

Applied Research Collaborations (ARCs)

Research to improve
health and care



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What are NIHR ARCs?

NIHR Applied Research Collaborations (ARCs) are a research service close to the beating heart of health and social care services.

Applied health research aims to address the immediate issues facing the health and social care system and make a difference in the real world.



ARCs conduct applied health research in collaboration with the health and care sector alongside patients and members of the public. ARCs also help implement research evidence into practice and provide funding and training.

ARCs support research tackling the big issues in areas including:

- Adult social care
- Ageing
- Child health and maternity
- Health and care inequalities
- Mental health
- Multimorbidity
- Prevention



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ARCs are funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR). There are 15 across England.

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