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Future of Clinical Research Networks - Research Delivery in England 2024

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Agenda

- What actually is the CRN?
- CRN what's it ever done for me?
- Whats the future of research network for delivery

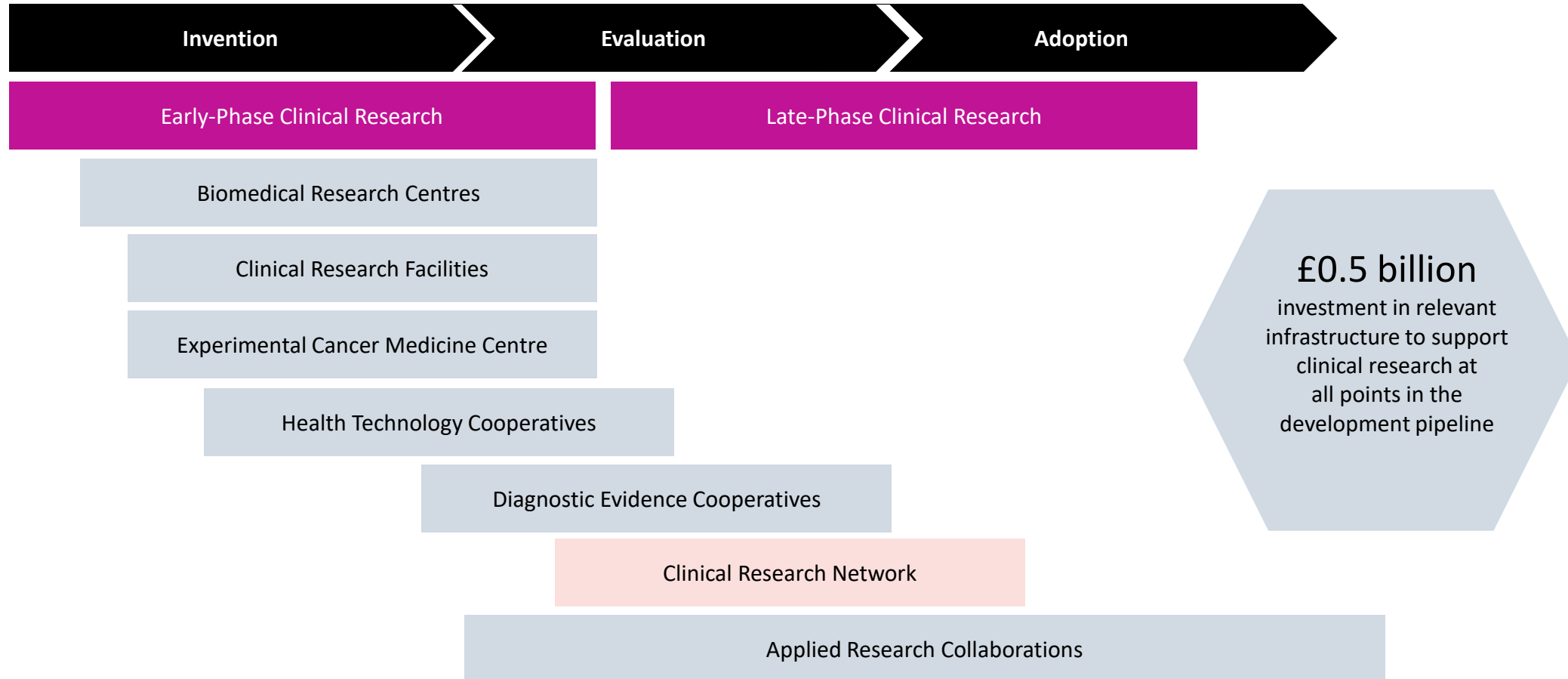
NIHR Clinical Research Network

Supports patients, the public, and health and care organisations across England to participate in high-quality research, advancing knowledge and improving care.

National Network, Delivered Locally



Where the CRN fits in



Primary and community care



Industry



Workforce Development & Learning



Social Care



Quality improvement



Specialty Research Leads



Study Support Service



Business intelligence



Workforce development

NIHR Health and Research Scholars Achievements 2018/19

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Health and Research Scholars including three Allied Health Professionals were recruited into Programme in 2018/19.



