

# **i4i – Invention for Innovation Programme**

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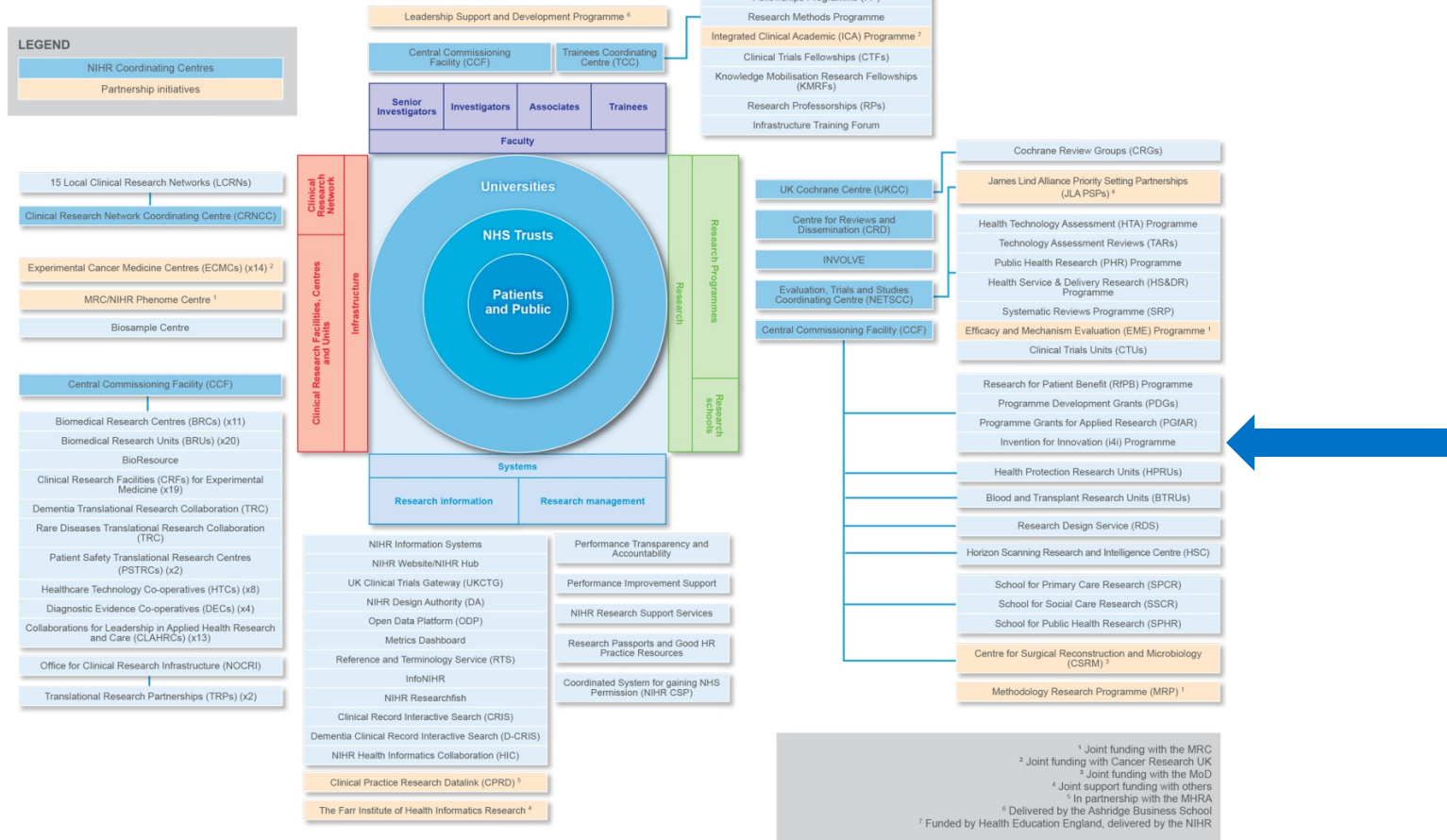
# Who we are & what we do

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- NIHR translational funding scheme
- Support collaborative R&D and clinical adoption
- Innovative healthcare technologies
- De-risk projects for follow-on investment
- Led by Programme Director, Martin Hunt
- Supported by a team of Programme Managers

