

i4i – Invention for Innovation Programme

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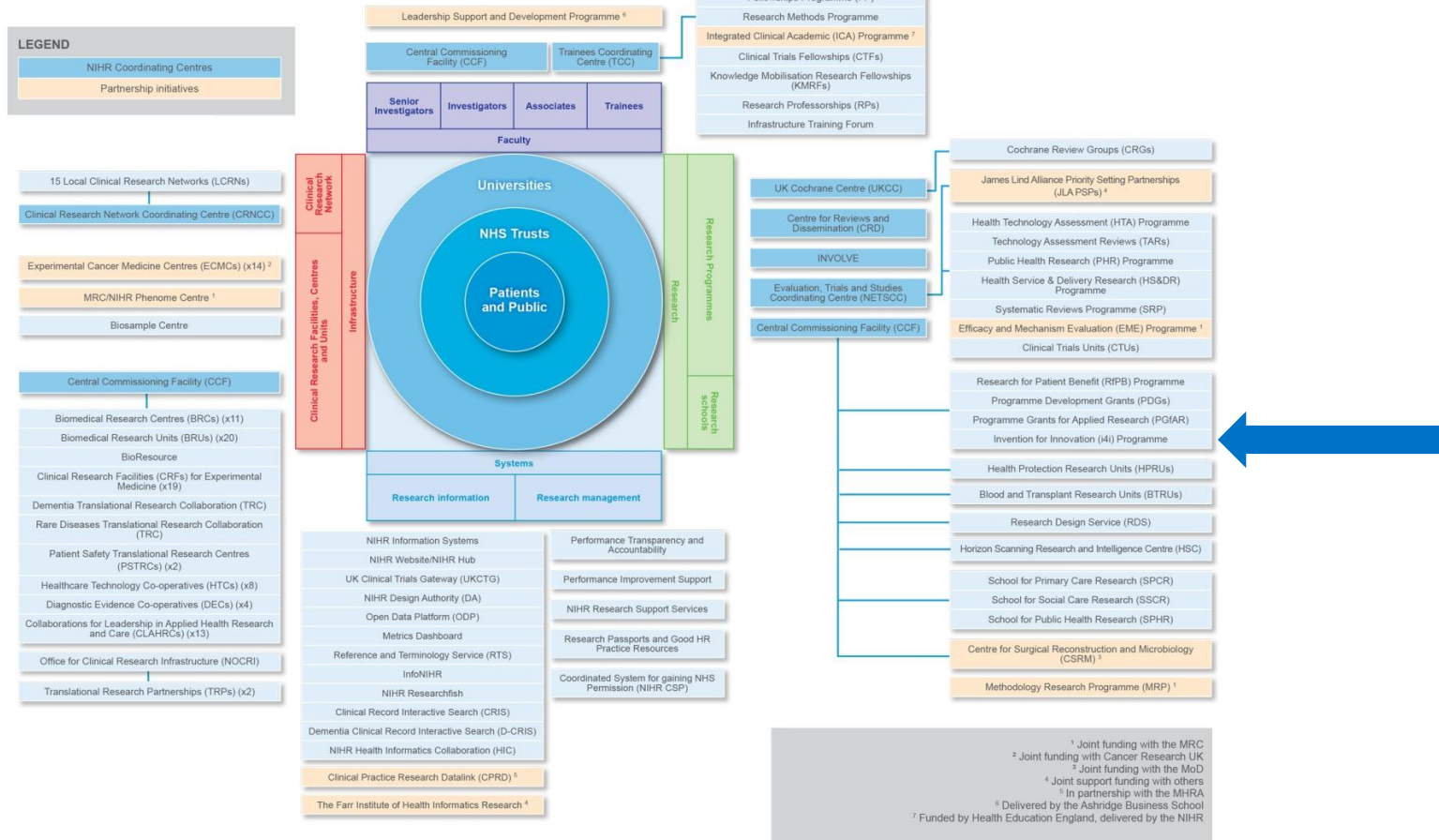
**Innovation Programmes
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Who we are & what we do

- NIHR translational funding scheme
- Support collaborative R&D and clinical adoption
- Innovative healthcare technologies
- De-risk projects for follow-on investment
- Led by Programme Director, Martin Hunt
- Supported by a team of Programme Managers