85 grant applications submitted, 40 were successful, totalling over £18 million

63% of our Scholars received funded grants



200 publications were produced with the involvement of NIHR Scholars

Workforce development; **Associate Principal Investigator (PI) Scheme**

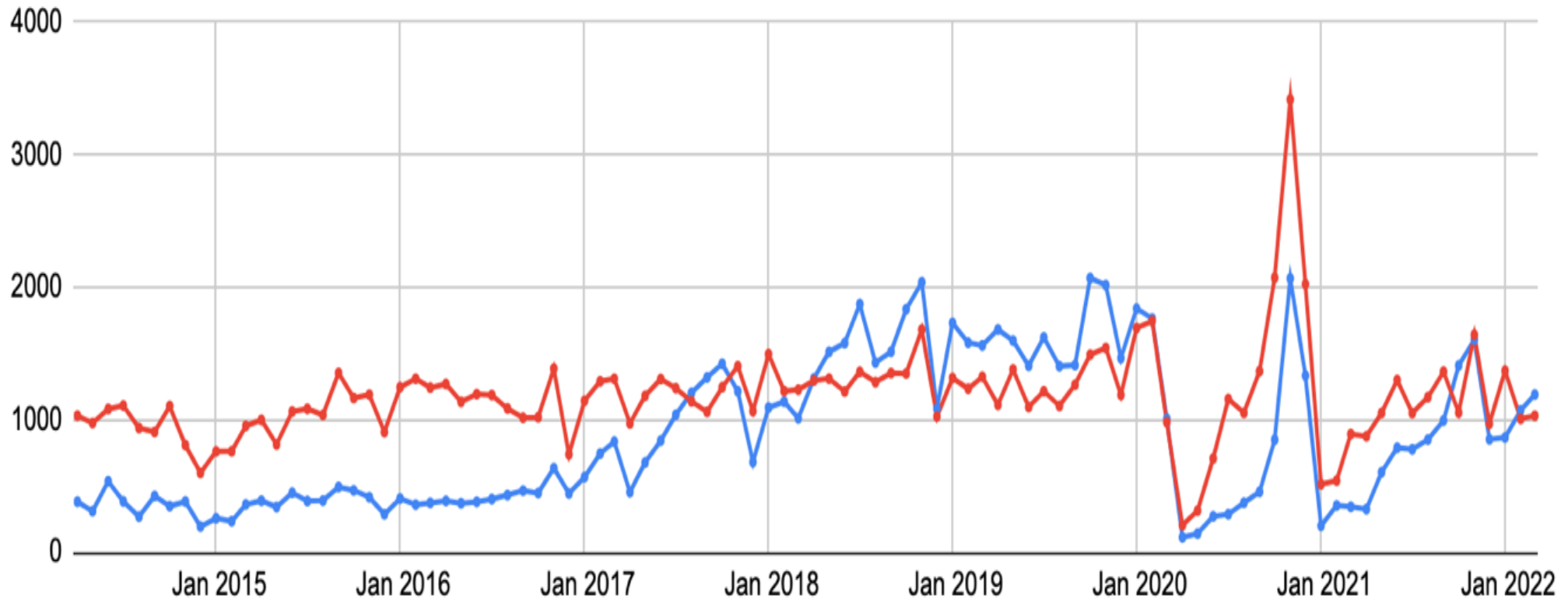


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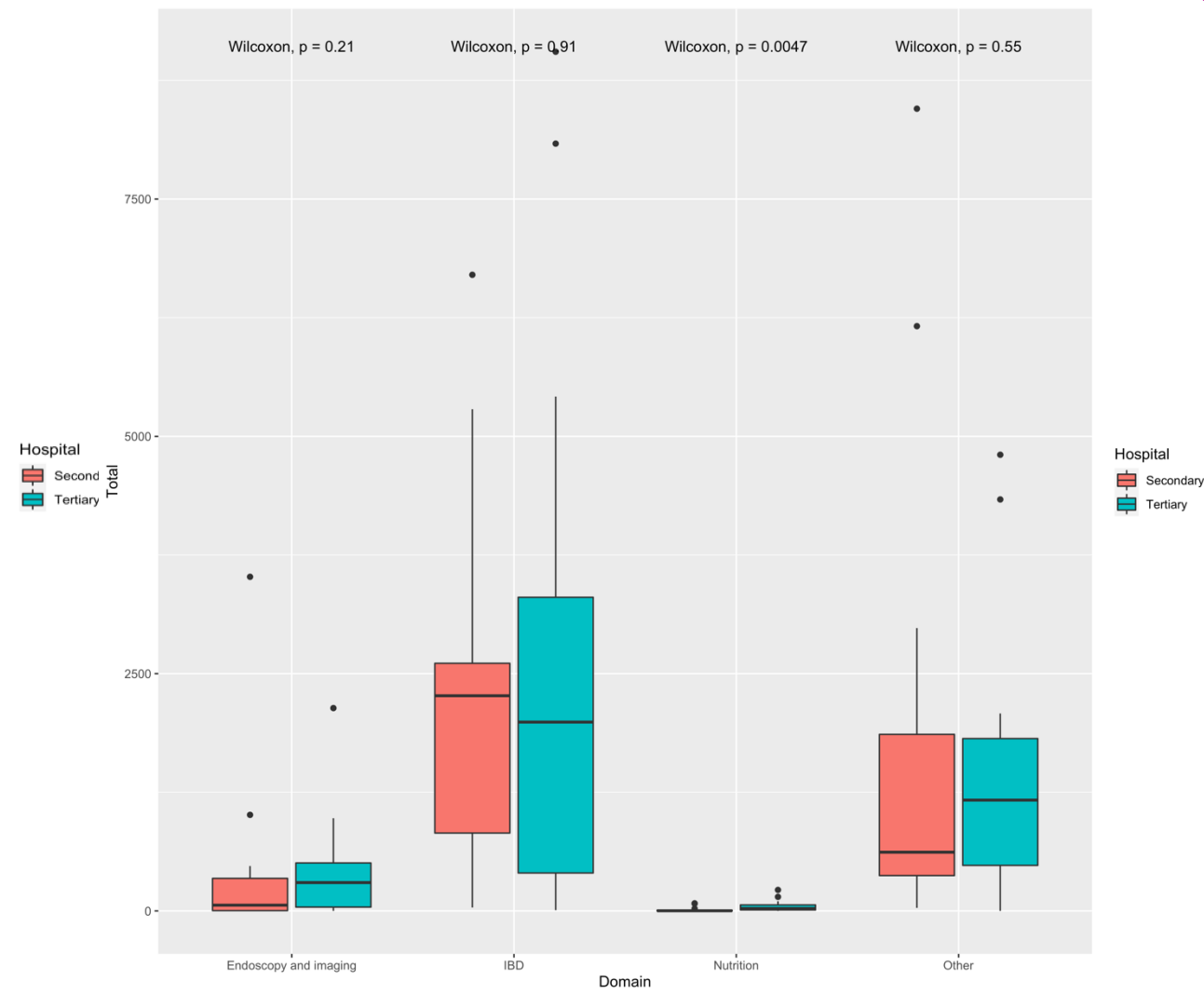
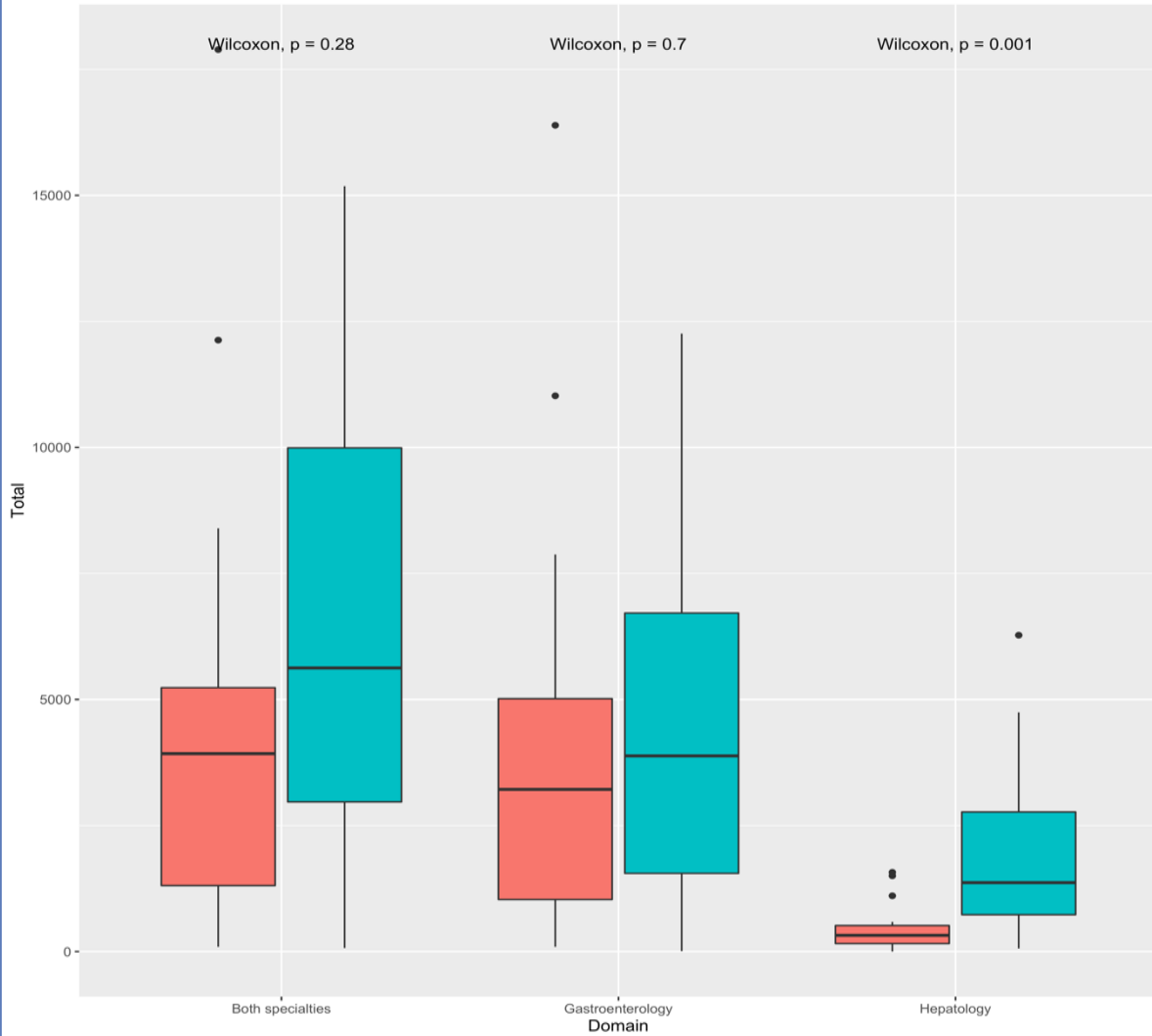
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Recruitment by Month

