Putting Research into Context

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Recent Policy
Implications for R&D

• The core role of research in the NHS: "The Government is committed to the promotion and conduct of research as a core NHS role". (para 3.16)

• The importance of clinical research and NIHR: "The NHS has an increasingly strong focus on evidence-based medicine, supported by internationally respected clinical researchers with funding from the National Institute for Health Research".

• The success of NIHR Clinical Research Networks: "Our patient participation levels in cancer research are the highest in the world". (para 1.6)

• The increased importance of research in times of constrained resources: "Research is even more important when resources are under pressure - it identifies new ways of preventing, diagnosing and treating disease. It is essential if we are to increase the quality and productivity of the NHS, and to support growth in the economy." (para 3.16)
• The importance of industry in the context of research: "A thriving life sciences industry is critical to the ability of the NHS to deliver world-class health outcomes". (para 3.16)

• A commitment to cut research bureaucracy: "The Government will cut the bureaucracy involved in medical research. We have asked the Academy of Medical Sciences to conduct an independent review of the regulation and governance of medical research. In the light of this review we will consider the legislation affecting medical research, and the bureaucracy that flows from it, and bring forward plans for radical simplification". (para 5.8).

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Vision

To create a health research system in which the NHS:

- supports outstanding individuals;
- working in world-class facilities;
- conducting leading-edge research;
- focussed on the needs of patients and the public
Five Goals

- Establish the NHS as an internationally recognised centre of research excellence
- Attract, develop and retain the best research professionals to conduct people based research
- Commission research focussed on improving health and social care
- Manage our knowledge resources
- Act as sound custodians of public money for public good
NHS Support Costs and the CLRN

Costs of R&D in the NHS are split into three

a) **Research costs** are the costs of the R&D itself *(Funding body)*

b) **NHS Service Support Costs (SSC)** include the additional patient related costs associated with the research, which would end once the R&D activity in question stopped *(CLRN -devolved to Trusts in NTW)*.

c) **Treatment costs** are the patient care costs which would continue to be incurred if the patient care service in question continued to be provided after the R&D activity had stopped *(Commissioner)*.
What does SSC cover?

- NHS staff engaged in research alongside their other clinical duties but not if they are employed specifically for a research project
- Identifying patients, explaining study, obtaining consent
- Collecting **clinical** data for research
- Additional cost of formulating, disguising, storing or distributing placebo or medicine
- Additional **clinical** investigations

North of Tyne Research Collaboration

- Newcastle, North Tyneside & Northumberland service leads
- Newcastle university academics
- NHS North of Tyne R&D
• Our vision is encapsulated in our identity, we are: 
  A partnership to build research capacity in speech and language therapy

• Our purpose is: To establish and implement a reciprocal framework between knowledge and practice in order to build research capacity in speech and language therapy

• Our values and style are to: Foster a culture where ideas emerge and innovation is valued

• Our specific capabilities are: Diversity of relevant experience in leaders who bring with them a range of personal qualities, connections, and management tools.

Trust partners

• Build research capacity and develop research active workforce
• Strategic need for evidence base to inform practice and commissioning
• Requirement for audit, service evaluation and research progression
• Research linked to SLT Service aims
• Increased use of research findings in clinical practice
• Research requirement in job profiles
• Increase student placements
University partners

- Build on existing links with local SLT Services
- Develop research partnerships with local SLTs
- Ensure clinical relevance of research programmes
- Increased numbers of PhD students
- Share expertise
- Increase student engagement in audit, service evaluation and research partnerships

Research Conscious

- Evidence Based Practice (EBP) training; Critical Appraisal Skills Programme (CASP); basic statistics; using research in practice; research mindedness; RCSLT clinical guidelines

Research Participative

- Methodology; research governance; ethics; writing skills; research seminars; questionnaire design; research facilitation; RCSLT Northern Research SIG

Research Active

- Newcastle University; Mentoring; RCSLT Northern Research SIG; support networks; writing skills

Members of research team; those interested in research; past researchers

Doctorate students; lead researchers; MSc students

All SLTs, SLT Assistants; co-workers in Health, Education and Local Authority; clients, carers and service users

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