



East Midlands Health Research and Development Strategy

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Context

- Strategy developed through East Midlands Health and Higher Education Strategic Liaison Group
- National context: Best Research for Best Health
- Local context: to build on the strengths of the East Midlands

Vision

- To improve the health and wealth of the East Midlands region through high quality research.

Aim

- To build on strengths in order to contribute to the health and economic prosperity of the East Midlands by increasing the volume and quality of research and development in health through collaborative working between health services, universities, patients and service users and to encourage the use of research findings to improve health and health services.

Definition of Health Research

- Broad view of health, not just disease
- Wide variety of methodologies (qualitative and quantitative, experimental and observational)
- Involving people from a wide range of disciplines (not just those traditionally associated with health research)
- Including innovation – bringing benefits of research into practice



EM strengths



- 2 CLAHRCs
- 3 Biomedical Research Units
- NIHR supported Cancer Research facility
- 2 CLRNs
- Topic Specific Research networks
- Primary Care Research Network
- UK Centre for Tobacco Control Studies
- Cochrane Collaboration Groups
- 2 RDSUs
- 2 CTSUs
- Northamptonshire Centre for Wellbeing Research
- University of Lincoln Research Centres
- De Montfort University Health and Life Sciences
- EMUA Research Groups
- EMDA Healthcare and Bioscience iNet

EM strengths

- Collaboratively, East Midlands is sixth highest funded centre in UK
- Large and diverse population
- 2008 RAE offers opportunity to update mapping of national and international strengths in EM

Themes

- Funding
- Collaboration
- Capacity development
- Advocacy and communication
- Role of PCTs as commissioners
- Translating research into practice
- Reducing unnecessary bureaucracy
- Implementation
- Monitoring

Funding

- EM has 6.7% of UK population and only 4.4% of health research funding
- London (33.3%), Cambridge (12.4%)
Oxford (8.9%)
- Collaboratively EM would rank 6th in the UK

Funding

- Attract more funding into East Midlands
- Effectively use funding that is secured for the region

Funding actions

- Map current funding
- Within a context of broad collaboration, support the development of new centres of excellence including HIEC and BRC, and further development of existing centres, including CLAHRCs
- Support for researchers producing funding proposals, and raise awareness of this support
- Consider establishment of small grant system

Collaboration

- Already significant partnerships
- Partnerships should include:
 - NHS
 - Academic institutions
 - EMDA
 - Patients and public
 - Private sector
 - Third sector
- Within overall culture of collaboration, develop centres of excellence

Collaboration actions

- Develop concept of “East Midlands Centre”
- Identify gaps in partnership working where collaboration would produce benefits
- Support development of HIECs
- Ensure effective engagement of patients and public
- Ensure resource available to develop collaborations

Capacity development

- Understand capability and capacity needs
- Understand constraints to capacity development
- Increase R&D capacity and capability in region
 - New researchers
 - Continuing development
 - Mentorship
 - Developing leaders of research
- Collaborations – Research networks, Universities, NHS, Deanery, R&D offices

Advocacy and communication

- Promote EM nationally and internationally
- Advocacy with NIHR and DH
- Clear communication within region
- Ensure researchers aware of sources of support and funding
- Embed culture of research within workplaces



Next steps...

Implementation

- Appoint manager to take work forward
- Timed implementation plan
- Ensure resources available for implementation
- Alignment of strategies in region
- Identify and implement quick wins

Monitoring

- Develop key performance indicators
- Regular reporting of progress to Health and Higher Education Strategic Liaison Group



Thank you.