



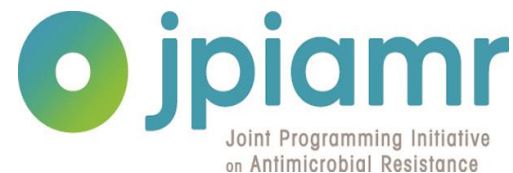
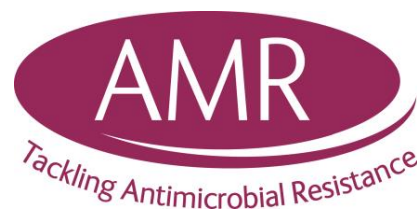
# Tackling AMR – A Cross Council Initiative & Other Funding Opportunities

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# AMR Funding- Research Councils

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- AMR Funders Forum
- AMR Cross Council Initiative
- Medical Research Foundation (MRF)
- International funding
  - Joint Programming Initiative for AMR (JPIAMR)
  - Newton Fund



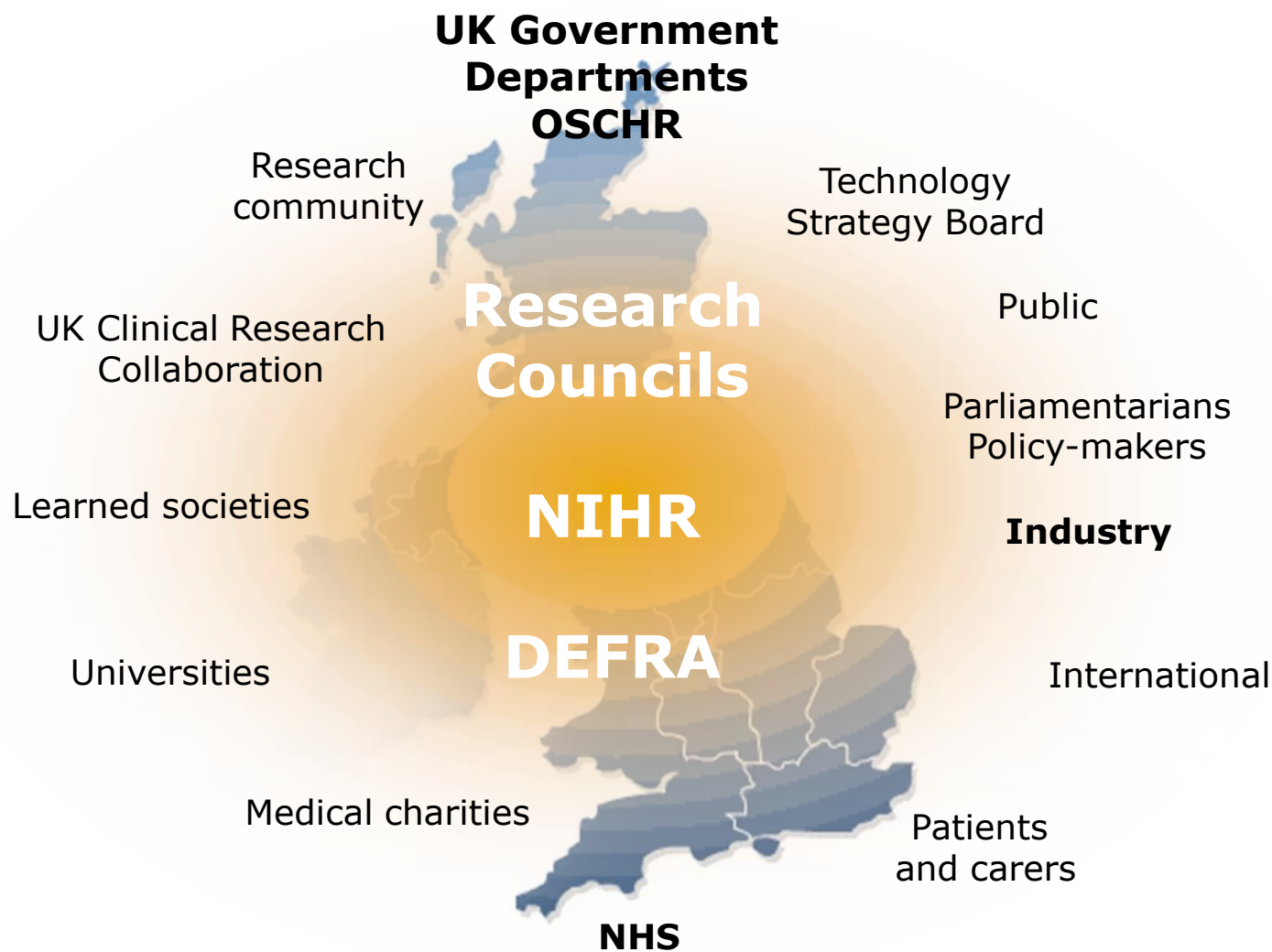
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**Research Councils portfolio: ~£25m per year on AMR**

# The UK: A rich network of funders and researchers

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# AMR Funders Forum (AMRFF)

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- Made up of representatives from the research councils, governmental bodies and charities
- Led and managed by the MRC
- Strategically overview the UK AMR research base with an understanding of its output, skill base, resources and impact
- Has a common vision for AMR research and its implementation
- Will add value to existing programmes
- Will coordinate and/or support the initiation of funding and delivery of programmes
- Will raise the profile of the AMR research base in the UK and internationally

