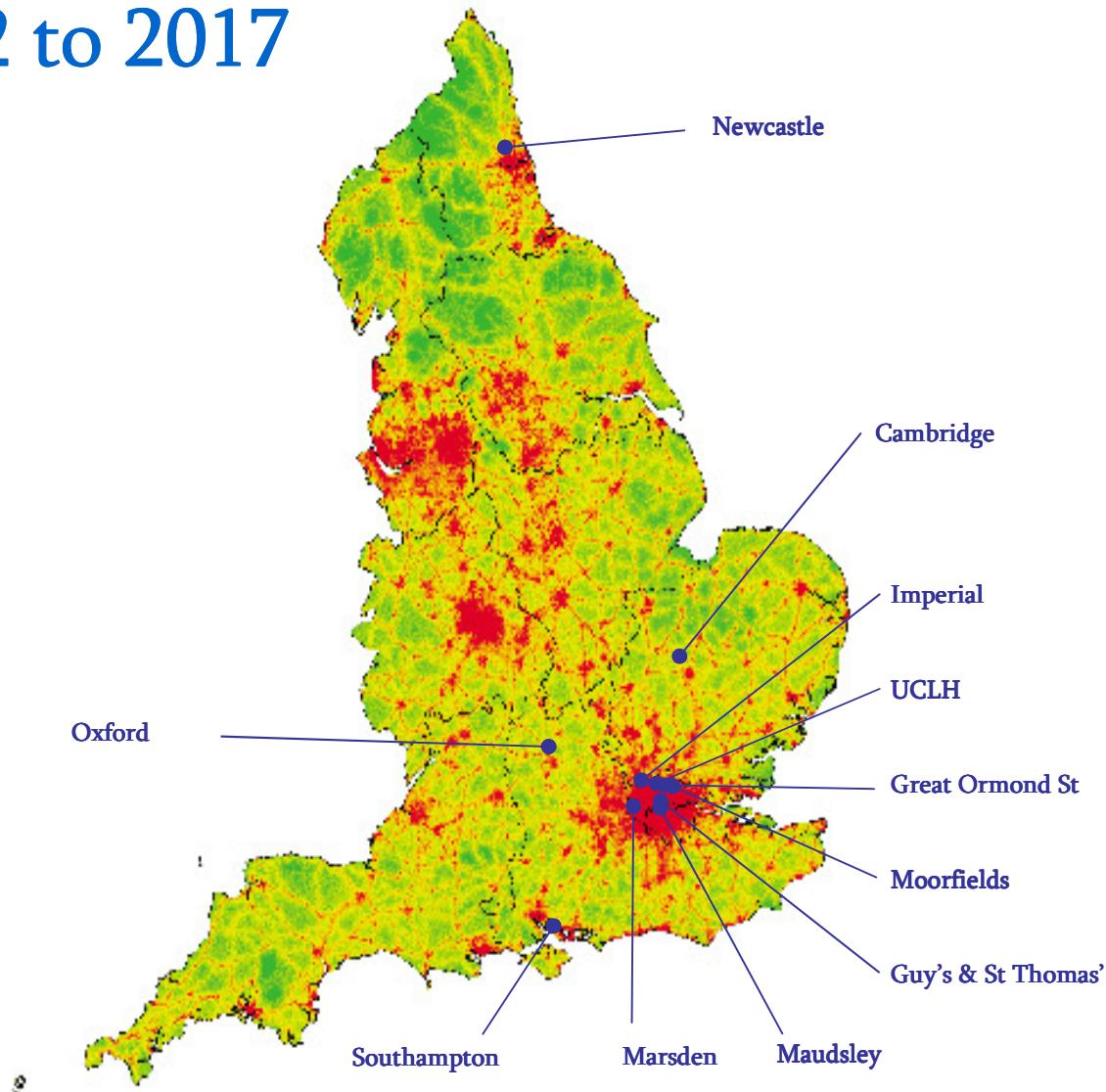
**PCRN**  
Primary Care Research Network

## NIHR Stroke Research Network

**SRN**  
Stroke Research Network

## NIHR Comprehensive Clinical Research Network

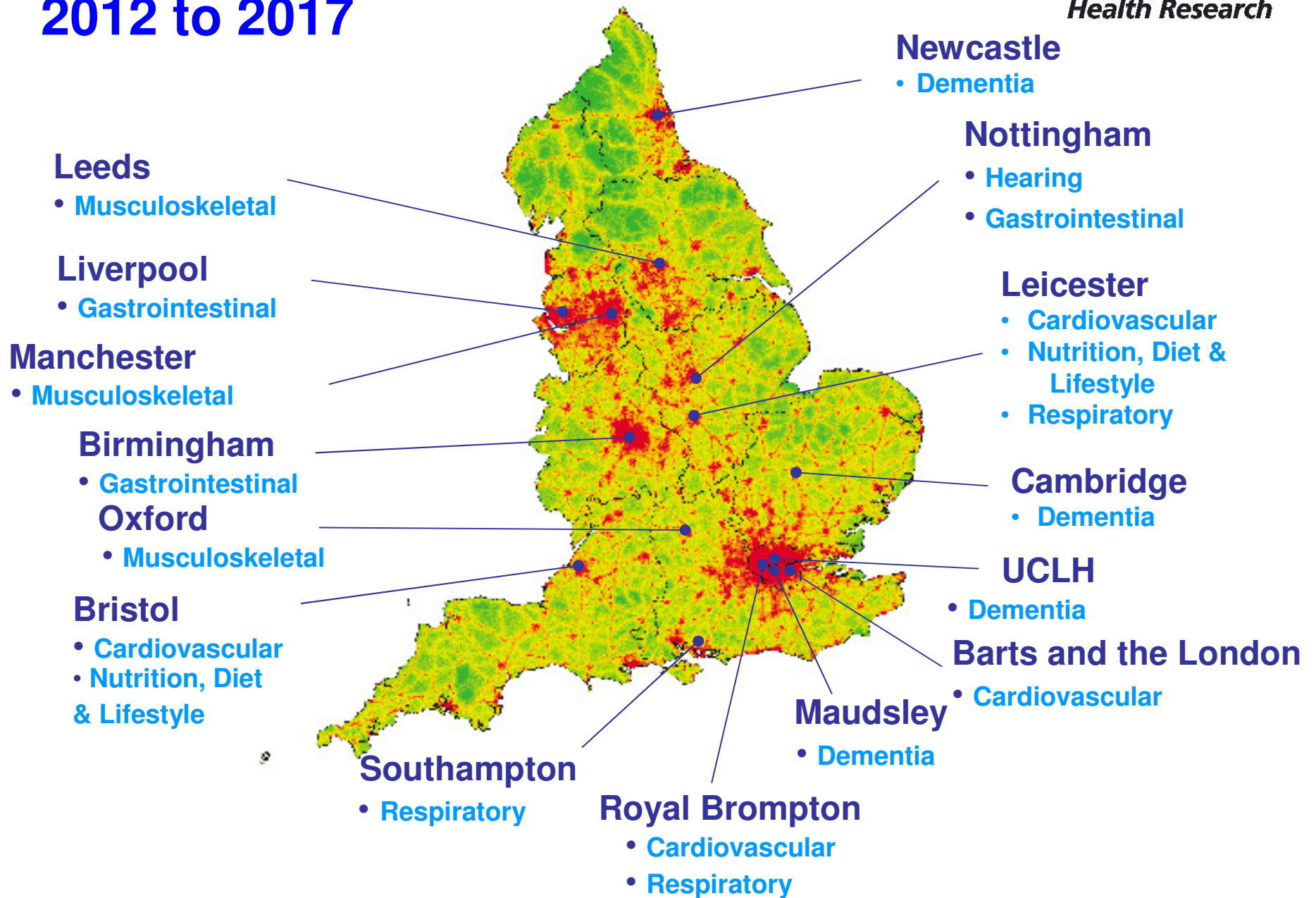
# NIHR Biomedical Research Centres: 2012 to 2017