i4i in the NIHR

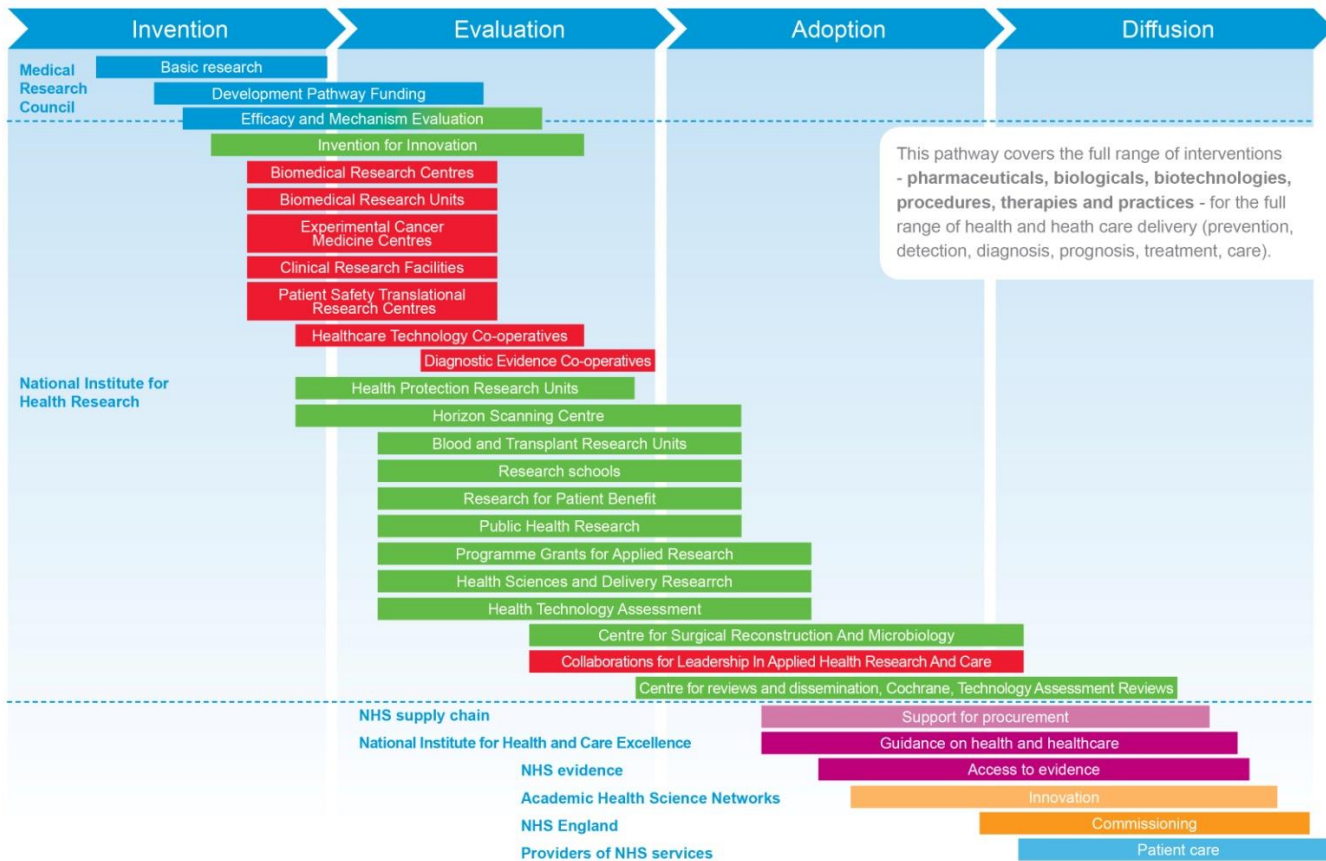
NIHR structure February 2015



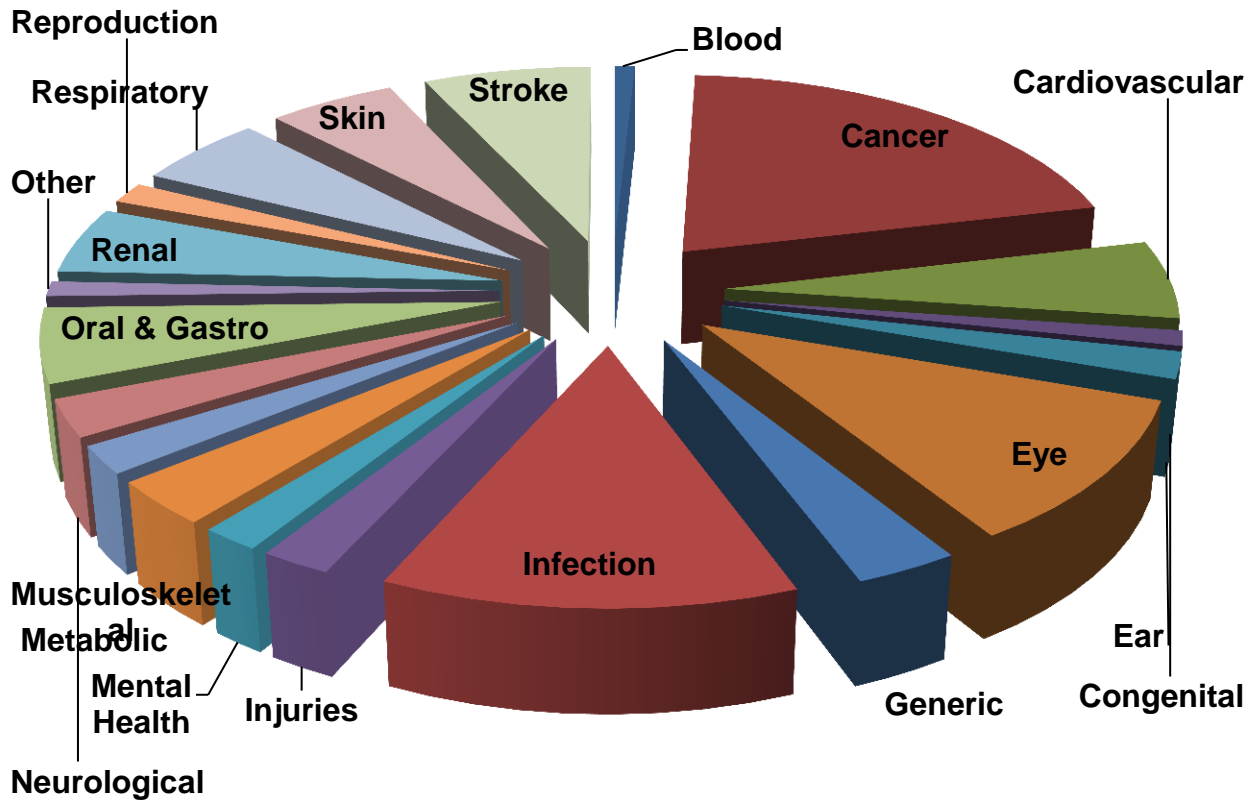
i4i in the funding landscape

The central role of NIHR research in the innovation pathway

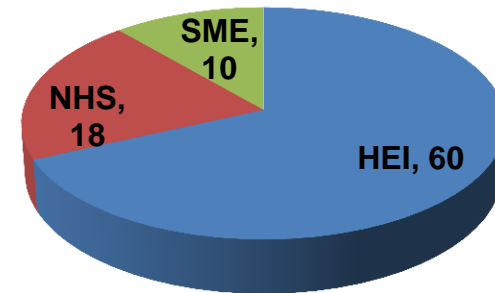
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i4i portfolio (1)



i4i portfolio (2)



Why apply to i4i?

- Dedicated medtech funding programme
- Uncapped funding amount
- Available source of early funding for SMEs
- Milestone-based awards to de-risk
- Commercially oriented panel supported by peer review
- Guidance and advice through RSG/IPMG
- Favourable independent review by RAND¹

1 'The NIHR Invention for Innovation (i4i) programme. A review of progress and contributions to innovation in healthcare technologies'

RAND review of i4i

'...bridging the valley of death'

- i4i rare funder of high risk early innovation
- Funding process helps proposal improvement
- Willing to support not only usual suspects
- Open to diverse themes and disease areas
- Adaptable and responsive funding source
- Less bureaucracy than other funders
- Valuable support from i4i team
- Prestige of i4i award opens up doors

'The i4i team was instrumental in raising the visibility and the overall impact of the work.'