● Secondary ● Tertiary



Comparison of Sub-specialty recruitment studies between secondary and tertiary care centres.





What does the future look like – The Research Delivery Network (RDN)



NIHR Regional Research Delivery Network

The 12 RRDNs will work with the national Coordinating Centre to provide a joint RDN leadership function so that the NIHR RDN as a whole functions as a single organisation with a shared vision and purpose across England.

The NIHR RRDNs will have three key roles:

1. provide support to research sites to enable the effective and efficient initiation and delivery of funded research across the health and care system in England
2. enable the strategic development of new and more effective research delivery capability and capacity, including bringing research to under-served regions and communities with major health and care needs
3. work jointly with the Coordinating Centre in the strategic oversight of the NIHR RDN.

The 15 NIHR LCRNs into 12 RRDNs

	RRDN		LCRN
A	North East & North Cumbria	1	North East and North Cumbria
B	Yorkshire & Humber	2	Yorkshire & Humber
C	North West	3	North West Coast
		4	Greater Manchester
D	East Midlands	5	East Midlands
E	West Midlands	6	West Midlands
F	East of England	9	East of England
		13	North Thames (part)
		8	Thames Valley (part)
G	North London	15	North West London
		13	North Thames (part)
H	South London	14	South London
I	South East Central	8	Thames Valley (part)
		11	Wessex (part)
		10	Kent Surrey and Sussex
J	South East Coast	10	Kent Surrey and Sussex
K	South West Central	11	Wessex (part)
		7	West of England
L	South West Peninsula	L	South West Peninsula

Why is there a change from the CRN to RDN?

- New contract: refresh and improve, better reflect our scope and purpose.
- Adapt and Take on board learnings from COVID and experience of CRN (9 years old).
- Flex to changes to the health and care system
- Changes in the research environment (Best research for best health, O'Shaughnessy review).
- Feedback from stakeholders on their needs and how RDN can better support them and the research system.
- Build on success, delivering value and improvements.

CRN/RDN transition **Key Messages**

- The RRDN contract will be for 5 years and will take us up to 2030
- We may see duplicate and overlap of roles as the CRN winds down and the RRDN works up – next 12 months
- The RRDNs will have a new funding model and more flexible use of funding
- The RRDNs will not undertake performance monitoring / management - this will be the role and responsibility of the sponsor with support from the RRDN on request
- In this context **transition** is described as ‘the nuts and bolts of what we do and **transformation** is the organisational change required to deliver the transition
- RRDN Service Design Principles include: Collaborating, listening, being dynamic and customer and people focused

Future of Research Delivery in England

1. **Collaborate** to provide support to our customers to enable the effective and efficient initiation and delivery of funded research
2. Using **co-production** models to enable the strategic development of new and more effective research delivery capability and capacity, including bringing research to under-served communities with major health and care needs
3. **Lead and influence** on national strategy by working jointly with the Coordinating Centre in the strategic oversight of the NIHR RDN to ensure that the research health and care needs of the West Midlands are effectively represented and supported.

Questions