# AMR Cross Council Initiative

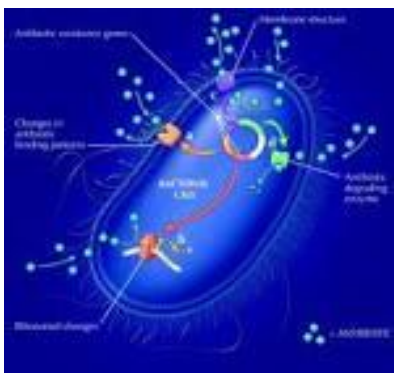


- Launched June 2014
- All Research Councils – MRC-led
- 4 themes to tackle AMR- bacterial resistance in the first instance, cover both human & animal health
- Kick start with £27.5m (£15m MRC, £5m BBSRC, £3.5m NERC, £4m AHRC)
  - ESRC to confirm commitment early 2016
  - EPSRC £6m – Bridging the gap call
- Scalable approach
- Networking preceding submissions
- Mixed funding models
- Priority in CSR – allocated budget in early 2016

# AMR – a thematic approach

## Theme 1: Understanding resistant bacteria

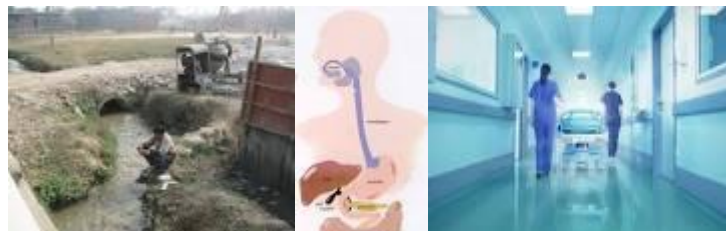
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Awards made**



**Calls closed  
Some awards made**



## Theme 2: Accelerating therapeutic and diagnostic development



## Theme 3: Understanding real world interactions

**Calls closed  
More calls  
in 2016**



**Call to be  
launched 2016**



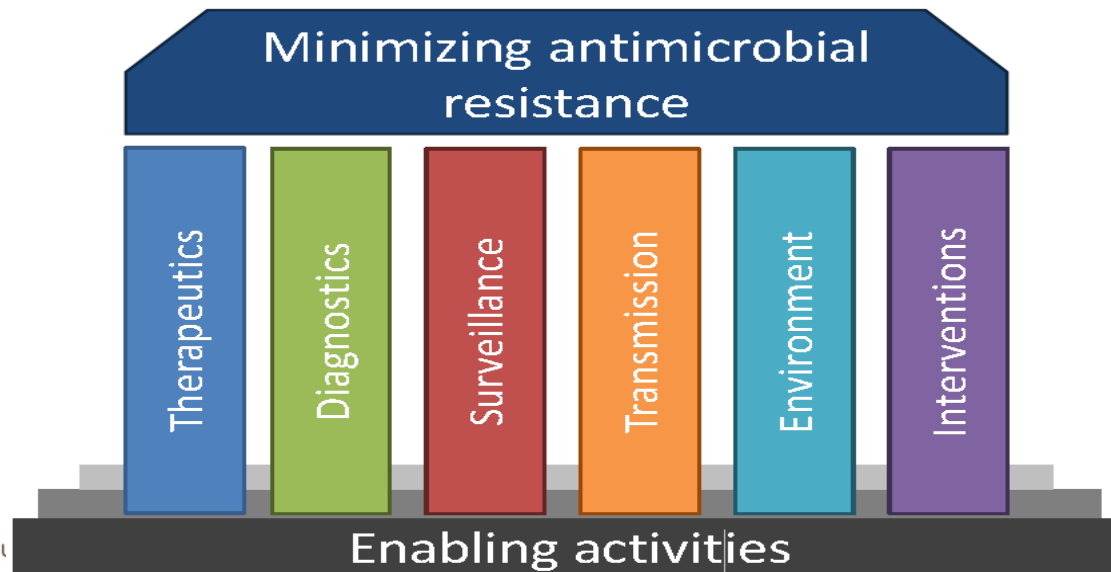
## Theme 4: Behaviour within and beyond the health care setting

- Linked to MRC but independent – align priorities
- AMR Studentships
- Building on current large AMR investments
- Under discussion, to be launched later in 2016.

# Joint Programming Initiative on AMR

## Joint Programming Initiative on AMR - MRC represents the UK

- To date, 19 members (17 EU countries, Canada & Israel), 3 observers (Argentina, Estonia and Japan)
- Platform to coordinate and align AMR activities
- Transnational calls and activities
  - ERA Net co-fund (~€30m) – transmission call opening Jan 2016 (€3m MRC)
- Links with WHO, EC, IMI, EPFIA, TATFAR, NIH





# Developing international links – Newton Fund

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- UK-China Call (MRC, ESRC, BBSRC – to be launched this week MRC website)
- UK-India Joint Centres Partnerships - 2 Centres on AMR
- UK-Thailand Joint Health Research call (closed)  
*includes infectious diseases*
- UK-Vietnam Joint Infectious Disease Research call (closed)
- UK-Brazil Neglected Infectious Diseases Partnership (closed)
- UK-Philippines Joint Health Research call (closed)  
*includes infectious diseases (AMR)*

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