

MCRC history:

The Manchester Cancer Research Centre (MCRC) was established in 2006 by three founding partners: The University of Manchester, Cancer Research UK and The Christie NHS Foundation Trust. Since its creation, the MCRC has widened its reach to drive forward cancer research in other NHS trusts within Greater Manchester and to link with other cancer-specific funding bodies.

Professor Rob Bristow is the Director of the MCRC

The vision of the MCRC is to be a world-leading comprehensive centre for translational cancer research – transforming the clinical care of cancer patients by developing and implementing an integrated personalised medicine strategy. Our strategy harnesses the power of basic and discovery research within the CRUK Manchester Institute, the wider scientific community within The University of Manchester, including the chemical and physical sciences, as well as the research taking place within the clinic.

The Centre is a unique collaboration that brings together the expertise, vision and resources of its partner organisations, all of which have formidable individual reputations in the field of cancer research. International cooperation with institutions in China, Australasia, North America and Europe further enhances our strategic ambition to be one of the top translational cancer research centres in the world. Our partnership creates the integrated approach essential to progress changes in patient diagnosis and care within the NHS, and important prevention and early detection research, through the Greater Manchester Cancer Plan, which covers a population of over 3 million people.

Building upon Manchester's strong cancer research heritage, the MCRC provides outstanding facilities where scientists, doctors, nurses, and other health professional researchers can work closely together.



Christie history:

The Christie is the largest single site cancer centre in Europe, treating more than 44,000 patients a year. It is also the first UK centre to be officially accredited as a comprehensive cancer centre.

As part of the NHS, The Christie provide:

- Radiotherapy: in one of the world's largest radiotherapy departments and at our satellite radiotherapy centres in Oldham and Salford
- Chemotherapy: in the UK's largest chemotherapy unit, as well as via 10 other sites, a mobile chemotherapy unit and in patients' homes
- Highly specialist surgery for complex and rare cancer.
- A wide range of support and diagnostic services

The Christie is a national cancer specialist based in Manchester and serves a population of 3.2 million people across Greater Manchester and Cheshire. They have an annual turnover of £230 million, operating with 2,500 staff, 300 volunteers, 30,000 public members and one of the largest hospital charities in the UK.

The Christie has been named, by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), as one of the best hospitals providing opportunities for patients to take part in clinical research studies. The clinical trials unit at the Christie is also the second largest in Europe and has one of the largest trials portfolios in the UK, with over 550 active clinical trials.