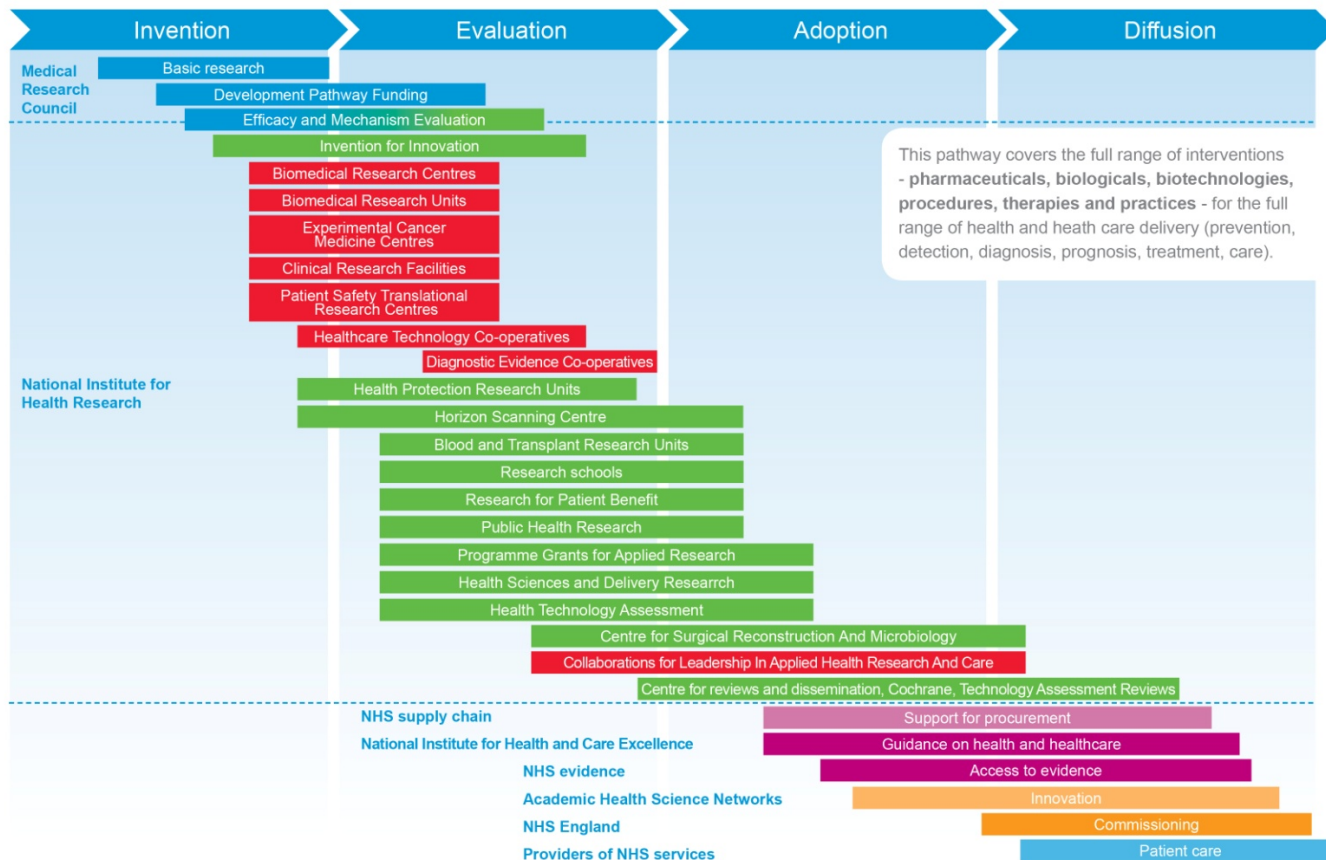
# i4i in the NIHR

## NIHR structure February 2015

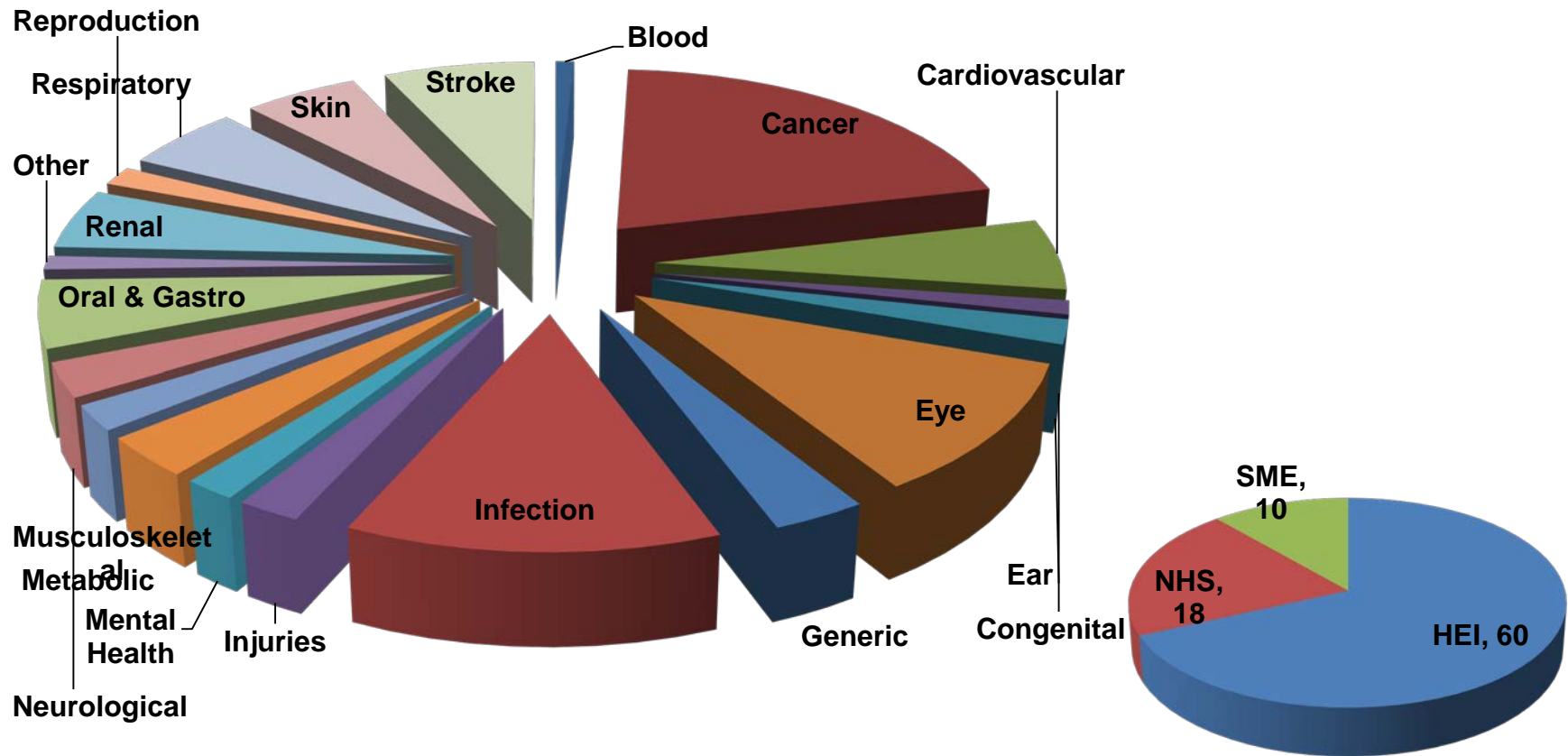


# i4i in the funding landscape

## The central role of NIHR research in the innovation pathway



# i4i portfolio



# Why apply to i4i?

- Dedicated medtech funding programme
- Large funding amounts
- Available source of early funding for SMEs
- Milestone-based awards to de-risk
- Commercially oriented panel supported by peer review
- Guidance and advice through RSG/IPMG
- Favourable independent review by RAND<sup>1</sup>

*1 'The NIHR Invention for Innovation (i4i) programme. A review of progress and contributions to innovation in healthcare technologies'*

# RAND review of i4i

*'...bridging the  
valley of death'*

- i4i rare funder of high risk early innovation
- Funding process helps proposal improvement
- Willing to support not only usual suspects
- Open to diverse themes and disease areas
- Adaptable and responsive funding source
- Less bureaucracy than other funders
- Valuable support from i4i team
- Prestige of i4i award opens up doors

