

# Organisations that support SMEs to Generate Evidence for adoption into the NHS

## EARLY STAGE SMEs

At the stage of idea creation, market & tech research, early feasibility and prototype testing. Key considerations would include: the value proposition, regulatory status (eg. Device classification) and where the technology fits in with the patient pathway  
Patient & clinical input to qualify the need for the innovation is important at this stage before progression to further development.

## LATER STAGE SMEs

At this stage, there should already be evidence that the prototype works and meets demand. Further trialling at this stage would be to demonstrate prototype safety/efficacy/usability and health economics in the relevant environment, patient groups and Relevant NHS care settings (eg primary, secondary, community, mental health).

### EARLY STAGE SMEs

NIHR\* Research Design Service (RDS)



NIHR Biomedical Research Centres (BRCs)



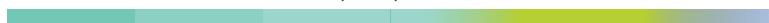
Experimental Cancer Medicine Centres



NIHR\* Patient Safety Translational Research Centres (PSTRCs)



NIHR\* Clinical Research Facilities (CRFs)



Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Authority (MHRA)



National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)



Health Research Authority (HRA)



Patient advocacy groups/Charities



NHS (primary/secondary care)



NIHR\* Medtech and In vitro diagnostic Co-operatives (MICs) (replacing the NIHR Healthcare Technology Co-operatives (HTCs) and NIHR Diagnostic Evidence Co-operatives (DECs))



NIHR\* Clinical Research Networks (CRNs)



NIHR\* Collaborations for Leadership in Applied Health Research (CLARHC)



Academic Health Science Network (AHSN)



\*National Institute of Health Research

LATER STAGE SMEs

### NIHR Research Design Service

[www.rds-london.nihr.ac.uk](http://www.rds-london.nihr.ac.uk)

### NIHR Biomedical Research Centres

[www.nihr.ac.uk/brc](http://www.nihr.ac.uk/brc)

### NIHR Diagnostic Evidence Co-operatives

[www.nihr.ac.uk/dec](http://www.nihr.ac.uk/dec)

### NIHR Clinical Research Facilities

[www.nihr.ac.uk/ccf](http://www.nihr.ac.uk/ccf)

### Experimental Cancer Medicine Centres

[www.ecmcnetwork.org.uk](http://www.ecmcnetwork.org.uk)

### MHRA

[www.nihr.ac.uk/pstrc](http://www.nihr.ac.uk/pstrc)

### NICE

[www.nice.org.uk/about/what-we-do/scientific-advice](http://www.nice.org.uk/about/what-we-do/scientific-advice)

### HRA

[www.hra-decisiontools.org.uk/research](http://www.hra-decisiontools.org.uk/research)

### AHSNs

[www.ahsnnetwork.com](http://www.ahsnnetwork.com)

### NIHR Healthcare Technology Co-operatives

[www.nihr.ac.uk/htc](http://www.nihr.ac.uk/htc)

### NIHR Collaborations for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care

[www.nihr.ac.uk/clahrc](http://www.nihr.ac.uk/clahrc)

### NIHR Clinical Research Networks

[www.nihr.ac.uk/crn](http://www.nihr.ac.uk/crn)

### MHRA

[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/medicines-and-healthcare-products-regulatory-agency/services-information](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/medicines-and-healthcare-products-regulatory-agency/services-information)  
Navigation support

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## NAVIGATION SUPPORT

### MedCity

MedCity exists to promote and grow life sciences investment, entrepreneurship and industry in The Golden Triangle of Cambridge, London, Oxford and the Greater South East. A collaboration between the Mayor of London and the five Academic Health Science Centres in the region, MedCity acts as a front door for industry, researchers and investors looking for partners, infrastructure and expertise.

[www.medcityhq.com](http://www.medcityhq.com)

### NHSA

The Northern Health Science Alliance is a dynamic partnership of the world-leading health research institutions in the North of England; eight universities, eight teaching hospitals and four Academic Health Science Networks. As a single point of entry into the North's health science system we work closely with industry and investors to discover the expertise and collaborative opportunities which work for them.

### NOCRI

The NIHR Office for Clinical Research Infrastructure (NOCRI) provides a direct route for the life sciences industry to work in partnership with the NIHR's expert investigators on the development of new therapeutics and medical technologies for the benefit of patients.

[www.nihr.ac.uk/nocri](http://www.nihr.ac.uk/nocri)

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## ACCELERATORS/INCUBATORS

Application based entry – see latest directory.

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/business-incubators-and-accelerators-the-national-picture](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/business-incubators-and-accelerators-the-national-picture)