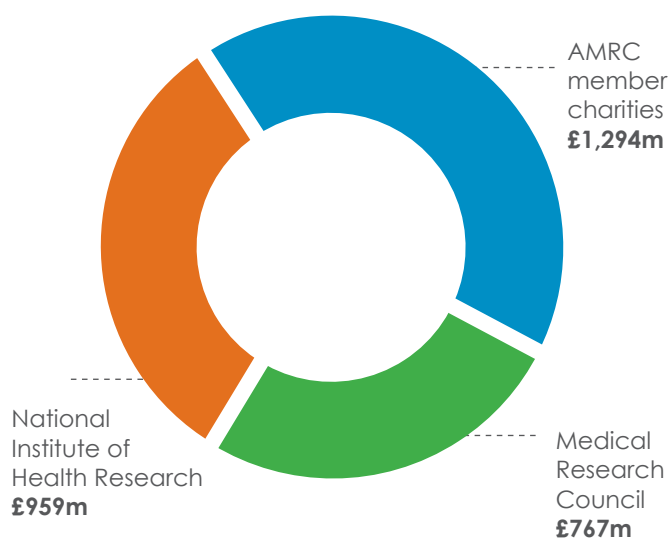


£7bn over six years, £1.3bn last year

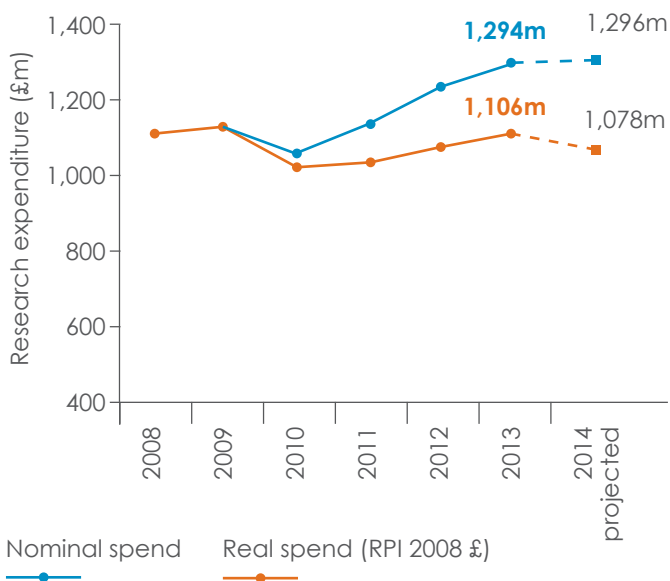
Together, medical research charities support over a third of publicly funded medical research in the UK.



AMRC research expenditure database 2013, excluding capital expenditure; MRC and NIHR annual reports, 2013. Spending on research by health departments in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland not illustrated.

AMRC member charities have consistently spent more than £1bn on research in each of the past six years, in large part thanks to the public who make medical research their number one charitable cause.

Charity funding for UK research



AMRC research expenditure database. Real expenditure was calculated using February RPI, restated as 2008 (source ONS). AMRC members were asked to report their projected research spend for 2014. 17 Charities did not provide an estimate and their 2013 spend was used as a proxy.

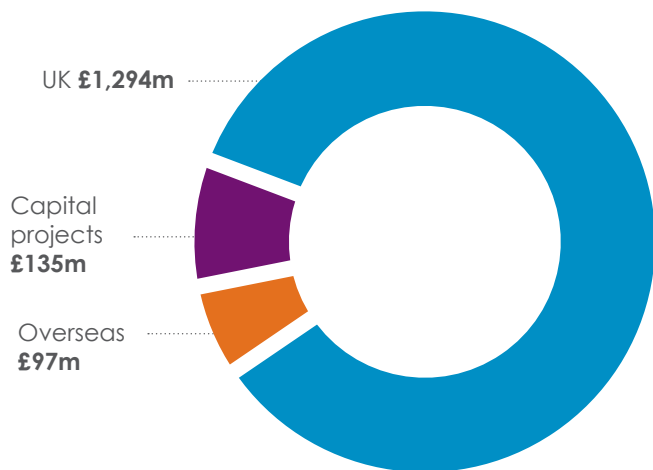
Whilst spending is being maintained, growth is hard to come by.

In addition, despite improvements in health, we know that the burden of disease and healthcare costs are increasing.

- In 2013 charity spending on research in the UK increased to £1.3bn (excluding capital projects for buildings and large equipment).
- Adjusting for inflation (RPI 2008 £) spending has not returned to the pre-recession levels of 2008, although there has been a modest year-on-year rise since 2010.
- Charities' projected spend on research in the UK for 2014 suggests they will continue their commitment to spending, but that growth remains unlikely.