# NIHR Biomedical Research Units: 2012 to 2017



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# NIHR Clinical Research Facilities: 2012 to 2017



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## Leeds:

- Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

## Liverpool:

- Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust

## Manchester:

- The Christie NHS Foundation Trust
- Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust

## Birmingham:

- University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust

## Oxford:

- Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust

## Exeter:

- Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust

## Southampton:

- University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust

## Brighton:

- Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust

## Newcastle:

- The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

## Sheffield:

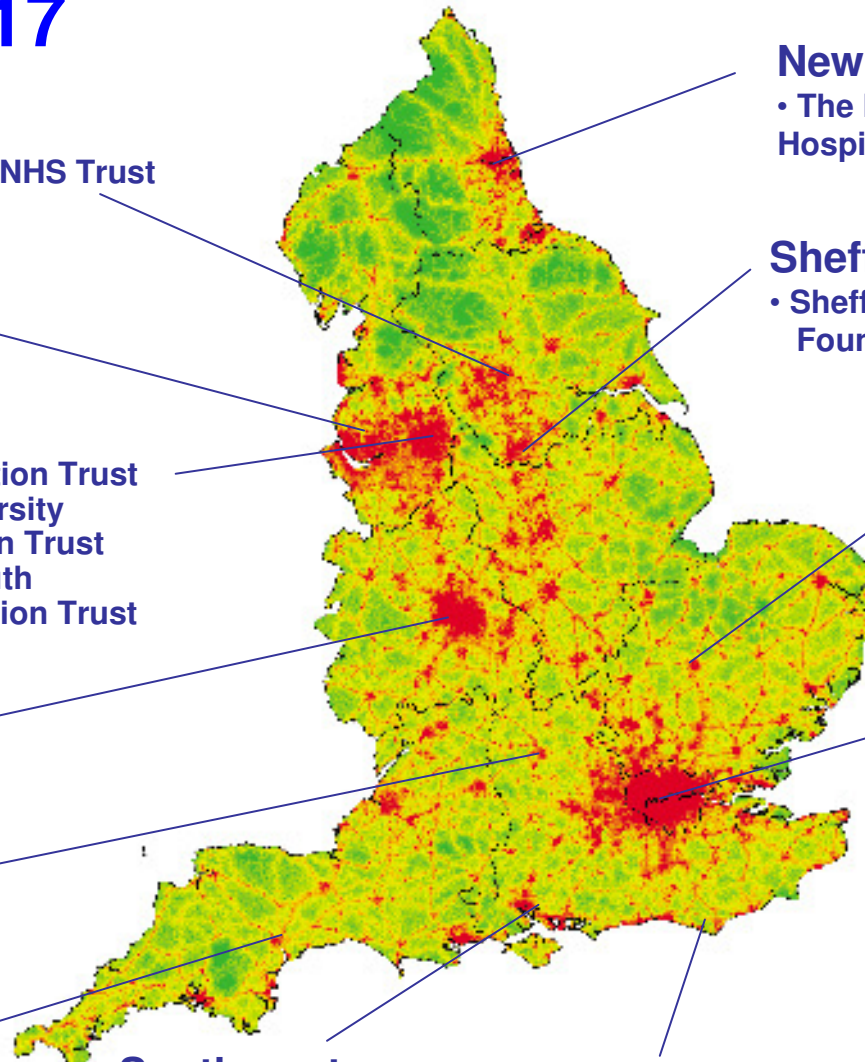
- Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

## Cambridge:

- Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

## London:

- Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
- Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
- Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust
- The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust
- University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