'When we seek advice from NHS stakeholders....they are more willing to help if you have an NIHR award.'

Facts & figures

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funding
streams

- i4i Product Development Awards
(<http://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/i4i-product-development-awards.htm>)
- i4i Challenge Awards
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36

months

111

projects

£3.25M

largest
award

£71M

total
spend

A successful application

**Proof-of-
concept**

Clinical need

Innovation

Project plan

Project team

**IP &
commercial
strategy**

**Patient and
public
involvement**

**NHS
adoption**

**Value for
money**

Funding process

Hit the
deadline!



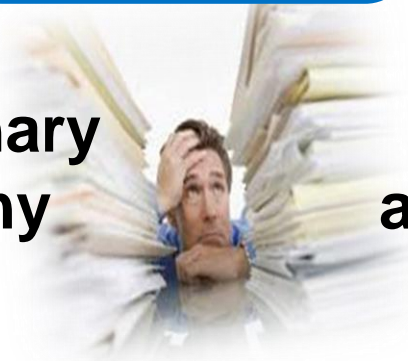
Peer and
lay review



Stage 1

Stage 2

Preliminary
scrutiny



Panel
assessment



Upcoming calls

- 12th Product Development Awards call opening in April 2016
 - Stage 1 deadline early June
 - Shortlisting mid-July
 - Stage 2 deadline mid-September
 - Panel meetings in November
- 13th Product Development Awards call & 7th Challenge Awards call opening in autumn

Thank you

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