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# Cambridge University Health Partners: the East of England's Academic Health Science Centre

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# Cambridge University Health Partners

## Key facts

- Combined income £760m
- Access to a population of around 800,000



## Description

### Members:

- University of Cambridge
- Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust

### Plus Associates

- 5 MRC centres
- Cambridgeshire Community Services
- Cancer Research UK Cambridge Research Institute
- GSK

### Types of activity performed

Focus on proven research strengths in 10 themes, including

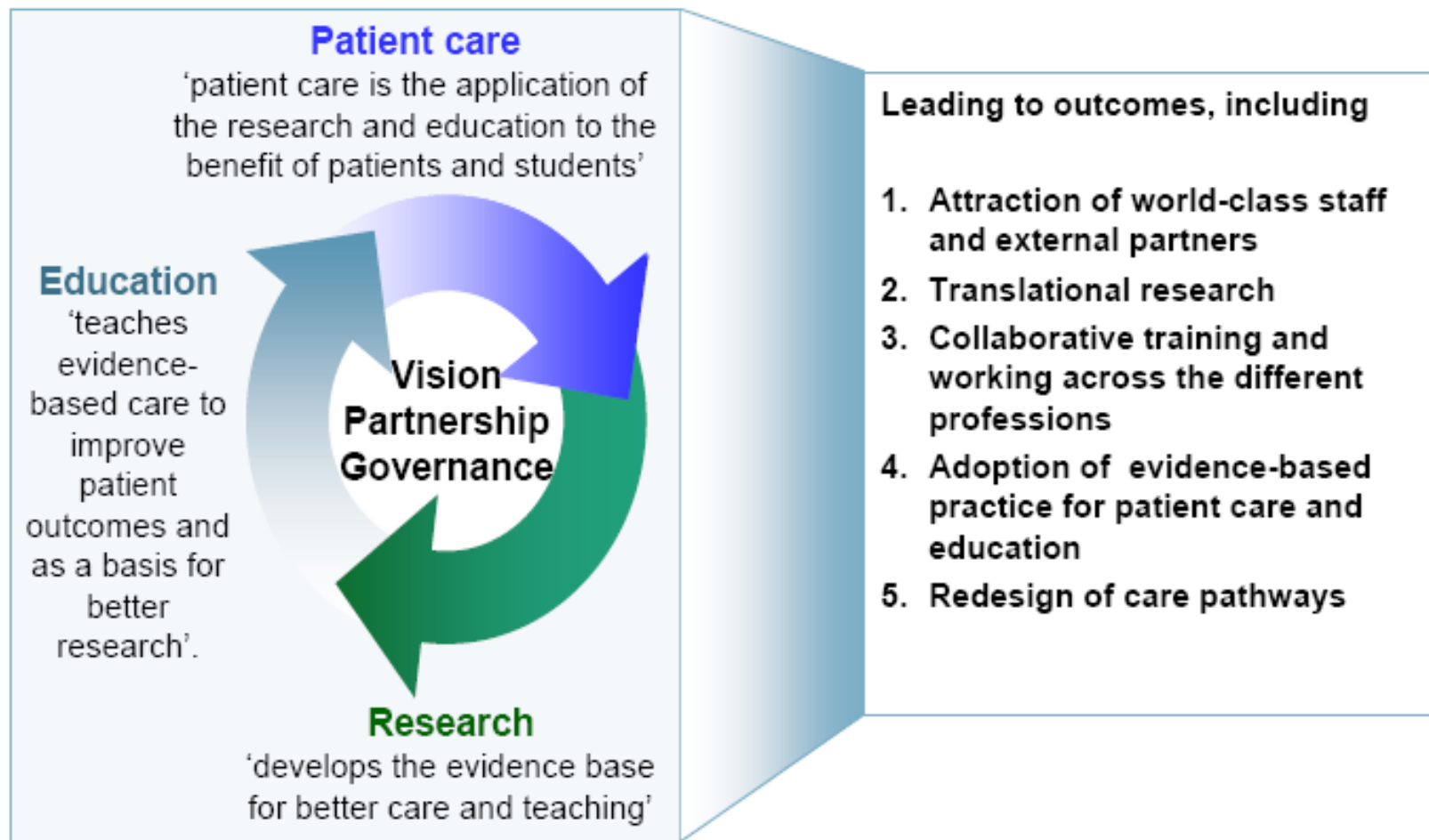
- Cancer
- Neurosciences
- Metabolic Disease
- Allergy and inflammation
- Epidemiology and population health



‘AHSCs are corporate entities with **integrated governance and leadership structures** that have assumed the role of strategically and operationally managing both healthcare and relevant academic resources. Their purpose is to exploit the potential for exemplary care and innovation through the **integration of the clinical, research and education functions**’

*‘A Framework for Action’ – NHS London (‘Darzi London Report’) July 2007 – emphasis added*

# AHSCs bring together world-class research, excellence in patient care and excellence in education - for the benefit of all