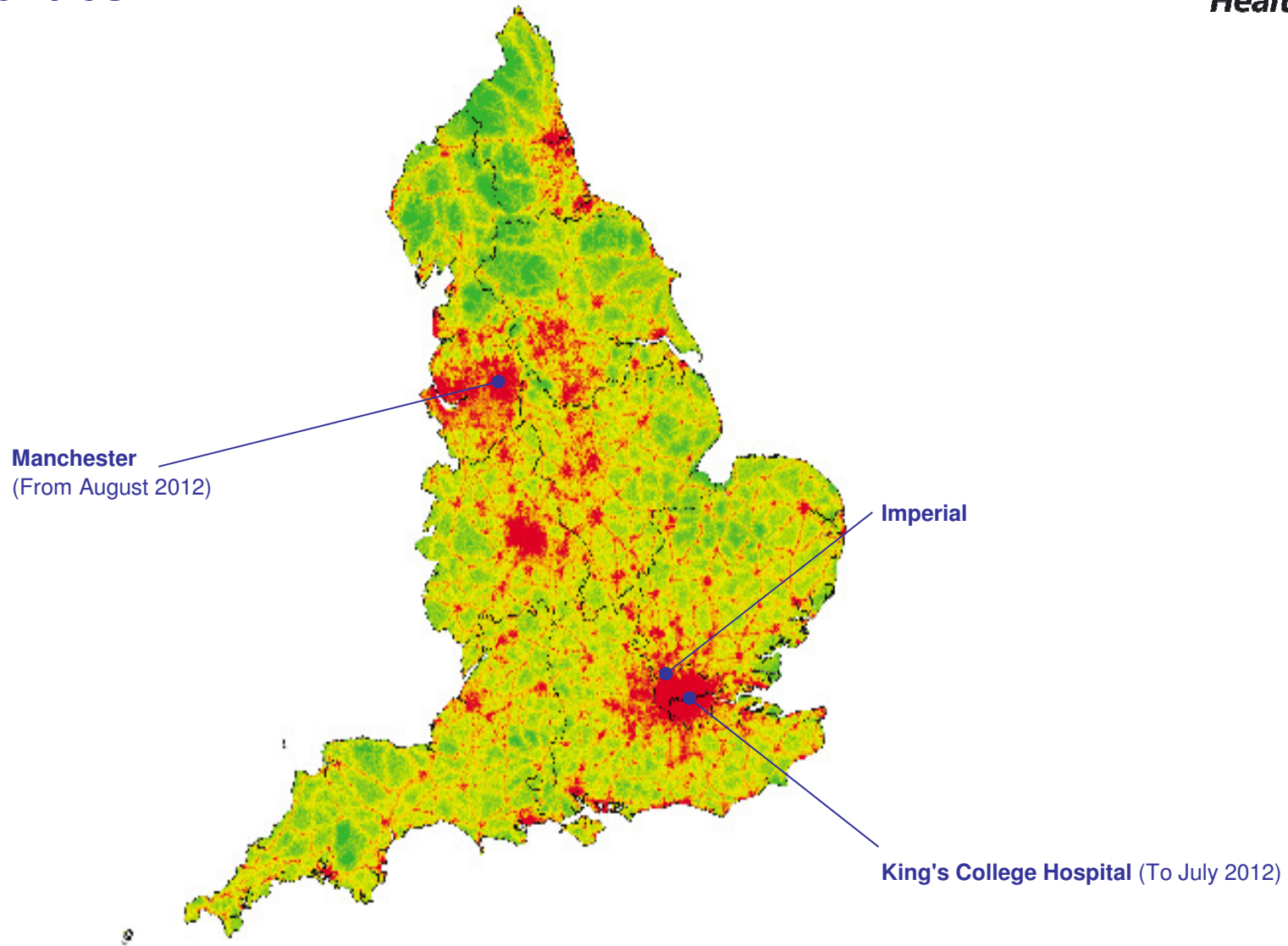


# Experimental Cancer Medicine Centre Network from April 2012



- 18 Centres of excellence
- Plus a Network of 9 Paediatric Centres

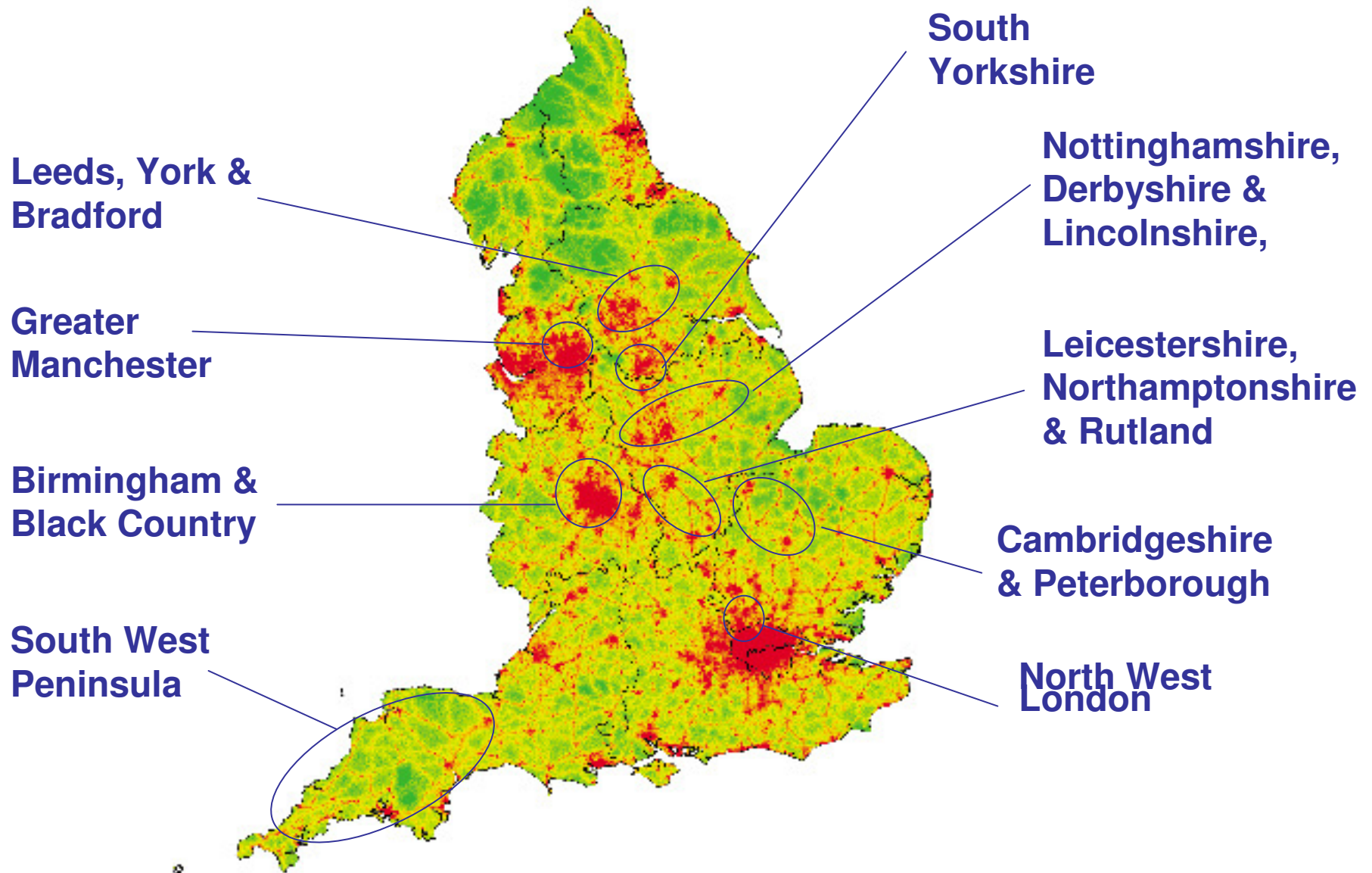
# NIHR Patient Safety Translational Research Centres



