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ACCORD Overview 2022 Update Event No.1

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The logo for NHS Lothian, featuring the letters "NHS" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font above the word "Lothian" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

- The **A**cademic & **C**linical **C**entral **O**ffice for **R**esearch & **D**evelopment (**ACCORD**) is a joint office comprising clinical research management staff from NHS Lothian & the University of Edinburgh
- Established in 2006 to streamline R&D support for clinical researchers in Edinburgh & to facilitate high quality collaborative research
- Joint Research Framework Agreement
 - **UoE**: authorisation for clinical trials & ethics committee opinion, pharmacovigilance
 - **NHSL**: Good Clinical Practice (GCP) & the conduct of clinical trials

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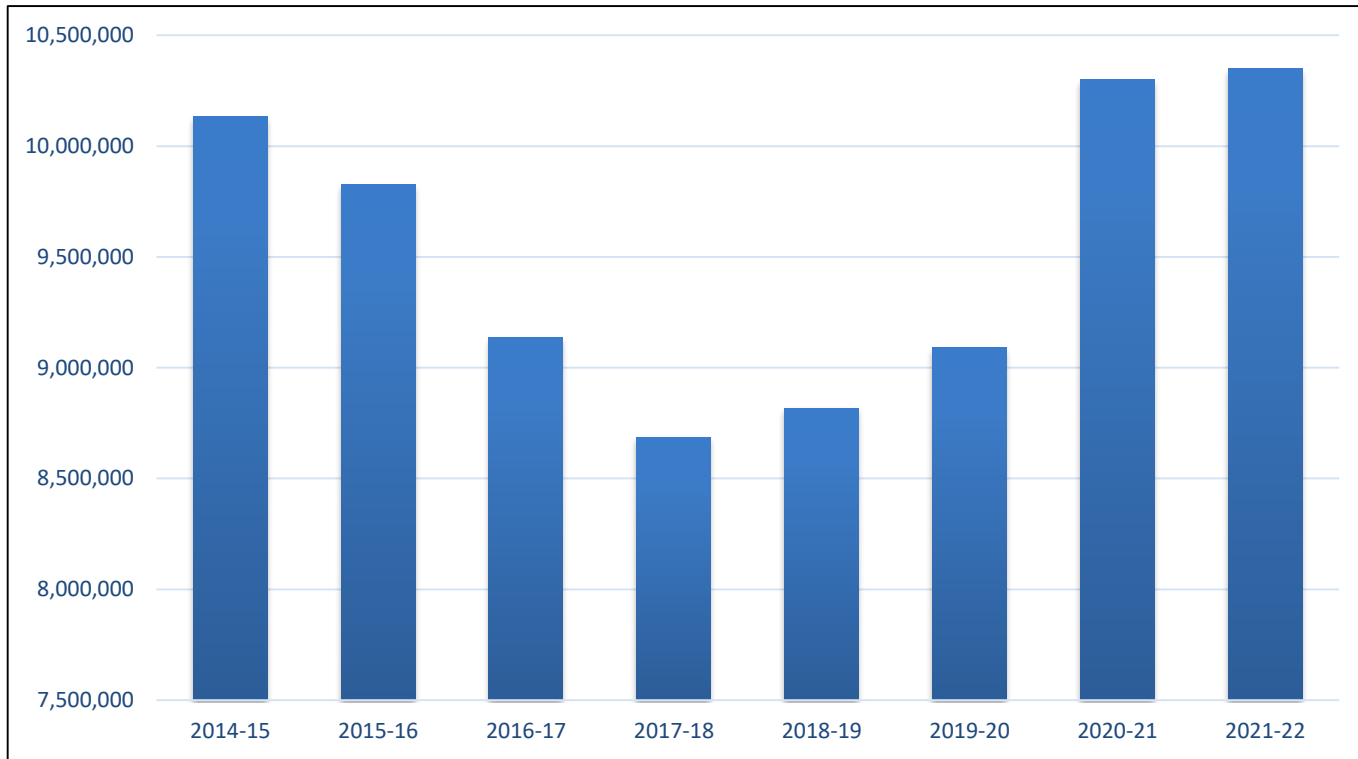


Key Functions

- Sponsorship
- R&D management approval
- Research governance & GCP
- Grant applications & costings
- Advice & facilitation
- Regulatory submissions
- Pharmacovigilance
- Contracts and agreements
- Caldicott approval / Information Governance / IT Security
- Research passports
- Intellectual Property
- QA and monitoring
- PPI Advice

