

COMPASS is operating in a funding environment which has changed considerably since we were funded...

- We have great potential for attracting further funding, and this will be important in this next phase of our work
- Cooksey Report: NHS R&D funds, establishment of Office for the Strategic Co-ordination of Health Research (OSCHR)
 - Translational research
 - Public Health
 - E-health
- HSR and most clinical trials become responsibility of NIHR

The Department of Health's research strategy *'Best Research for Best Health'*

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) research programmes

Objectives

Strengthen and focus the funding mechanisms through which we commission research

Expand and develop relevant and flexible programmes of research addressing the broad range of health research priorities

NIHR health research funding to resolve uncertainties and address areas of unmet need

Allocate NHS health research funding in a transparent manner based on quality and relevance

NIHR aims – by 2009

Develop a range of research funding mechanisms to ensure that NIHR funds important, relevant and high quality health research that is inadequately supported by other funders, but is essential for delivering our public services.

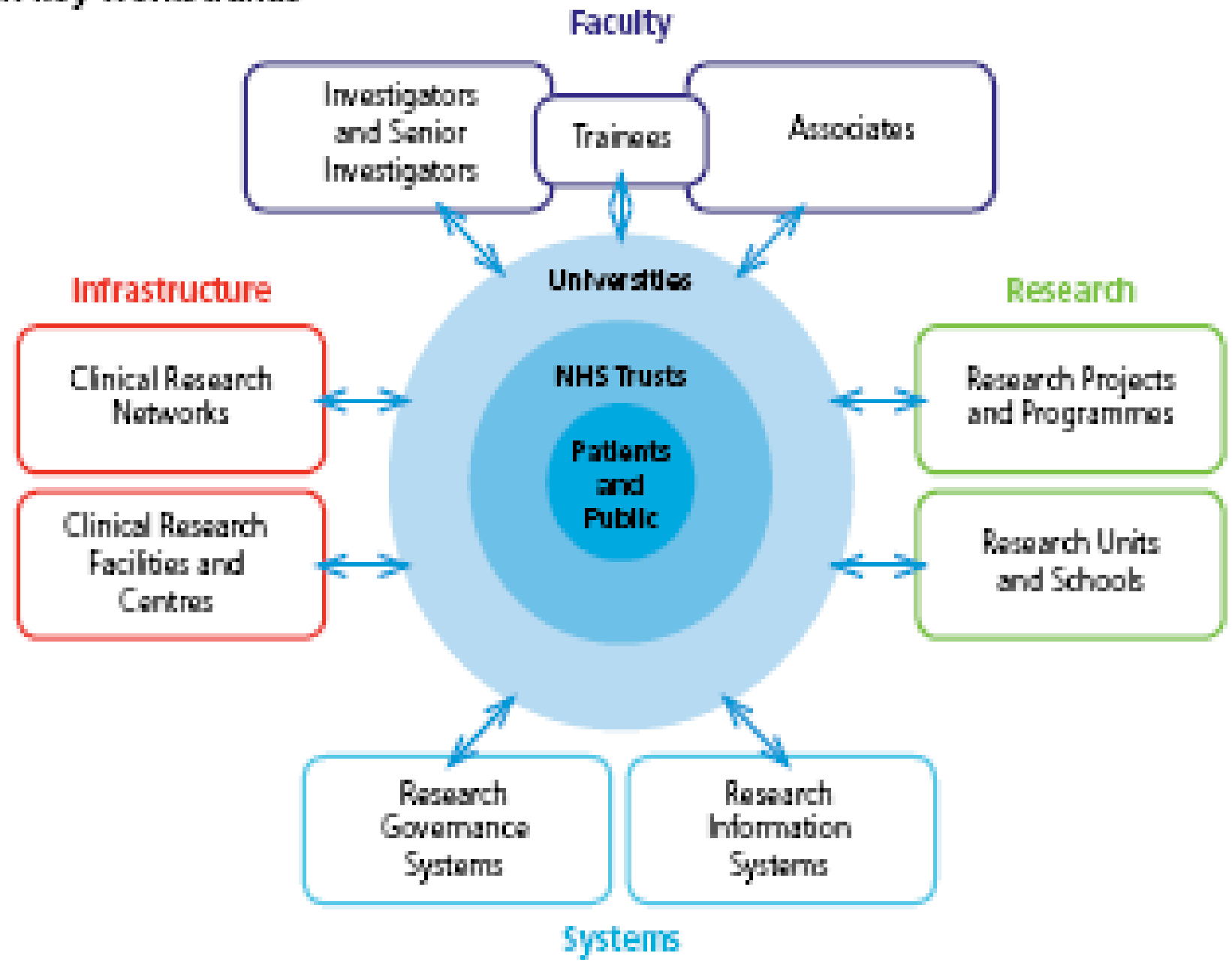
Expand and strengthen NIHR existing R&D programmes.

Introduce a new Research for Patient Benefit responsive funding programme

Introduce Programme Grants for Applied Research for the NHS in areas of high priority to the NHS

Continue to invest in research units focused on priority areas

NIHR key workstrands



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