# NIHR Centres for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRCs)

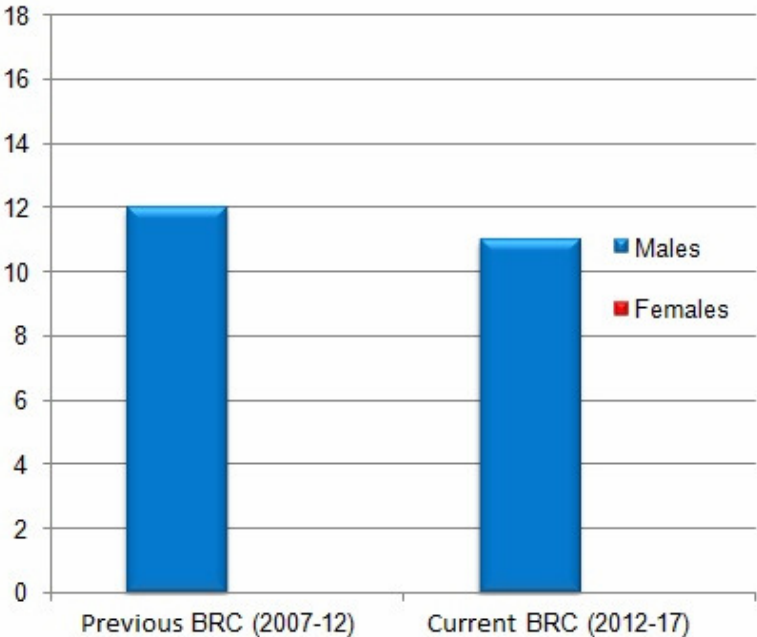


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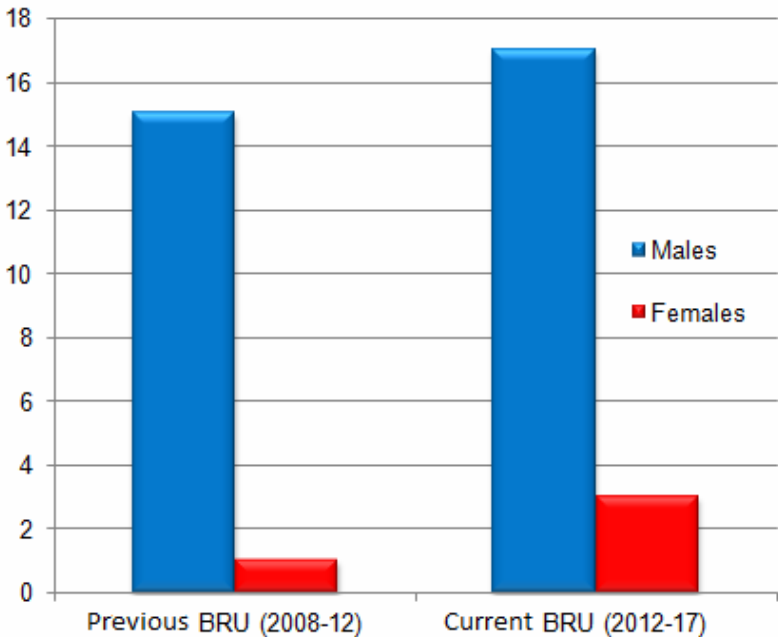


# Previous and Current BRCs and BRUs Directors

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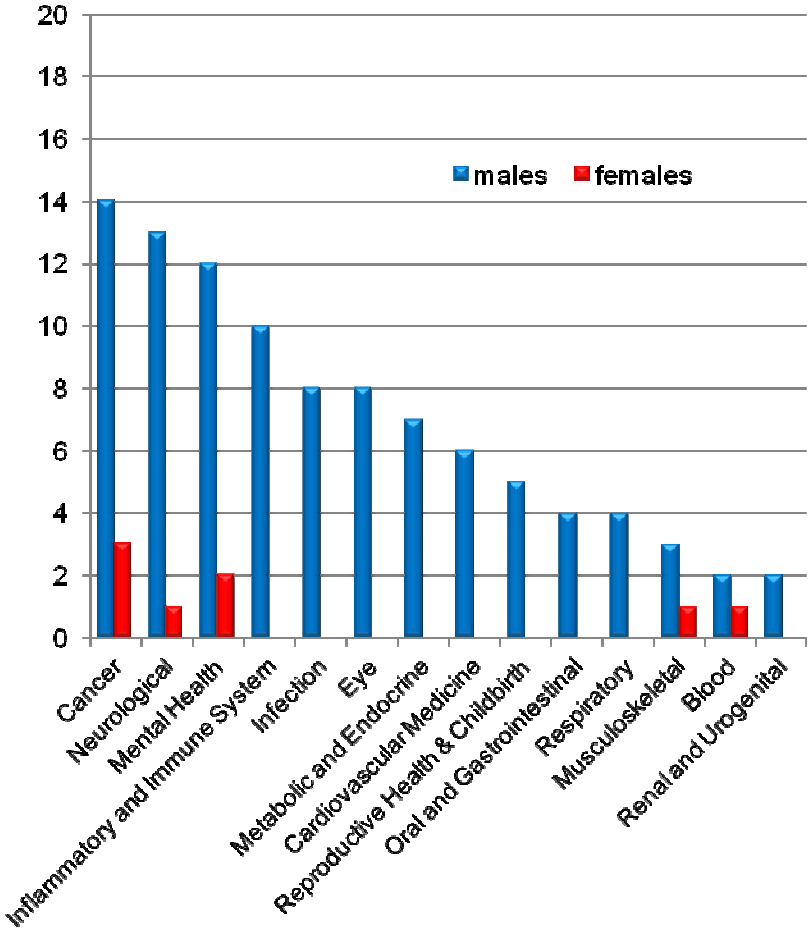
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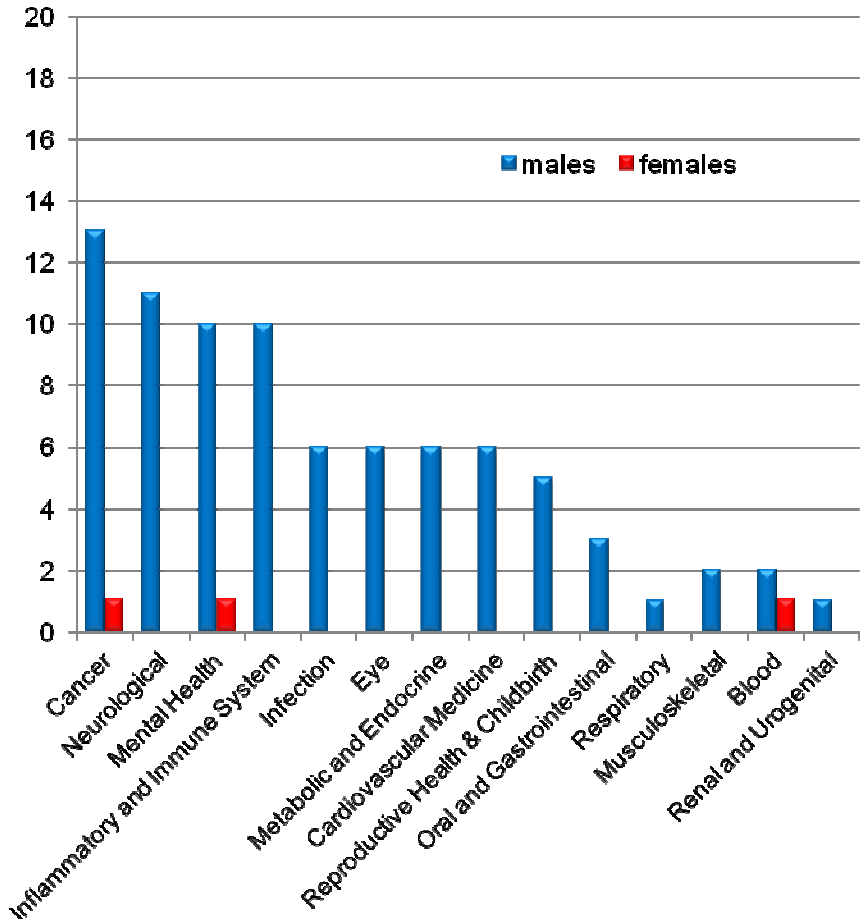