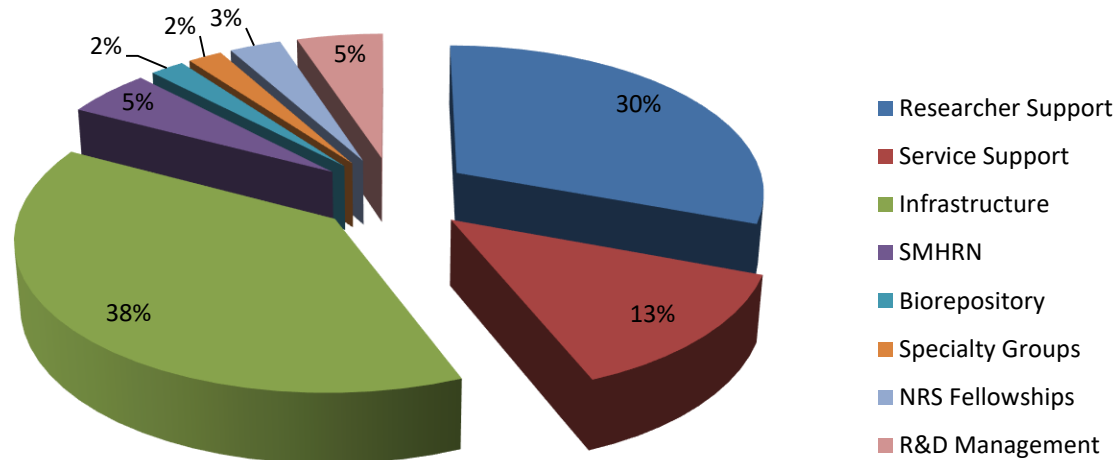


NHS Research Scotland (NRS) Funding NHS Lothian





Distribution of NHS Lothian's Funding Allocation 2021/2022



Clinical Research Infrastructure

- Edinburgh Clinical Research Facilities: www.wtcrf.ed.ac.uk
- WTCRF Education Programme: education@edinburghcrf.ed.ac.uk
- Edinburgh Imaging: www.ed.ac.uk/edinburgh-imaging
- Edinburgh Clinical Trials Unit: www.ed.ac.uk/edinburgh-clinical-trials
- Clinical Trials Pharmacists: Hazel.Milligan@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
- Biorepository: Craig.Marshall@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
- Lothian Research Safe Haven: LRSH@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk now within <https://dataloch.org/>
- Investigational Supplies Group, now part of the Health Technology Accelerator Facility (HTAF): htaf@ed.ac.uk
- Patient & Public Involvement Advisor: carol.porteous@ed.ac.uk





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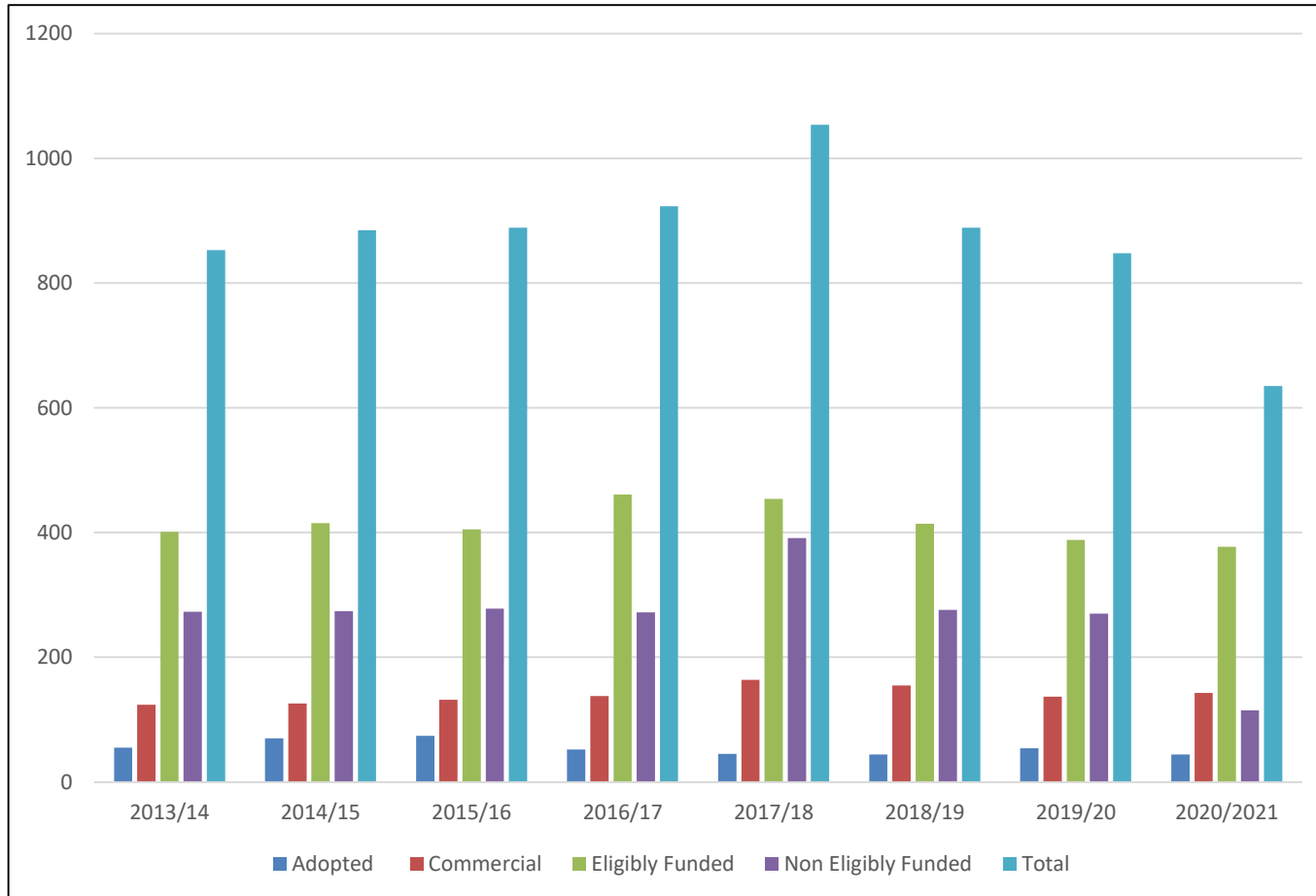