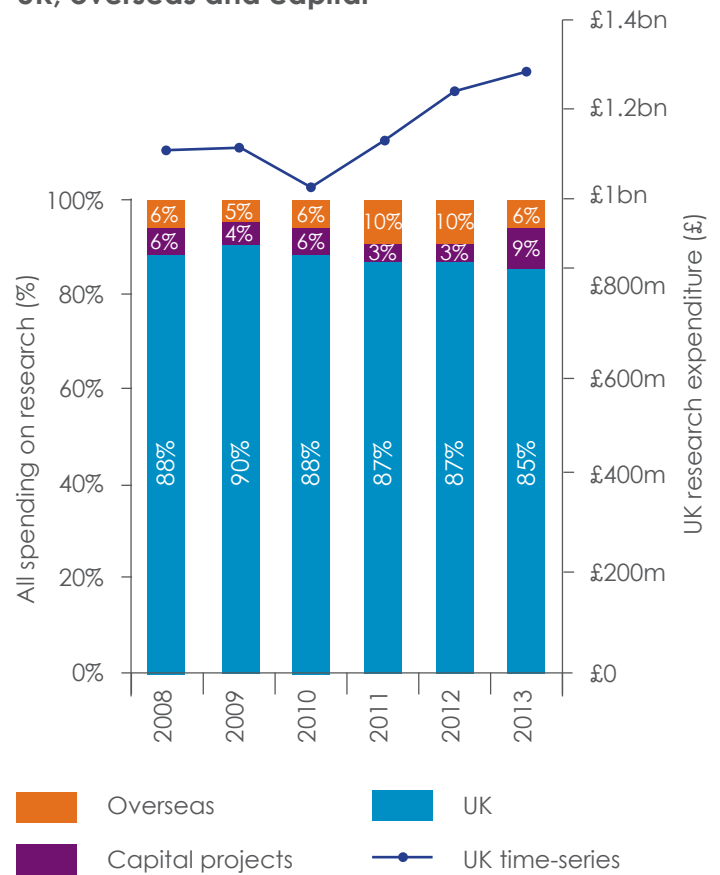
6% spent overseas, capital spend uneven

Our members have strong UK links and invest much of their spending here. However, research is an international endeavour, and charities want to fund the best science – wherever it is.



AMRC research expenditure database 2013.
Of our 125 members, 19 charities (15%) reported overseas spending in 2013.

UK, overseas and capital



AMRC research expenditure database.

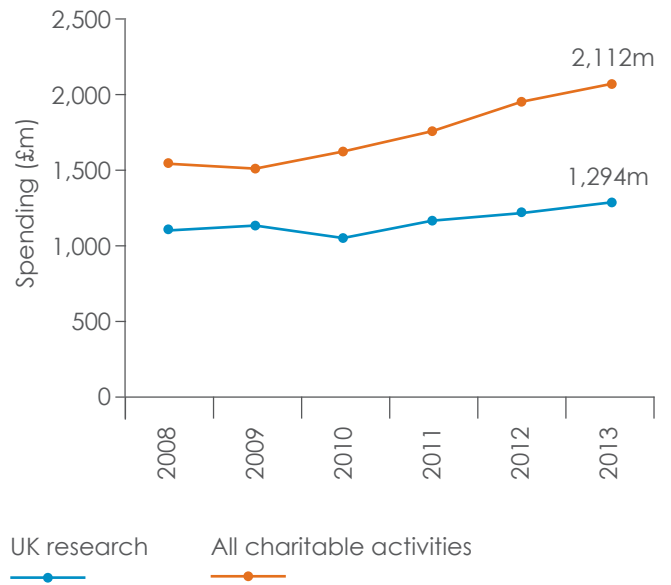
Research is a long-term commitment, requiring sustained investment over many years. Spending on capital projects can be more volatile. The bulk of overseas investment comes from the Wellcome Trust, so small changes in the trust's spending can mask other changes.

Research is just part of the picture

Research is only one aspect of our members' work. They also focus on critical activities to support patients through providing welfare, support, care education and information.

They walk a difficult tightrope, balancing the strategic challenge of meeting commitments to research, which may yield cures in the future, with the need to support patients facing diseases now.

Comparison of charity spending



AMRC research expenditure database. All charitable activities includes research in UK, research overseas, capital projects and other non-research charitable activities (eg care, welfare, support, education).