



Driving research in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer

THE CHALLENGE

- 32,000 people in Scotland were diagnosed with cancer in 2013 – an increase of around 12% in a decade.
- By 2027 this is expected to reach 40,000 a year – 110 people being diagnosed with cancer every day.
- Cancer mortality rates in Scotland have reduced by 11% over the last 10 years.

“Scotland has great expertise in cancer research. Our strong infrastructure, unified health system, e-health records and strong record of collaboration maximise Scotland’s potential as a destination for world-leading clinical research.”

Professor David Cameron, NRS Cancer Research Champion, Professor of Oncology, University of Edinburgh and Director of Cancer Services, NHS Lothian

Cancer continues to be a national clinical priority for the Scottish Government and NHS Scotland.

Beating Cancer: Ambition and Action (2016), set out a series of priorities including actions to:

- embed research in the ethos of our healthcare services.
- give individuals access to, and opportunity to participate in, clinical trials appropriate to their circumstances.
- support a clear programme of research targeted at improving outcomes and/or experiences of cancer.

Through investments in the **NHS Research Scotland** infrastructure, a coordinated network of clinical research expertise, data safe havens and accredited tissue biorepositories facilitate recruitment to cancer studies and the use of tissue and health data in cancer research.

A highly developed and effective infrastructure designed to deliver high-quality cancer research across Scotland.

The **NRS Cancer Network** is funded by the Scottish Government to increase, support and sustain clinical trial activity in cancer. Working as an integrated research network covering the whole of Scotland the network supports all phases of clinical research into cancer.

The network is led by Research Champion Professor David Cameron and is divided into regions. Each region has a Network Manager to support their regional trial portfolio and research teams.

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The network works in collaboration with the UK Clinical Research Collaboration (UKCRC), the NIHR Clinical Research Network for Cancer and with NHS Research Scotland. Collaboration with a number of other initiatives including CaTtus, the Cancer Clinical Trials Unit, Scotland and the ECMC Experimental Cancer Medicine Centre (ECMC) Network provides a supportive environment driving forward advances in cancer research.

Find out more about the Network at www.nrs.org.uk/cancer or contact the regional Network Managers

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