

NHS Research Scotland Funding Guidance – Annex 2 Eligibility for NRS Support

Eligible research ongoing in NHS Scotland can be supported using any of the NRS funding streams either though a Clinical Research Network or directly supported by an NHS Board. Studies which are eligible for support can also be included in the data submitted to inform future funding.

Note: In order to be supportable and included in data used to inform funding, projects must comply with NRS Funding Guidance.

The list of eligible funders is updated regularly. A data cut will be taken at the allocation period end and those funders on the list will be considered eligible for the analysis.

Studies which are initially eligible but where the mix of funding changes over time will normally continue to be considered eligible even if the study funding changes in such a way that no eligible funder is supporting the study. Studies must initially meet the criteria for eligibility. CSO may, from time to time, ask for additional evidence that a study is aligned with the aims and objectives of NHS Scotland in order to confirm continued eligibility. NB: In such cases add the new funders to ReDA **but do not delete** the previous funders who made this study initially eligible.

Last update 19th February 2025

List of Eligible Funders

CSO Eligible Funder	Acronym	Alternative/Previous Name	Date/Version Added
Academy of Medical Sciences			
Action Medical Research			
Action on Hearing Loss	RNID	Royal National Institute for Deaf People	
Alcohol Education and Research Council	AERC		
Alzheimer's Research UK		Alzheimer's Research Trust	
Alzheimer's Scotland		Action on Dementia	
Alzheimer's Society			
Arthritis Research UK		Arthritis Research Campaign	
Arts and Humanities Research Council	AHRC		
Association for International Cancer Research	AICR		
Asthma UK			
Ataxia		Telangiectasia Society	

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Ataxia UK			
Autistica		Autism Speaks UK	
Baily Thomas Charitable Fund, The			
Bardhan Research and Education Trust of Rotherham	BRET		
Big Lottery Fund			
Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council	BBSRC		
Bliss		The National Charity for the Newborn	
Bloodwise		Leukaemia Research Fund / Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research	amended Oct 2017
Bone Cancer Research Trust			
Bowel Research UK	BRUK	Bowel Disease Research Foundation	Updated 19 th Feb 2025
Brain Research UK	BRUK		Added 26 June 2020
Brain Tumour Charity			
Breast Cancer Now		Breakthrough Breast Cancer / Breast Cancer Campaign	amended Oct 2017
British Academy of Childhood Disability	BACD		
British Cardiac Research Trust	BCRT		new in v3
British Dietetic Association	BDA		
British Elbow & Shoulder Society	BESS		
British Geriatrics Society			
British Heart Foundation	BHF		
British Hip Society			
British HIV Association	BHIVA		
British Infection Association	BIA		
British Liver Trust			
British Lung Foundation			
British Maternal and Foetal Medicine Society	BMFMS		
British Medical Association	ВМА		
British Occupational Health Research Foundation	BOHRF		
British Orthodontic Society Foundation	BOSF		
British Orthopaedic Association	ВОА		
British Renal Society	BRS		
British Scoliosis Research Foundation	BSRF		
British Sjögren's Syndrome Association			
British Skin Foundation			

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British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy	BSAC		
British Society for Rheumatology	BSR	The British Society for Paediatric and Adolescent Rheumatology	amended Oct 2017
British Society of Interventional Radiology	BSIR		
British Thyroid Foundation	BSIR		
Bupa Foundation			
Cancer Research UK	CRUK		
Castang Foundation			
CGD Research Trust		Chronic Granulomatous Disease Research Foundation	
Chartered Society of Physiotherapy	CSP	Physiotherapy Research Foundation	
Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland	CHSS		
Chief Scientist Office			
Children with Cancer UK			
Children's Liver Disease Foundation			
Cicely Saunders International			
Circulation Foundation		The Vascular Foundation	
CLIC Sargent Cancer Care for Children			
Coeliac UK			
College of Optometrists			new in v3
Colt Foundation			
Core		The Digestive Disorders Foundation	
Crohn's in Childhood Research Association	CIRCA		
Cure Parkinson's Trust			
Cystic Fibrosis Trust			
Deafness Research UK		Hearing Research Trust, Defeating Deafness	
Diabetes Research & Wellness Foundation	DRWF		
Diabetes UK			
Dimbleby Cancer Care			
DISCS		Diagnostic Investigation of Spinal Conditions and Sciatica	
Doctor Hadwen Trust for Humane Research			
Dunhill Medical Trust			
Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association	DebRA		
Economic and Social Research Council	ESCR		
Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council	EPSRC		
Epilepsy Action		British Epilepsy Association	

