

Annual RDI Report 2025-26

**2023-2030 RDI Strategy
NHS AYRSHIRE & ARRAN**



Recruitment and Approval Metrics

Recruitment Performance and Approval Metrics

Metric	Target	Performance 2024-2025	Performance 2026-2026	Variance
Patients Recruited	Monitoring/ Ongoing	164 (140)	348	+184 patients / +112%
First Recruitment within 30 Days (CSO eligible)	Monitoring/ Ongoing	50% or 3 of 6 studies	0% or 0 of 3 studies	- 50 percentage points
Studies Approved within 30 Days	30 days	18 studies	29 studies	+ 11 studies / + 61%
Studies Closed without recruitment (CSO eligible)	Max 4	10 of 19 (53%)	4 of 17 (24%)	-6 / -29 percentage points

Open/New
Studies

Study Submissions and Active Projects

STUDY TYPE	COUNT 2024-2025	COUNT 2025-2026	VARIANCE
Active/Follow-Up Studies	174 (204)	192	+18 / +10.3%
New Submissions	66	84	+18 / +27.3%
R&D Approvals	36	48	+12 / +33.3%

Activity Scale-Up and Research Culture

Scale-Up and Research Culture

INDICATOR	TARGET	PERFORMANCE 2024-2025	PERFORMANCE 2025-2026	VARIANCE
Secured Clinical Facility for Research	90%	90%	90%	=
An increased conversion rate of feasibility studies	6%	EOIs as % of feasibilities received: 4%	EOIs as % of feasibilities received: 10% EOIs as % of feasibilities sent: 16.6%	+6 percentage points / +150%
Sustain and Improve approval times	30 days	Average = 32 days	Average = 25 days	-7 days / -21.9%
Development of Research & Innovation mentoring programme	70% completion of scheduled activities Number of staff involved in the mentoring programme	57 staff	55 staff (96%)	Target achieved

Recommended Actions and incorporated learning

- Launch an **open call for mentors** to run in parallel with mentee recruitment. ✓
- Initiate a **parallel call for PI mentors** to match Stream 2 mentees with mentors, Research Nurses, and active studies (dependent on RN capacity) ✓
- Engage **Service Managers and Clinical Directors/Leads** to secure stronger organisational support and protected time for mentees. ✓💡
- **Open the Research Mentorship Seminar Series** to all NHS Ayrshire & Arran staff members. ✓
- Release seminars **timetable** early in the process and stick to agreed dates; continuity in Summer months ✓
- Clarify that there is **no expectation to attend all seminars**; mentees should select sessions aligned with their expertise and interests (one or several). ✓
- Share **learning objectives** and **prior knowledge prerequisites** for each RMS Seminar. ✓
- Create a **guide** that helps mentors set mentoring objectives with mentees. ✓
- Run virtual and in-person **Mentees and Mentors RM clinic** to check in and offer support. ?💡

Caring for Ayrshire- Focus Areas Research

Research Activity by Caring for Ayrshire’s Focus Area

FOCUS AREA	TARGET PROJECTS	PERFORMANCE 2024-2025	PERFORMANCE 2025-2026
Primary Care	1	5 ReDa	2* (4 ReDa)
Care of the Elderly	1	4 ReDa	2*
Mental Health	1	10 ReDa	10* (11 ReDa)
Acute Services	1	127 ReDa**	7* (22 ReDa)

* Information reported by Pls for new studies

** Includes new AND open/preexisting studies

Caring for Ayrshire- Strategic Drivers Research

Performance Against Caring for Ayrshire’s Strategic Health Drivers*

STRATEGIC DRIVER	TARGET PROJECTS	PERFORMANCE 2025-2026
Admission Avoidance	4	7
Localised Alternatives	4	5
Digital Technologies	4	6
Workforce Needs	5	6
Efficiency and Effectiveness	5	14

* Information reported by Pls for new studies

Caring for Ayrshire-
Measurable Aims
Progress Research

Performance Against Caring for Ayrshire’s Measurable Aims

STRATEGIC DRIVER	TARGET PROJECTS	PERFORMANCE 2025-2026
Improve the health of individuals	4	17
Increase safety in procedures	3	5
Improve individuals’ experience of our healthcare service	5	17
Improve patient flow pathway	4	10
Positive supply/demand workforce balance	2	4

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Research for Caring for Ayrshire: three examples

RESEARCH THAT *CARES FOR AYRSHIRE*

- **TRACC** — Tracking mutations in cell free tumour DNA to predict Relapse in eArly Colorectal Cancer.
- **TRAITS** — Evaluation of interventions linked to treatable traits in acute critical illness in adults to enable precision medicine: Data enabled Bayesian adaptive platform randomised clinical trial with embedded biological characterisation (TRAITS Trial).
- **EXPLANT** — The assessment of Removed Medical Devices/ Quantification of wear and characterisation of mechanism of failure of retrieved hip resurfacing components

Thanks!