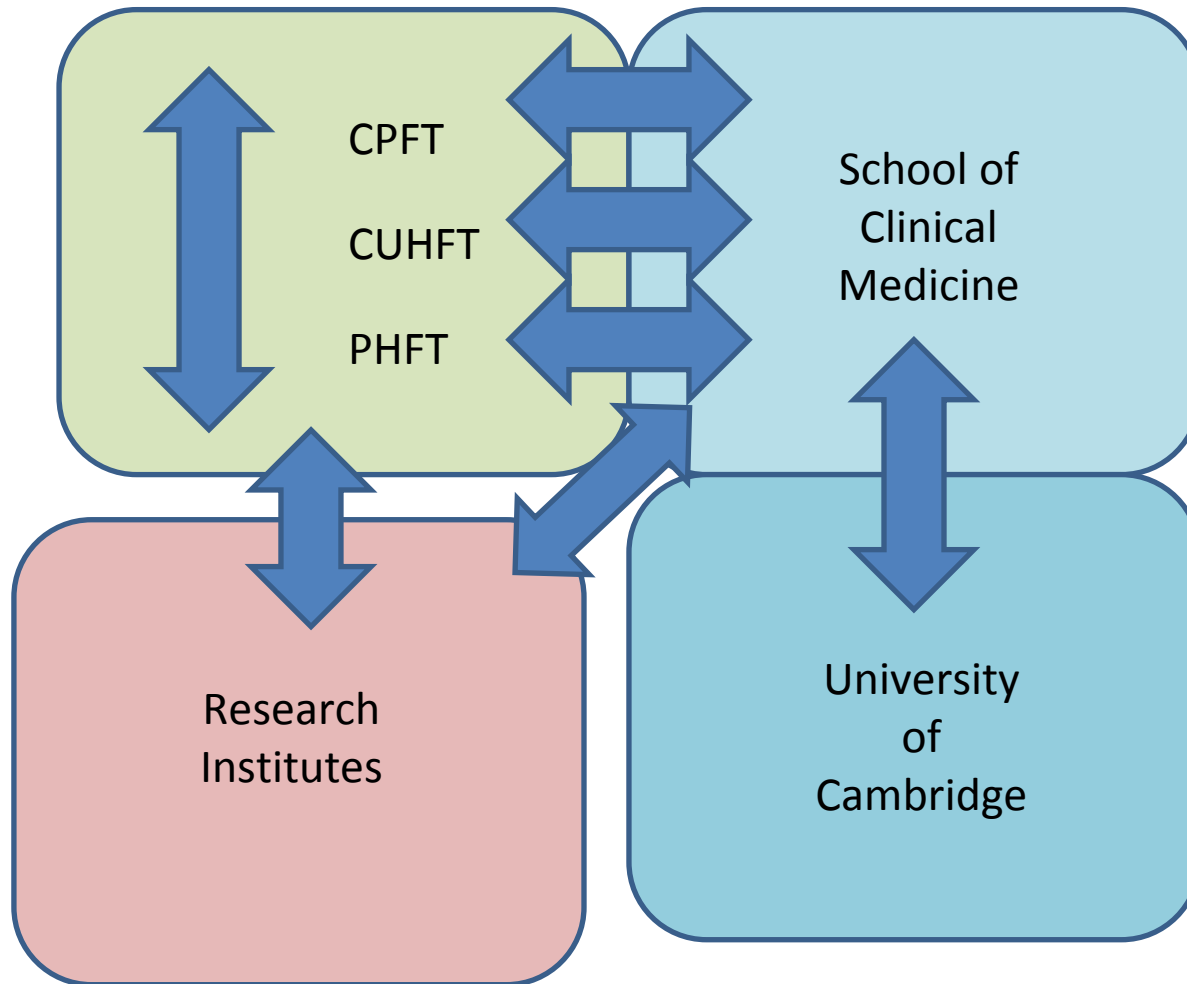


**AHSCs potentially provide direct and indirect patient benefits that we would not otherwise be able to realise**

# CUHP: what sort of organisation?

- Intermediary body, owned by members.
- Constitution that balance NHS and University interests.
- Relationship manager – works in the interfaces.
- May become a delivery vehicle.
- May become an over-arching brand.

# Working in the space between the organisations



# How CUHP can further strengthen research

- As a sponsor of shared research and innovation strategy.
- As a vehicle for partnership bids.
- To lead on engagement with industry.
- To promote Cambridge health sciences.
- Relationship management supports strategic collaboration.

‘Today, Cambridge’s distinctive genius is to be small, intimate and supportive; yet at the same time to be global, visionary and transformative. Cambridge’s historic strength is overwhelmingly founded on individuals and on a tradition of ‘letting a thousand flowers bloom’. But many of the most significant and interesting challenges of the modern world require boundary-crossing collaborations among scientists and scholars with widely different fields of expertise’

Prof. Alison Richard, Vice-Chancellor, University of Cambridge, 2007

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