

## Biomedical research centre (BRC)



Pursuing the Vision ... becoming one of the first NIHR

comprehensive biomedical research centres

At the end of 2006, the Trust in partnership with the University of Cambridge became one of the government's new National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) comprehensive biomedical research centres. One of only five centres in the country, and one of only three outside London, this designation is another step in the development of the campus and the recognition of an environment which can support the translation of basic science into better patient care.

The additional funding which this designation has brought helps to drive forward innovation in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of ill health focusing on health priorities in cancer, cardiovascular disease, obesity diabetes and metabolic disorders, imaging, infection and immunity, genetics, musculoskeletal disorders, neurosciences, transplantation and women's health, and ensuring that future research is underpinned by investment in capacity development and training.

What the Biomedical Research Centre projects have in common is that they take our biggest assets - the training, intelligence and independent thinking of our staff and the staff of our partner organisations on the campus - and combine them with the fact that there are thousands of people coming through our doors every day who can directly benefit from new research.