

Our Strategic Priorities September 2020

Background

Over 42,000 people are diagnosed with bowel cancer every year in the UK and one million live with other life-changing and longstanding bowel conditions such as the inflammatory bowel diseases - Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis - and the incontinence sometimes induced in childbirth. The need to understand the risk factors and potential causes, as well as identifying new ways to diagnose, treat and manage them has never been more urgent.

By investing in world class, innovative research we hope that one day we can eradicate these conditions.

We aim both to increase and strengthen the research base in the UK and to support international research collaborations. We will continue and expand our investment in training the next generation of researchers.

By all these means we will help people with bowel diseases to live longer and to improve their quality of life.



Bowel Research UK strategic priorities, 2020

Well defined strategic priorities are the fundamental basis upon which to design our research programme, both now and into the future. Our priorities will allow us to work towards finding a cure for bowel cancer and to defining effective treatments to mitigate, or entirely eradicate, other bowel disorders.

Our priorities include:

- 1 Becoming the UK's leading specialist research charity for bowel cancer and other bowel disorders
- 2 Encouraging society to become more aware of, and to support, bowel disease research
- 3 Supporting the scientists of tomorrow by funding the next generation of research 'rising stars' today
- 4 Embedding patient involvement and public engagement in developing our priorities and funding decisions
- 5 Contributing to dialogue amongst the world's leading researchers and drawing on our close relationship with the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland to build a specialist research base
- 6 Disseminating our research results and promoting discussion amongst diverse audiences
- 7 Driving change as a result of our endeavours, and campaigning for further investment in research
- 8 Offering up-to-date, accurate and accessible information on our research programme - priorities, outcomes and impact - tailored to the needs of people affected by bowel diseases
- 9 Influencing clinical guidelines, standards of care and innovation through specialist research
- 10 Rising to the unique bowel disease research challenges posed in the pandemic

Key message from Bowel Research UK, 2020

The new charity, borne on the shoulders of its forebears, has great plans for the future. It will play a major part in advancing the understanding and management of all major bowel diseases by funding the brightest and best clinical and laboratory researchers. Through its efforts, the life prospects of affected people, now and in the future, will be extended and enhanced. The new charity deserves widespread support.

Contact Us

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