The Advanced Care Research Centre is now entering the second phase of the programme’s funding. During this time, we will build upon the achievements of the past two years and continue to underpin our success with innovative and relevant research.

Promises and progress
The ACRC is a multidisciplinary research programme supporting the independence, dignity and quality-of-life of people in later life.

From the outset, ACRC pledged to produce a large body of research, innovation and implementation, incorporating further partners and leveraging additional support.

We promised:
- to increase our funding base to work towards a sustainable future for ACRC.
- to train the next generation of healthcare professionals with our PhD Academy.
- to elevate the profile of the ACRC by engaging with external partners and associated ventures.
- to ensure our research was centred around the person and their needs.

How have we done?
Funding
£20M initial investment from Legal & General.

Additional £9.3M from additional funding where ACRC is an active and central partner.
Our Progress

PhD Academy
We currently have 29 PhD students on the [ACRC Academy PhD Programme](#), with another 11 to follow from September 2024. Our students enrolled from a variety of different disciplines, providing the next generation of healthy ageing specialists across all sectors.

Partnerships
Our academic partners are based in The University of Edinburgh, Newcastle University and University College London.

We work with a variety of organisations, from the UK and beyond: from small local groups to large national bodies, including partnerships with the [University of Copenhagen](#) and [AGEWELL](#) in Toronto, Canada.

Our multimorbidity work links in with key stakeholders, from supporting a PhD programme run by the Wellcome Trust to hosting the [AIM CISC Research Programme](#).

Patient and Public Involvement
We have established a respected and well-developed network of lay members who regularly provide insight to lead our research across all our different work packages.

Impact
Two of our recent papers were cited as key evidence within the CMO England Annual Report for 2023 ‘Health in an Ageing Society’, along with some earlier work on multimorbidity.

Our wider research has led to the publication of more than 30 journal articles, five briefing papers and three consultation responses.

We provided expert oral evidence to the recent parliamentary inquiry on Green Spaces for Urban Places.

Events
A team of students took part in the Wellcome Trust Ideathon, reaching the semi finals of a national competition, providing data science solutions to urgent health challenges.

Our second annual ACRC Spring Symposium was held in April 2023, offering our researchers time to discuss research and gave a platform to our PhD students to showcase their research.