

Partnerships and people



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We believe that we can have the greatest impact by working in partnership. Many of our partners have clearly articulated what they will be focussing on in the future. This helps us determine the areas in which Cancer Research UK can contribute most effectively in the fight against cancer.

We have developed strong relationships over the years with universities, research councils, health departments, industry and the international research community and we will continue to collaborate to maximise our impact. We have built a constructively critical relationship with Government. It is vital that we continue to build on these relationships as we face many challenges in our joint efforts to fight cancer.

The European Union (EU) increasingly influences how we work and provides scope for funding opportunities. We will engage with the appropriate EU bodies to seek funding where it will help us to achieve our goals.

The [National Cancer Research Institute \(NCRI\)](#), a virtual organisation representing a partnership of more than 20 major UK funders of cancer research, also helps to frame our work. We are major financial and strategic contributors to the NCRI and particularly welcome its efforts to ensure that discoveries in basic science should benefit cancer patients as rapidly as possible.

World leading scientists

Through their ingenuity and achievements, a number of our scientists have gone on to become some of the most authoritative voices in cancer worldwide. Many have won major prizes, including the Nobel Prize, and have helped to position the UK at the forefront of biomedical research worldwide. In addition, Cancer Research UK has helped to train the vast majority of medical oncologists now practising in the UK, as well as a number of specialist cancer nurses.

Our staff and supporters

People are at the heart of Cancer Research UK. It is thanks to the partnership between our supporters, our staff, our scientists and patients that such progress has been made in beating cancer. We simply could not do our work without them all.

Millions of people support Cancer Research UK in many different ways. Their committed and long-term financial support enables us to plan ahead and fund valuable work unparalleled in the charity sector. We are committed to spending our supporters' money carefully and ensuring that every penny possible goes towards our programme of work.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who has made our work and achievements possible. As we launch this five year strategy we hope that everyone will be inspired to support and fund our future ambitions.



Over the next five years we will see further dramatic progress in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Cancer Research UK will be at the heart of this progress.

Together we will beat cancer