# Previous & Current BRC Theme Leaders gender by Health Category

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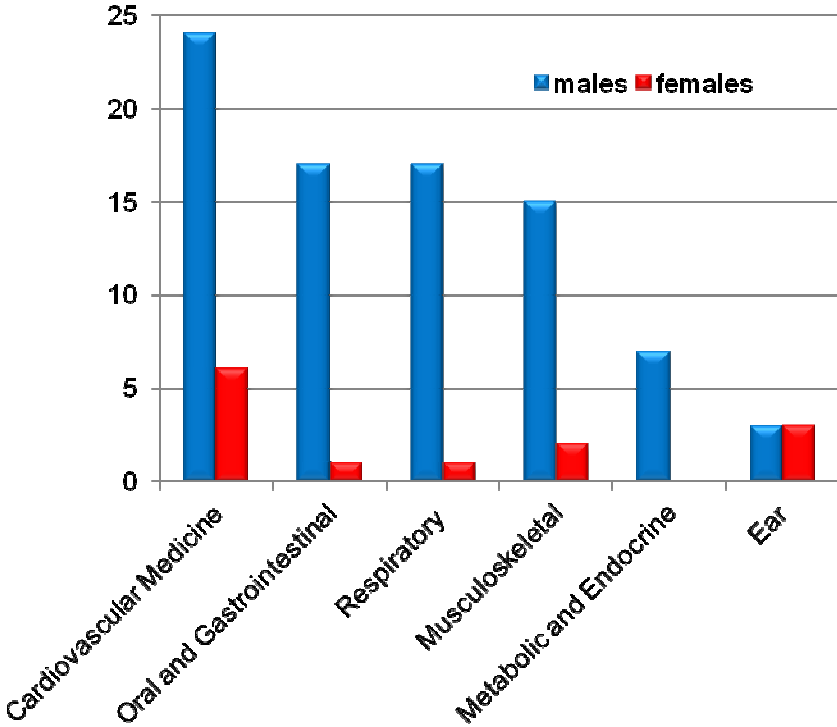


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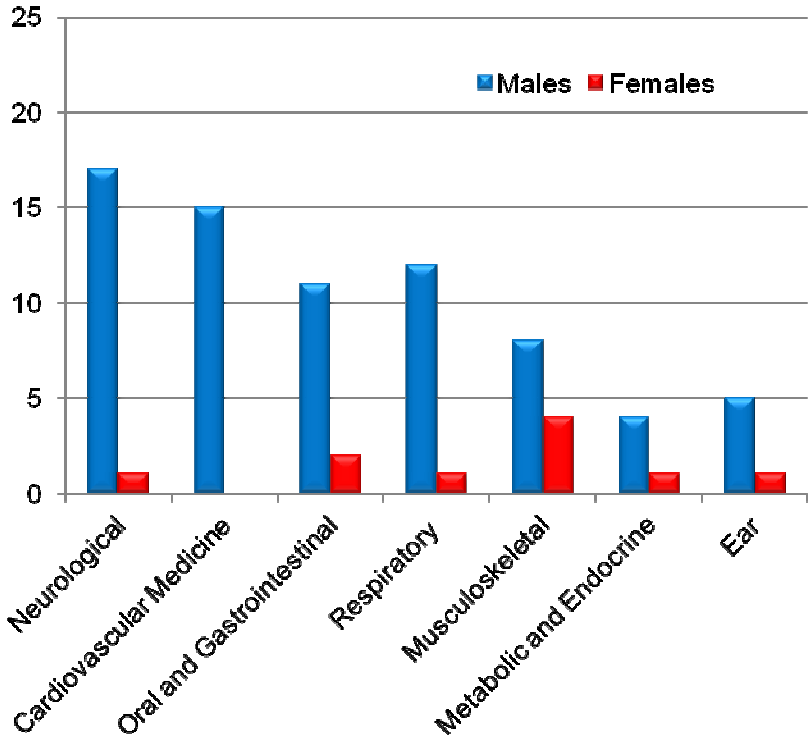


