

STHFT Research Update December 2014



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Overview of Presentation

- Implementation of STHFT Research Strategy 2015-2018 and the Performance and Operating Framework
- Improvements in STHFT research performance and national rankings
- Review of STHFT deliverables as Host of the NIHR Clinical Research Network for Yorkshire and Humber

Aim of the STHFT Research Strategy

To increase the **quantity, quality and impact of clinical research** so that it is viewed as essential and valued activity by all members of the organisation and the wider Sheffield community

Implementation of the Research Strategy

- **Academic Directorates** (currently 8) will act as role models in:
 - Meeting NIHR national metrics
 - Increasing research capacity and output
 - Generating NIHR grant and other income
- Formal reviews of Directorate's research performance will begin in January 2015
- 1 PA to each Academic Directorate's Research Director
- Other Directorates, 1hr or 2hr per week PA equivalents to Research Lead

Implementation of the Research Strategy

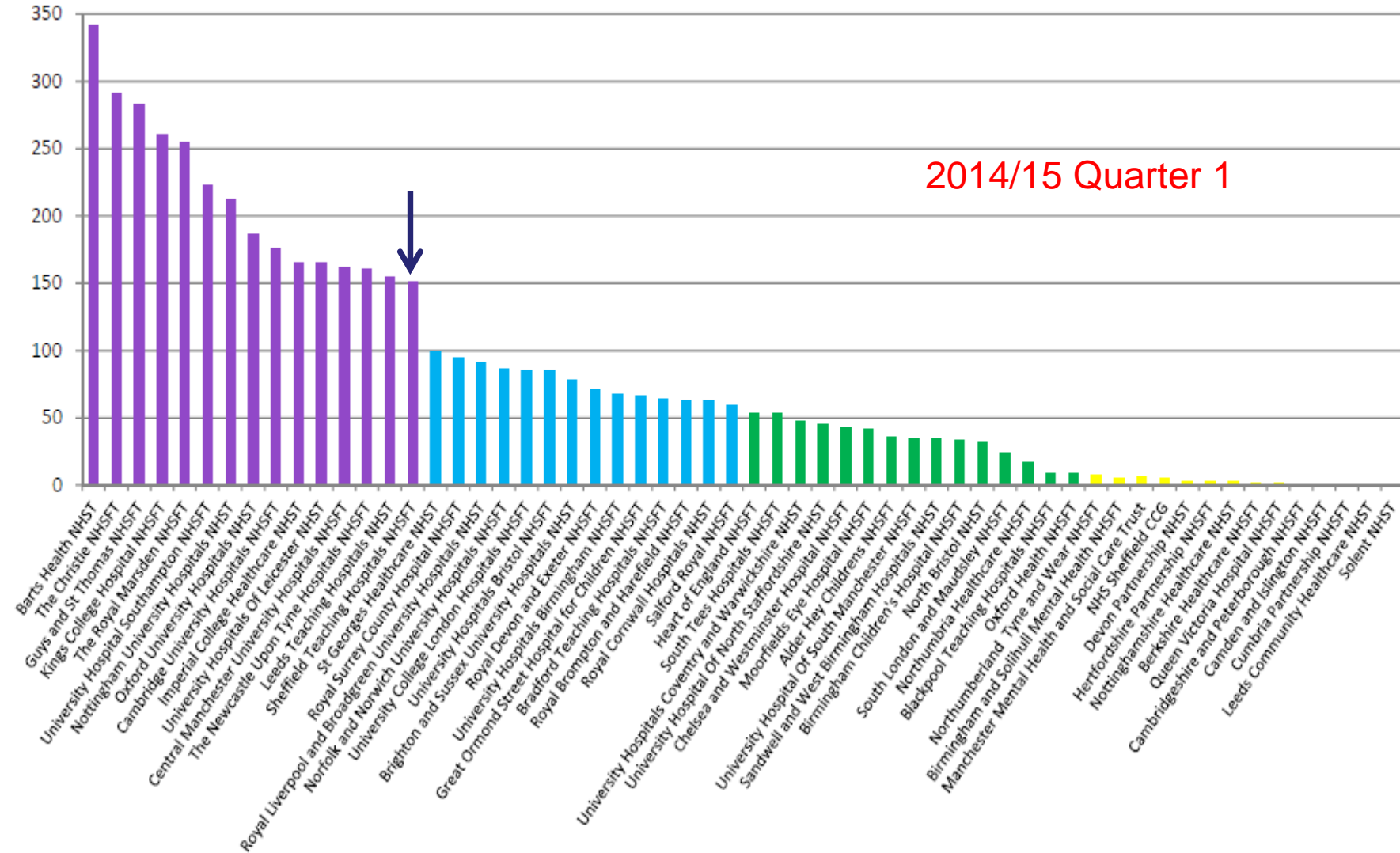
- **Create a Clinical Research Academy** with the University of Sheffield.
 - School of Health and Related Research (ScHARR)
 - Award of PAs for clinical time following open competition
 - Call for applications at end of January 2015
 - First Fellows selected June/July 2015
- Financial model for the above proposals was presented to BPT by Julie Patchett on 14th November 2014

Performance and Operating Framework

- Develop effective performance management processes for delivery of the Research Strategy
- Monitor the research performance of each Directorate against a range of metrics
- 5 key research metrics will be included in the Integrated Board Report (Paul Buckley)
- Future investment based on both strategic plans and past performance
- **Improved research performance 2013/14**

		NIHR 70 Day Metric (Valid application to First patient recruitment)		
		STHFT Trials meeting target (national average)	Number of trials initiated	Rank against all Trusts
FY13-14	Q1	20.5% (28.3%)	73 trials	35/46
	Q2	55.0% (46.8%)	85 trials	20/52
	Q3	65.6% (58.3%)	96 trials	17/52
	Q4	88.3% (56.8%)	103 trials	11/61
FY14-15	Q1	92.2% (65.3%)	97 trials	10/58

Number of Reported Commercial Trials from All Providers



NIHR Clinical Research Network for Yorkshire and Humber



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STHFT Hosts the NIHR Clinical Research Network for Yorkshire and Humber

- Host of Y&H CRN for 5 years from April 2014
- Appoint key staff and clinical leadership of the Y&H CRN
- Financial management and reporting to NIHR
- Governance structures for the Y&H CRN
- Office space, facilities and information systems
- Contracts with the Department of Health and all Y&H CRN Partner Organisations
- **Board level oversight of Y&H CRN performance**

Appointment of key staff to the Y&H CRN

- Chief Operating Officer – Dr Caroline Pickstone appointed
- Clinical Directors – Alison Layton and Simon Howell appointed Co-Clinical Directors
- Clinical leadership in the Y&H CRN – Divisional Clinical Leads have been appointed
- Six Research Division Managers and Industry Operations Manager have been appointed
- **Leadership appointments are distributed across Yorkshire and Humber partner organisations**

Financial Management of the Y&H CRN

- Financial management and reporting of the £28.7 million allocated to the Y&H LCRN for 2014/15
- Julie Patchett worked with our partner organisations to agree the principles of funding allocations
- Allocations included in the Annual Financial Plan for 2014/15
- **Host must approve Annual Plan and Annual Financial Plan for 2015/16**

STHFT deliverables as Y&H CRN Host

- One year after STHFT was selected as Host for the Y&H CRN all of the key objectives will be delivered on schedule
- All Governance structures are in place
- We have a distributed model of leadership across the region
- Provided HR support and appointed key staff
- Provided financial management for the Network
- **Main challenge ahead is delivery of the NIHR clinical trial metrics set out in our Annual Plans**

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