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Epilepsy Research UK		Epilepsy Research Foundation	
European Commission - Horizon 20:20		European Union	new October 2017
European Commission - IMI		European Union	new October 2017
European Commission - Medical Science Funding Streams			new October 2017
European Commission - Northern Periphery and Arctic			
European Research Council	ERC		new in December 2018
Fight for Sight		British Eye Research Foundation	
Furlong Research Charitable Foundation			
Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity		Yorkhill Childrens Foundation/Charity	new in v7
Healing Foundation			
Health & Safety Executive			
Health Foundation			
Health Protection Agency	HPA		
Healthcare Improvement Scotland		NHS QIS	
Healthcare Infection Society			
Heart Research UK		National Heart Research Fund	
INSPIRE Foundation		Integrated Spinal Rehabilitation Foundation	
Intensive Care Society			
Jon Moulton Charity Trust		J P Moulton Charitable Foundation	Amended Dec 2023
June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund			
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Limited	JDRF		
Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund			
Kidney Research UK	KRUK	National Kidney Research Fund	
Kids Kidney Research			
King's Fund			
LifeArc		MRC Technology	Added 25 June 2020
Leverhulme Trust			
Lowe Syndrome Trust			
Lupus UK			
Macmillan Cancer Support			
Macular Society		Macular Disease Society	Amended 2 June 21
Marie Curie Cancer Care			
ME Association		Ramsay Research Fund, ME Society, CFS Research Foundation	

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ME Research UK			
Medical Research Council	MRC		
Medical Research Scotland		SHERT	
Melville Trust for Care and Cure of Cancer			
Meningitis Now		Meningitis UK	amended Oct 2017
Meningitis Research Foundation			
Migraine Trust			
Motor Neurone Disease Association	MNDA		
Motor Neurone Disease Scotland	MND- Scotland		Added 11 th Nov 2019
Multiple Sclerosis Society UK			
Multiple Sclerosis Trust			
Muscular Dystrophy Campaign			
Myaware		Myasthenia Gravis Association	amended Oct 2017
Myeloma UK			
Crohn's and Colitis UK	ССИК	National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease (NACC)	
National Back Pain Association		BackCare	
National Institute for Health Research		includes programmes managed by NETSCC National Obesity Forum	
National Institute of Academic Anaesthesia	NIAA	,	
National Osteoporosis Society			
Neuroblastoma Society			
Newlife		Newlife the Charity for Disabled Children	amended Oct 2017
NHS National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence	NICE		
Novo Nordisk UK Research Foundation			
Nuffield Foundation			
Obstetric Anaesthetists' Association	OAA		
Oral and Dental Research Trust			
Orthopaedic Research UK			new in v3
Otorhinolaryngological Research Society	ORS		
Ovarian Cancer Action			
Paget's Association		National Association for the Relief of Paget's Disease	
Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund			
Pancreatic Cancer UK			
Parkinson's UK		Parkinson's Disease Society of the United Kingdom	
Pelican Cancer Foundation			

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Pharmacy Research UK	PRUK	Pharmacy Practice Research Trust	amended Oct 2017
Precision Medicine Scotland Innovation Centre	PMS-IC	Stratified Medicine Scotland Innovation Centre SMS-IC	Amended 17 th Feb 2022
Primary Immunodeficiency Association			
Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Association	PSP		
Prostate Action			
Prostate Cancer UK		Prostate Cancer Charity	
Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Alliance	PAPAA		
Psoriasis Association			
Public Health Scotland	PHS	Health Scotland / NHS Health Scotland	Updated October 2017/February 2021
Raynaud's and Scleroderma Association Trust			
Remedi			
Research Autism			
Research into Ageing		Age UK	
Resuscitation Council United Kingdom			
Retina UK		British Retinitis Pigmentosa Society, RP Fighting Blindness	Amended 2 June 21
Rosetrees Trust			New Feb 2019
Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation			new in v3
Royal College of Emergency Medicine			
Royal College of General Practitioners			
Royal College of Pathologists			
Royal College of Physicians			
Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow			
Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh			new October 2017
Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland			new October 2017
Royal College of Radiologists			
Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh			
Royal College of Surgeons of England			
Royal College Ophthalmologists			new October 2017
Rowntree Foundation			New Feb 2019
Scottish Cot Death Trust			
Scottish Government Health Directorates			
Scottish Renal Association			
Sight Research UK		National Eye Research Centre	Amended 2 June 21
Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust			
Society and College of Radiographers	SCoR		

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Society for Endocrinology			
Society for Mucopolysaccharide Diseases			
SPARKS Charity			
Spinal Research		International Spinal Research Trust	
Stroke Association			
Stuart Strange Vasculitis Trust		The UK Vasculitis Trust	
Sue Harris Bone Marrow Trust			
Tenovus Scotland			
The Brain Tumour Charity		Samantha Dickson Brain Tumour Trust	amended Oct 2017
The Lullaby Trust		Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (FSID)	Updated December 2023
The Neurosciences Foundation			new September 2024
The Royal College of Anaesthetists			new October 2017
The Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh			new October 2017
Thomas Pocklington Trust			new in v4
Tommy's			
Tuberous Sclerosis Association			
UK and Eire Glaucoma Society	UKEGS		
UK Occupational Therapy Research Foundation	UKOTRF	College of Occupational Therapists Limited	
UK Research and Innovation	UKRI	Innovate UK Technology Strategy Board	amended Oct 2017
UK Respiratory Research Foundation	UKRRF		
Versus Arthritis		Arthritis UK	Added 9 th Feb 2021
Wellbeing of Women			
WellChild Trust			
Wellcome Trust			
World Cancer Research Fund			