# Previous & Current BRU Area Leaders gender by Health Category

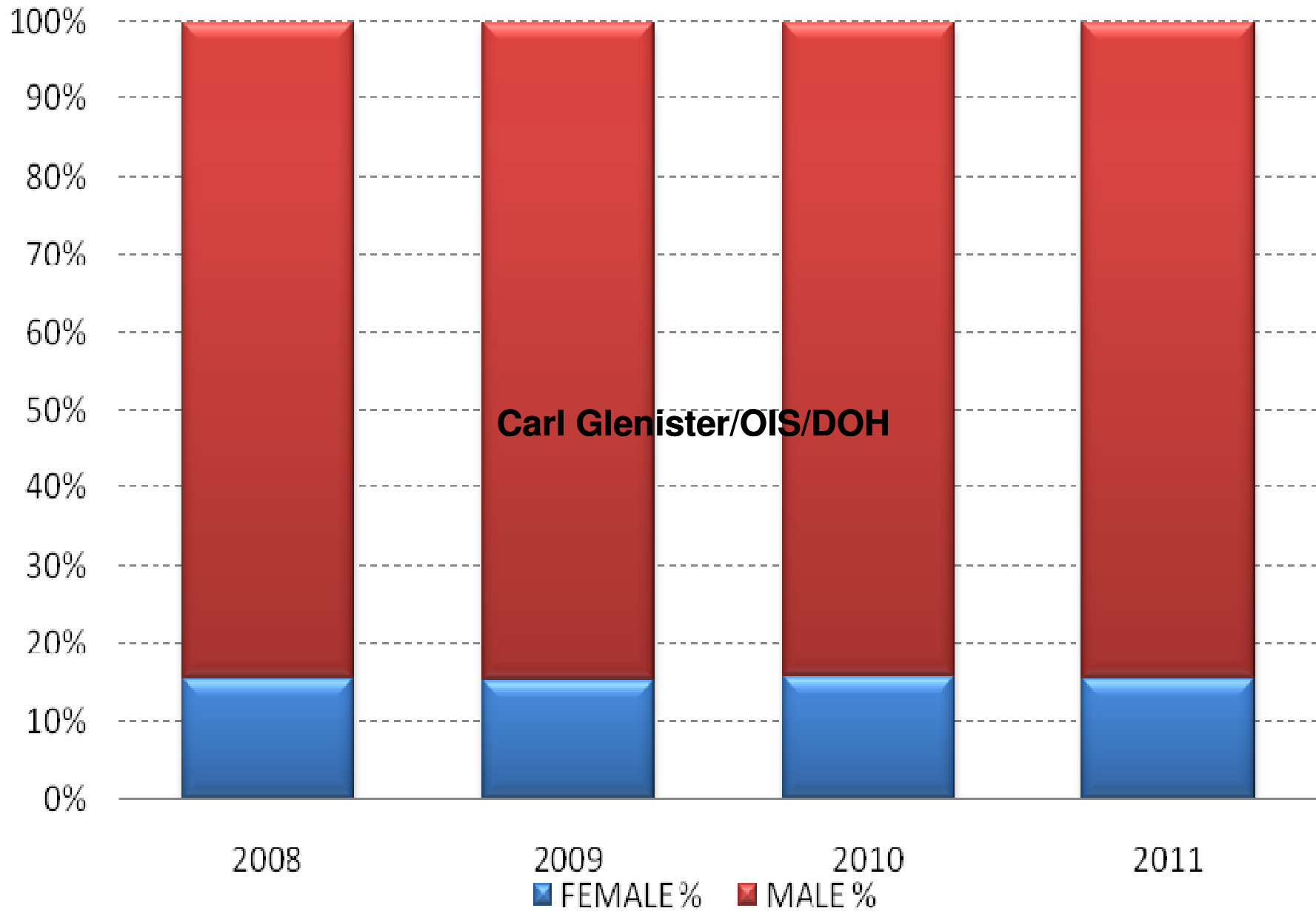
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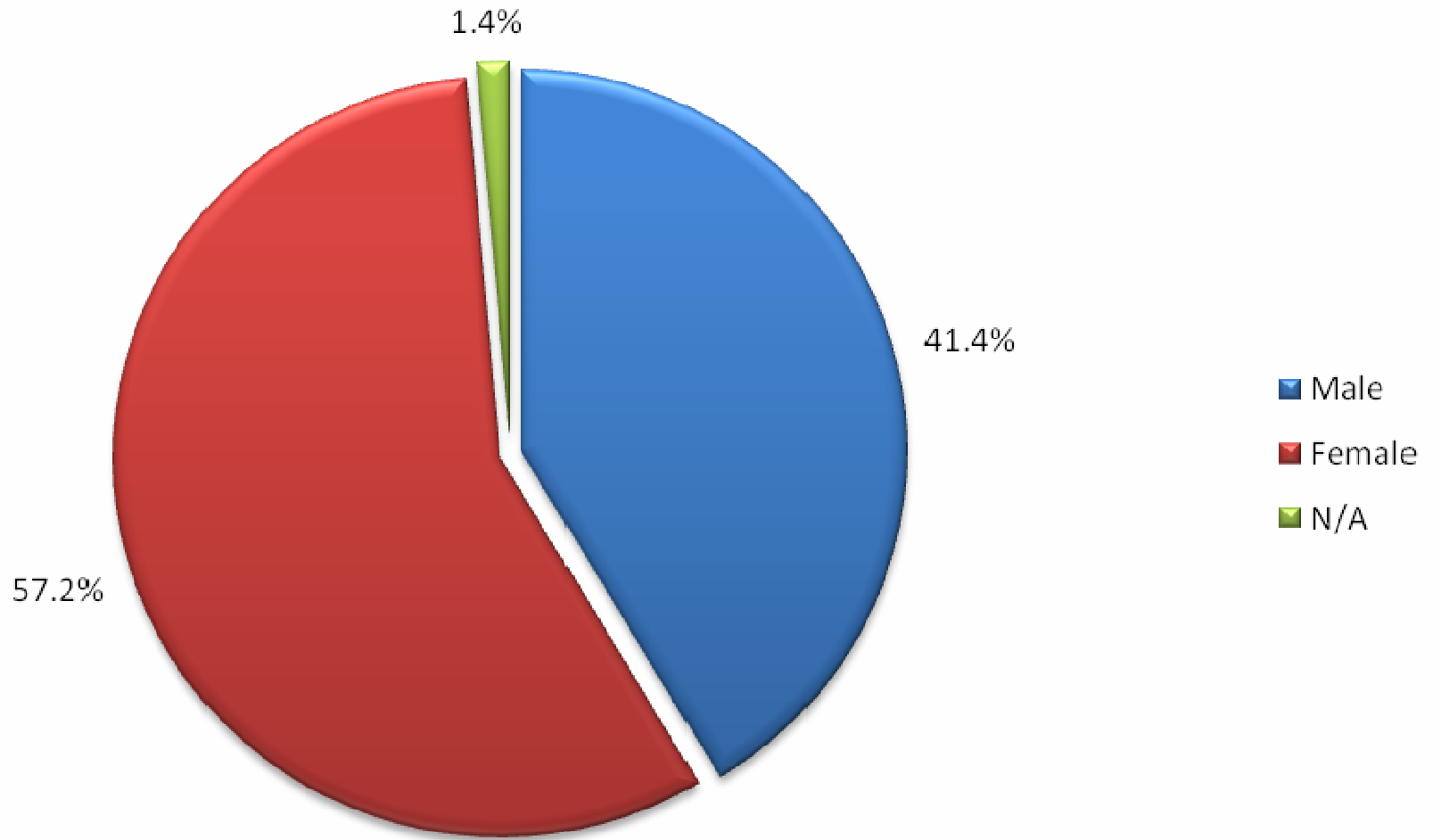
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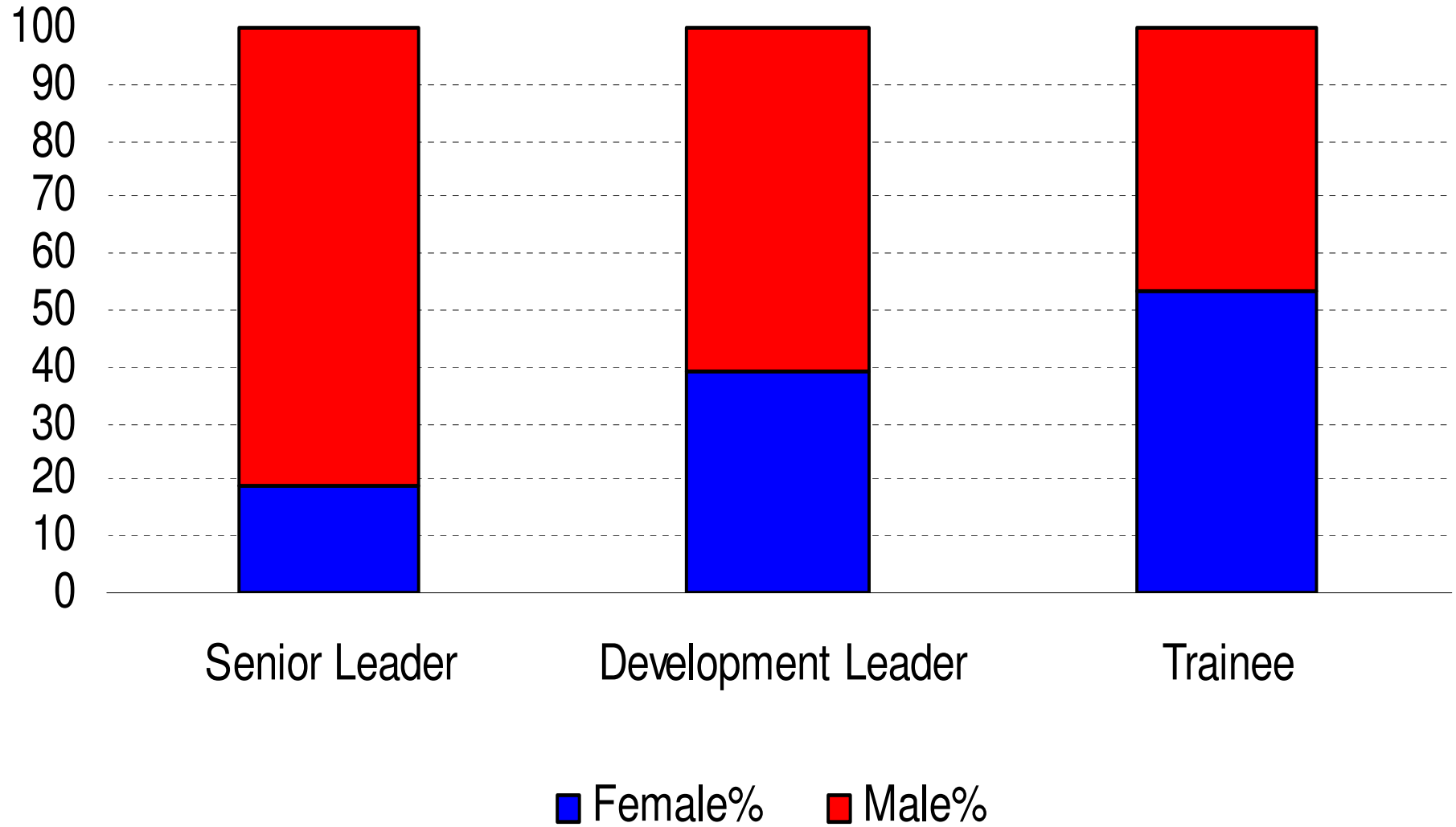
## Senior Investigators gender distribution trend



