We are pioneers.

We find new ways to turn great science into greater patient impact.
Scientist Rachel and student Scott at our Centre for Therapeutics Discovery
We are champions of human health.

We are an independent medical research charity. Our mission is to pioneer new ways to turn great science into greater patient impact. It is at the heart of how we work: from the way we bring together networks of partners to tackle specific disease areas; the creation of new funds for investment; to the special mix of expertise and experience we’ve built up within the organisation; and the fact that, as a charity, every pound we make is reinvested in our mission to improve patients’ lives.

Our track record of success over the years (see left) has given us the financial freedom to think differently and invest in the health challenges we believe in. We’re excited about the future and the potential of working with you to turn your science into greater patient impact.

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We are prospectors.

We find hidden gems.

There is research out there that has huge potential. Our teams, from technology transfer to scientific analysts to business development, are experts in life sciences - we know what to look for: the research that has promise and that can be turned into patient impact.

Let’s discuss how we can work together to identify potential in existing science. We talk to our charity partners to understand patient needs and work with these charities to progress and fund research that meets those needs.

Parked assets

Collaborations like our Neurodegeneration Medicines Acceleration Programme and Kids Cancer ACT NOW campaign help to kickstart stalled pharma projects. It is not just about new discoveries in life sciences.

We work with industry on projects that are parked because they don’t fit a strategic direction, or can help to deliver funding for drug re-purposing.

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Chido, Computational Chemist at our Centre for Therapeutics Discovery
Proven expertise

In the last 18 months we have invested over £20m in new facilities.

At our dedicated drug discovery labs in Stevenage we have nearly 80 scientists, comprising three teams: chemistry, biology and biotherapeutics. Our diagnostics development centre in Edinburgh houses a team of 15 experts who improve the commercial readiness of early stage diagnostics from academic research.

We are specialists.

We do what our partners can’t do alone.

LifeArc is unique. Many organisations offer drug discovery, diagnostics development, technology transfer or business development as a service. Only LifeArc offers this range of expertise on a charitable basis. We are not a contract research organisation and can support partners at no cost to them.

We are proactive. We create funding opportunities and build networks to tackle disease, by working with a wide range of organisations.

We bring our skills to the table and form partnerships that add value and can make a difference.

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We are risk takers.

We invest in potential.

£30m funding

We've created two new funds to achieve our goal of translating great science into greater patient impact:

A seed fund investing in promising early stage life science research;

A philanthropic fund providing grants to support research funded by other charities and organisations.

We're different from most charities because we are self financing. In fact, we are generating a surplus income (from the royalties we receive on successful patient treatments) so we are ready to support more projects with potential. Over the next five years we plan to invest up to £500m.

Our investment decisions are not driven by profit but by the potential to benefit patients - whether that is a rare disease or research that could impact millions.

We want others to join us and work collaboratively to take on the challenge of supporting the promising science that is currently underinvested.

Let's work together and make sure that great science is turned into greater patient impact.

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Let’s get your organisation connected.
We’ve identified four priority disease areas (above) & the need to bring together a network of partners to tackle specific disease areas. We will introduce others where we identify patient need.
We are game changers.
We find new ways to succeed.

We believe there are better and quicker ways to turn research into patient treatments. Communities for Impact aim to bring together the right partners and funders to accelerate disease research.

We want to form partnerships to deliver new therapeutics and diagnostics by being a catalyst for the creation of these collaborations. These Communities enable access to broader skills and knowledge to accelerate research. In this way we will magnify impact. Speak to us about how to be part of this exciting approach.

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A new model

The Community for Impact model provides a new collaborative approach to developing new therapeutics and diagnostics. Using this model we are able to progress projects more quickly through discovery and development.

The model will leverage the funding, capabilities and resources of the community as a whole.
We are the bridge between great science and greater patient impact.

LifeArc is the new name for MRC Technology, a medical research charity with over 25 years experience in helping scientists and organisations turn their research into effective therapeutics and diagnostics.

Our new name reflects our purpose. To be the arc or bridge between research and improving patients’ lives.

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We are a charity

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