

Supporting innovation and knowledge transfer

Ideas that have the potential to improve patient care or offer benefits to health and social care providers need to be developed and protected. We aim to ensure that the highly innovative research taking place here in Northern Ireland is disseminated and exploited for maximum benefit and learning, whether through changes in practice or by working with the private sector to develop new products.

A platform for growth

By enabling research, we also help to grow the local economy, with each research project we support creating an average of 1.3 jobs. For every £1 spent on R&D, £4.14 is returned to Northern Ireland.

Find out more about HSC R&D and what we can do for you at:
www.research.hscni.net



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Welcome to HSC R&D:

building research in health and social care



Research and development (R&D) is the foundation on which good health and social care is built. At HSC R&D, our role is to create an environment in which researchers can access trained staff, leading experts, infrastructure and support services through all stages of their research journey. In turn, their work will improve treatment and outcomes for patients in Northern Ireland, through participation in high quality clinical trials, improvements to best practice, and the development of new medical technology, procedures and therapies.



Developing and enabling infrastructure

From datasets to networks to clinical research facilities, we help build the essential support structure which facilitates high quality research and maximum benefit to patients. Working with partner organisations across a range of sectors allows us to maximise the return on investment in Northern Ireland's research infrastructure.

Growing research capacity

The best health and social care comes from a research literate workforce informed by a solid evidence base. That's why we continue to invest in capacity building to develop and maintain a core of active, skilled researchers. Engaging with the HSC, universities and policymakers helps us to identify and prioritise key areas for growth.

Creating opportunities

Our range of fellowships and other award schemes cover the spectrum of research from pre-doctoral to senior levels. We also fund a wide range of health and social care research across all disciplines and sectors. Find out more at www.research.hscni.net/funding-opportunities

Involving patients and the public

The most effective health and social care research involves patients, carers and the public in the commissioning, planning and delivery process – as partners, not just research subjects. We help bring researchers together with patients and the wider public through the PIER (NI) group – find out more at pha.site/pier-ni