## Gender distribution of trainees (TCC)



# NIHR Leadership Programme





## Athena Swan

The Athena SWAN Charter recognises and celebrates good employment practice for women working in science, engineering and technology (SET) in higher education and research.

Any university or research institution which is committed to the advancement of the careers of women in SET in higher education and research can apply for **membership**.

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### Frequently asked questions.

[Find out more about the Charter's history and principles.](#)

We would like to thank the Universities of Bath, Bristol and York for providing the photographs used on this website.

## News

11 May 2012

### **New Athena SWAN publications launched**

Annual Report and Awards Booklet available to download

10 May 2012

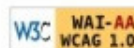
### **Coventry University joins Athena SWAN Charter**

Membership now stands at 76 institutions

9 May 2012

### **Athena SWAN awards ceremony**

University of Birmingham hosts ceremony



# Dame Sally Davies' letter to Medical Schools

From the Chief Medical Officer  
Professor Dame Sally C. Davies

29 July 2011

Professor Tony Weetman, Medical Schools Council  
Sir Ron Kerr, Association of University Hospitals  
Sir Steve Smith, Universities UK  
Professor Michael Arthur, The Russell Group  
cc Katie Petty-Saphon and Wendy Platt

Dear Tony, Ron, Steve and Michael

We have just completed a very busy full week with interviewing short-listed academic/NHS partners for Biomedical Research Centres and Units (BRCs) and Units (BRUs) and I was very concerned about going forward. NHS partners are supporting women in clinical academia and be appointed to senior leadership positions.

When questioned, the NHS Trust responses were varied. Medical School responses varied from excellent to embarrassed on behalf of our nation.

I now write to tell you that the BRCs and BRUs where the academic partner has not achieved at least the Silver Award of the Athena SWAN Charter for Women in Science. The present funding period gives both those who are funded, and those who are potential entrants next time four years to demonstrate this level of commitment to women in science.