*'The i4i team was  
instrumental in  
raising the visibility  
and the overall  
impact of the work.'*

*'When we seek advice from NHS stakeholders....they  
are more willing to help if you have an NIHR award.'*

# A successful application

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**Proof-of-  
concept**

**Clinical need**

**Innovation**

**Project plan**

**Project team**

**IP &  
commercial  
strategy**

**Patient and  
public  
involvement**

**NHS  
adoption**

**Value for  
money**

# Funding process

**Hit the  
deadline!**



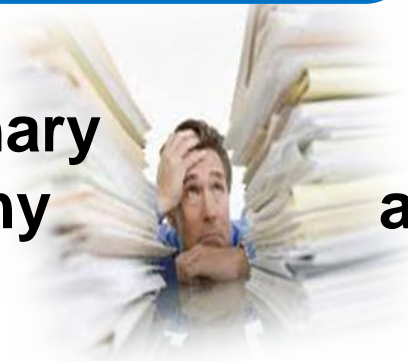
**Peer and  
lay review**



**Stage 1**

**Stage 2**

**Preliminary  
scrutiny**



**Panel  
assessment**



# Upcoming calls

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- 11th Product Development Awards call
- 6th Challenge Awards call
  - Oncology Diagnostics
  - Trauma and Critical Care
- Deadline for outline applications: 13 January 2016
- Short-listing in February, panel meeting in June

# Thank you

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