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An update on our progress 2022–2023

Oxford Academic Health Partners (OAHP) works to integrate Oxford's centres for healthcare research, education and delivery so our region can develop, evaluate and deliver new solutions for best-in-class health and care.

We do this by:

- Brokering new research and education programmes and partnerships
- Facilitating streamlined joint-working arrangements
- Championing research literacy in our NHS workforce

We bring together leaders across our five partner organisations:

- Health Innovation Oxford and Thames Valley*
- University of Oxford
- Oxford Brookes University
- Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust
- Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

* Formerly Oxford Academic Health Science Network



“With enormous scale and scope for healthcare research and education in Oxford, there is potential for opportunities to be missed. OAHP brings together the right people, at every level, across our five partners to catalyse and streamline collaborations for clinical research and education, so that health research benefits both locally and nationally.”

Professor Keith Channon
Director, Oxford Academic Health Partners

Short-term objectives

Coordinating Oxford's cross-cutting strategy for healthcare, clinical research and education

We are supporting the development and coordination of strategic plans across our partners in seven key areas:

- Governance for the incoming Secure Data Environment for clinical research
- Tackling health inequalities by improving how trials recruit participants
- Scoping and directing how Oxford is involved in delivering the UK Government's Life Science Missions
- Streamlining Oxford's research infrastructure
- Addressing the NHS workforce capacity crisis and piloting solutions
- Liaising with industry partners to develop the Oxford campus
- Coordinating the adoption and spread of healthcare innovations across the regional NHS in partnership with the Integrated Care Board
- A new education initiative with Oxford University Social Sciences Division and the Saïd Business School.

Streamlining joint working

We have created the Oxford Joint Research Office to enable closer working and coordination for clinical research governance and management within the NHS and universities. This office establishes shared processes to streamline how Oxford's NHS and university teams work together to accelerate clinical research projects and extends the potential for collaborative health and care research.

Identifying new innovations

Together with our counterparts in Newcastle, we have established a national network of health innovation organisations to horizon scan for new technologies and ways of working that could improve health and care delivery.

Medium-term objectives

Coordinating the development of a new clinical research facility

We are working with two of Oxford's Clinical Research Facilities (CRF) to plan the development of a new early-stage clinical research facility that will focus on cell and gene therapy.

Developing the workforce

NHS staff turnover is a national priority. Alongside initiatives across Oxford, we have established an internal grant from Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Oxford Brookes University to support the development of academic career pathways for nurses, midwives and allied health professionals.

Our 2022 Research Development Award Scheme funded 26 individuals to participate in research skills training. Career development for all healthcare professionals remains a priority across the partners and with the NIHR Biomedical Research Centres (BRCs) support for training and development.

Adopting new innovations into the local NHS

Health Innovation Oxford and Thames Valley have led a review of potential new innovations for local health systems to consider commissioning. Additionally, NIHR Thames Valley Applied Research Collaboration's (ARC) Implementation Manager works across the partners, including Health Innovation Oxford and Thames Valley, to support and develop ways of rapidly getting research evidence into practice.

Long-term objectives

Delivering a Joint Working Agreement across our partners

The recently established and expanded Joint Research and Development Committee will take this work forward building on progress across a number of areas in the OAHP.

Developing Oxford's estate

The four partners are closely located and work together in relation to infrastructure and the estate. One major project is the vision for Warneford Park with new hospital wards, planned research space and the re-use of the old hospital buildings as a centre for medical education through becoming a new college in the University of Oxford. The OAHP Director is an active member of the Warneford Park Project Oversight Group.

Building capacity to discover new drugs

Our Board have prioritised strategic investments and bids across the partners for new drug development, drug delivery and advanced therapeutics. Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Oxford University have expanded capacity for GMP clinical biomanufacturing and have developed the NIHR Experimental Medicine CRF to provide early-phase trials in advanced therapies.

Attracting investment

Our long-term priority is to develop and maintain the campus shared by our partners as an international centre for multi-disciplinary research. This includes attracting major pharmaceutical and MedTech companies to invest in the region. Enabled by our Board, these partnerships have attracted major investment, including:

- Moderna have established their Innovation and Technology Centre on the Harwell Campus
- Establishment of the Novo Nordisk Research Centre Oxford, which facilitates links across our academic, health and industry researchers and supports a fellowship training programme.

Oxford Academic Health Partners is designated as an Academic Health Science Centre by NHS England and NHS Improvement and the National Institute for Health and Care Research.

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