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Consultation Responses
Cooksey Review Secretariat
HM Treasury
1 Horse Guards Road
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Dear Sir,

We are pleased to respond to the Cooksey Review of UK Health Research and, as a member of AMRC, would wish to endorse the views expressed in their detailed response. In addition, however, we would like to make a few brief points.

1. The Single Health Research Fund must maintain a culture of high quality peer review throughout all aspects of funding so that whatever basic, translational or implementational research is funded, it is founded on good science and good practice.
2. Under Best Research for Best Health, it is possible to separate funding for infrastructure and research and whilst clinical research costs have always been funded by NHS R&D under support for science, it is essential that this is maintained. It is vitally important, therefore, that NHS R&D funding additionally supports *infrastructure* costs so that AMRC charities can support the *direct* costs of research in the NHS.

We hope that the new proposals for providing a 'comprehensive Clinical Research Network' will be implemented to provide the infrastructure (research nurses, trial and data managers etc). In that event, **arc** would bring forward proposals to support the costs of a further tranche of high quality trials and 'experimental medicine' work.

Yours sincerely,



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