Challenge for government

**Value charitable investment in medical research**
- Value charities’ contribution to UK success in life sciences
- Enable charitable research funds to be spent only on research
- Build a financial environment that supports charities

**Create a better environment for research**
- Develop a clear regulatory framework for research
- Encourage engagement, openness and transparency
- Harness the strength of the NHS for medical research

**Ensure the discoveries we fund reach the patients who need them**
- Work with patients to identify research to address their needs
- Drive innovation of new treatments to help patients
- Engage medical research charities in the development of clinical guidelines

**Maintain the UK as a global leader in science**
- Champion UK medical research at home and abroad
- Train, develop and support the people who conduct world-class medical research
- Involve medical research charities in developing effective policy across the EU

*Medical research charities have a massive impact on patients’ wellbeing through supporting medical and health research and innovation*

*Medical research charities contribute approximately one third of all public expenditure on medical and health research in the UK*

*In 2008-09, AMRC’s member charities funded over 150 clinical trials in the UK at a cost of over £60 million*

*The UK generates over 10% of the world’s clinical science and health research outputs and has created nearly a quarter of the world’s top 100 medicines*
The Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC) is a membership organisation of the leading medical and health research charities in the UK.

All our 120 members have a clear process for the peer review and funding of research grants as well as a published research strategy outlining their objectives and priorities in funding research and how they intend to achieve them. They also sign up to position statements on issues central to medical research.

We work together to support the sector’s effectiveness and advance medical research by developing best practice, providing information and guidance, improving public dialogue about research and science, and working with government.

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**2008/09 Figures**

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**Approximately 18% of research income in UK Higher Education Institutions is from UK-based charities. Around 50% of this directly supports individual researchers.**

**Fact**

A recent survey by The Wellcome Trust found that just under a quarter of adult respondents or their family members had taken part in medical research and up to 70% would be willing to take part in research – depending on what was involved.

**2008/09 IPSOS MORI survey**

Commissioned by AMRC

**Fact**

Medical research brings huge economic benefits - for each pound invested by the taxpayer or charity donor in cardiovascular disease and mental health research, a stream of benefits is produced equivalent to earning 39 pence and 37 pence respectively each year ‘in perpetuity’.

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