NRS Objectives & Performance Targets

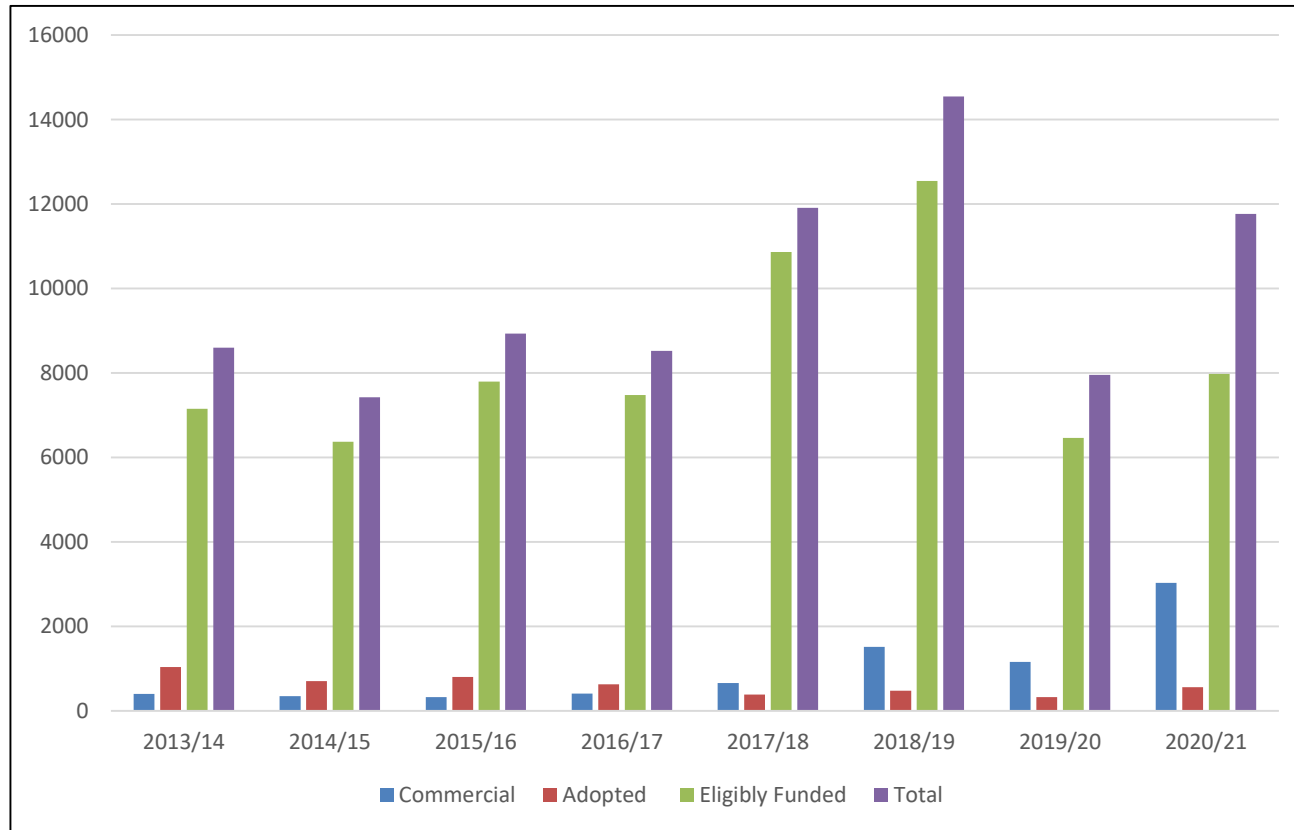
- Increase or sustain activity: number of studies and subjects recruited
- Increase grant and commercial income
- Research impact



Number of studies undertaken by year



Recruitment by year





Challenges & Developments

- Research delivery challenges across the UK
- Evolving HRA processes - UK Wide Review
- Additional ACCORD posts: finance, governance, communication
- Refreshed R&D Strategy – aligned with Saving and Improving Lives: The Future of UK Clinical Research Delivery
- ACCORD Brochure 2022 (May)
- ***We are back in the QMRI office – please come & see us!***