

## Portfolio Delivery 2017/18 year to date

(Quarters 1 and 2, data cut 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017)

Metric*	HLO1	HLO2a	HLO2b	HLO3a	Specialty Objective
Result	11,252↑	86%↑	92%↑	5↓	66% sites providing eye services recruiting to studies ↑

### Portfolio Overview

- Strong portfolio – improvement in key metrics
- Some challenges in delivering commercial studies – recent improvements and plans in place to strengthen
- Increased engagement of sites in research

### Plans to grow portfolio and improve performance

- Working with RDD to explore why some commercial studies are not delivering
- Developing links with international networks to bring more studies to the UK
- Annual Research Masterclass to develop investigators of the future
- Encouraging better communication between sub-specialties

#### Metrics explained:

**Higher Level Objective 1:** Number of participants recruited in a reporting year into NIHR CRN Portfolio Ophthalmology studies; **HLO2a:** Proportion of commercial contract studies achieving or surpassing their recruitment target during their planned recruitment period, **HLO2b:** Proportion of non-commercial contract studies achieving or surpassing their recruitment target during their planned recruitment period; **HLO3a:** Number of new commercial contract studies entering the NIHR CRN Portfolio

### **Developing links with International clinical research networks**

- Ancillary session at ARVO 2017 for worldwide research institutions and commercial companies. Attended by MUST study group.

### **Trainee Research network**

- Website now available: [www.rcophth.ac.uk/professional-resources/the-nihr-ophthalmology-clinical-research-network/](http://www.rcophth.ac.uk/professional-resources/the-nihr-ophthalmology-clinical-research-network/)
- Regional events, support from Royal College Ophthalmologists (RCOphth) etc
- Trainees taking leading role in research (eg. EDNA study)

### **Promoting research within the Specialty**

- Review of 10 years of Ophthalmology research publication
- CRN session at RCOphth Congress 2017
- OPERA: OPhthalmology Encyclopedia of Research Architecture

### **Engagement of key stakeholders**

- Strong support from RCOphth – agreed to fund Joint CRN Research Award
- Fight for Sight/Macular Society represented on SG
- Encouraging other charities to engage with research (e.g. RNIB, now co-opted member)

### **Specialty Objective 2018/19**

- Retain existing objective to further grow investigator community and active sites