When we announce the present successful awards, this highlights this as a condition for short-listing for the next round. We will put it in our final award letter for this round of BRCs/BRUs. If, through your networks, you could make everyone aware in the next period of time to get the Athena SWAN Silver Award in place effectively.

With best wishes and thanks for your help



PROFESSOR DAME SALLY C DAVIES  
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER & CHIEF SCIENTIFIC ADVISER

next run the competition for NIHR BRCs and BRUs we do not expect to short-list any NHS/University partnership where the academic partner (generally the Medical School/ Faculty of Medicine) has not achieved at least the Silver Award of the Athena SWAN Charter for Women in Science. The present funding period of five years that we are about to enter gives both those who are funded, and those who are potential entrants next time four years to demonstrate this level of commitment to women in science.

# Spending Review 2010



## Chancellor's statement

“Britain is a world leader in scientific research. And that is vital to our future economic success.

That is why I am proposing that we do not cut the cash going to the science budget.

**Spending on health research will be protected.”**

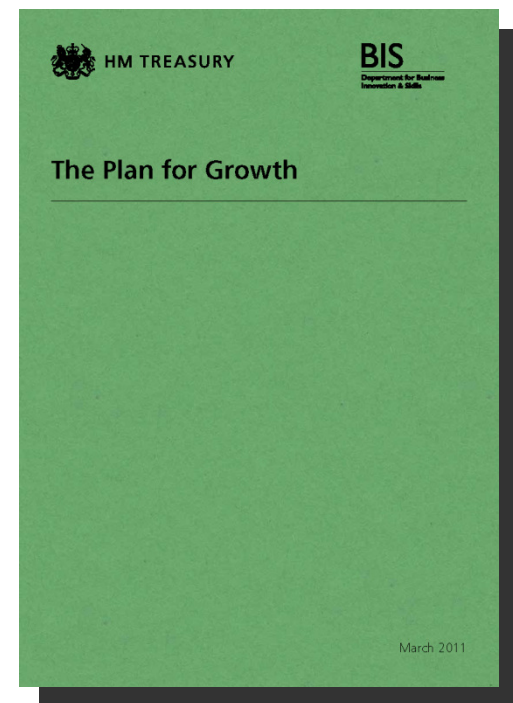
George Osborne  
20 October 2010



# Government's *Plan for Growth*

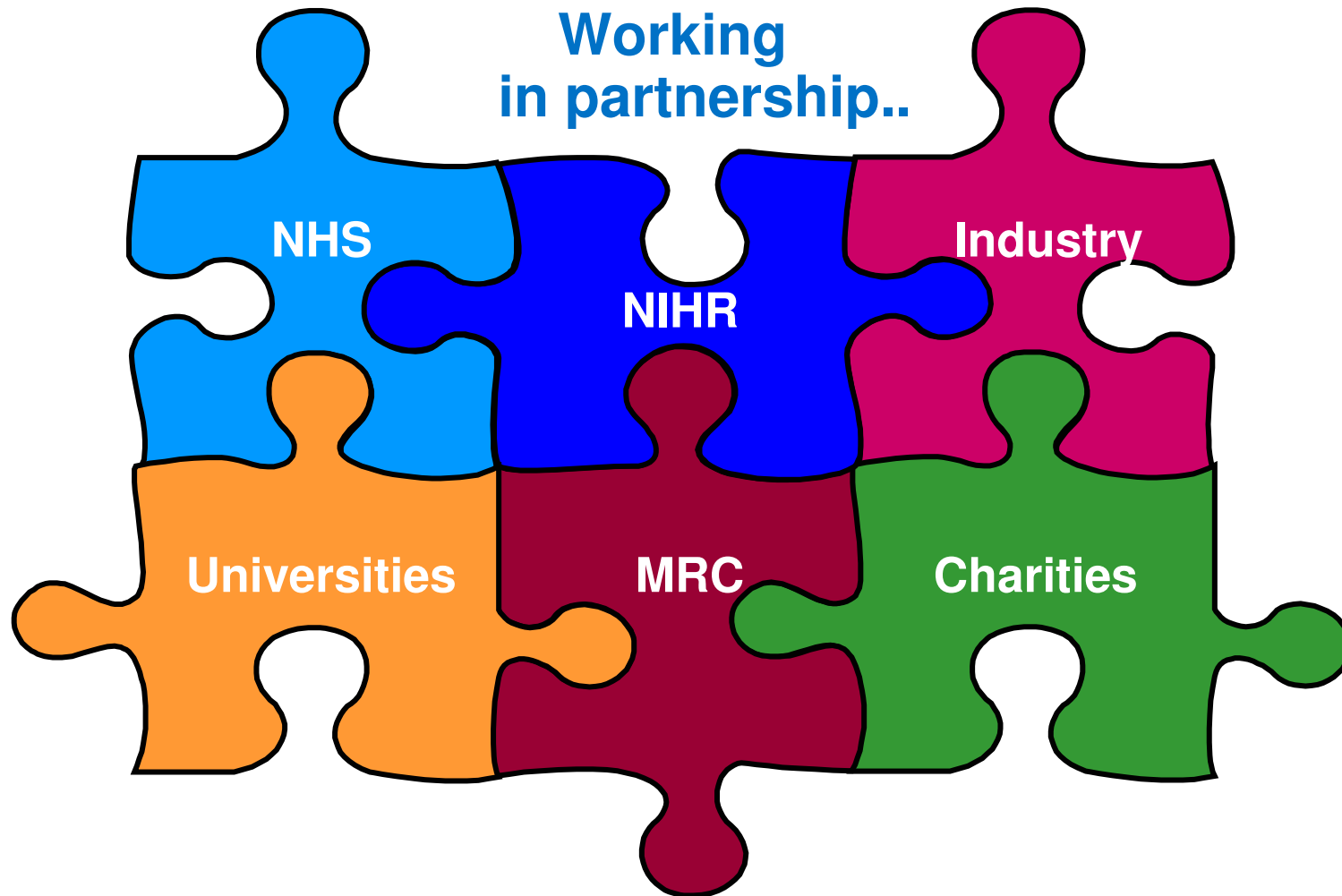
Announced in the 2011 Budget

- Highlighted that health research has a key role in the national economy
- The Government wants to create the right conditions for businesses to succeed, removing barriers that are preventing them from performing to their full potential.
- A thriving life sciences industry is critical to the ability of the NHS to deliver world-class health outcomes. For that to continue, we need to maintain a thriving research base.



# NIHR is designed to deliver a research-intensive NHS

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..for the benefit of patients and the public

