

# National Hospital. Global Impact.

Annual Review 2019-20

**The National  
Brain Appeal**  
Funding advances  
in neurology and  
neurosurgery

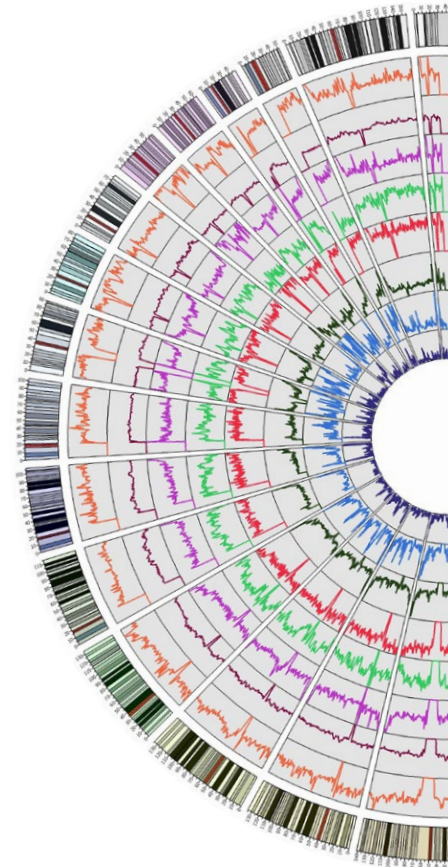
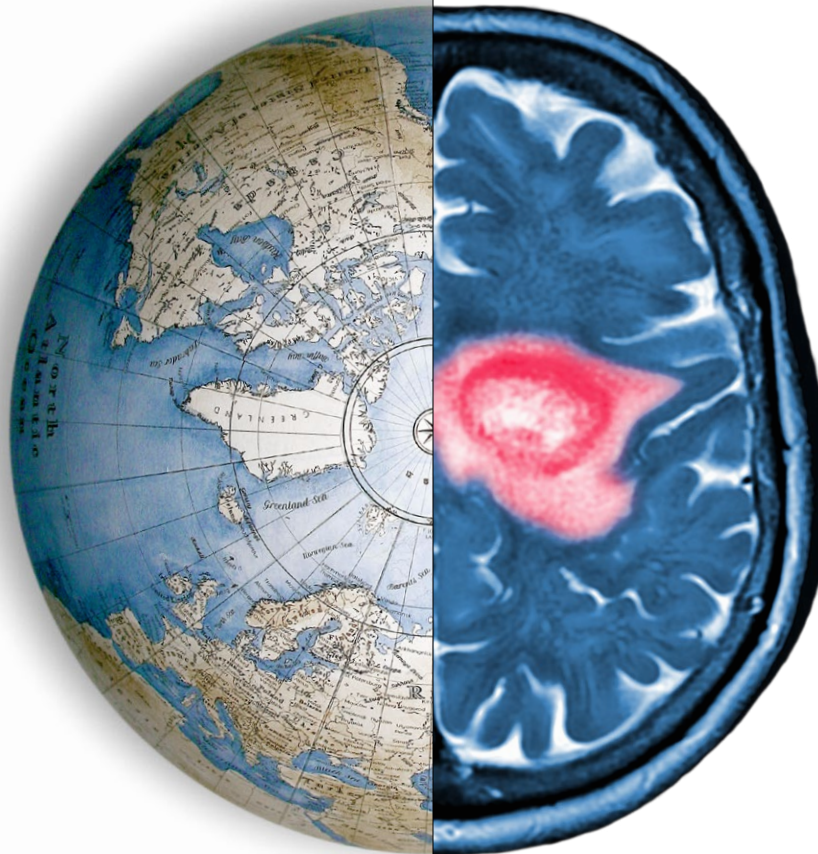
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SPINAL  
CORD  
MULTIPLE  
SCLEROSIS

## Immunotherapy – the UK's biggest-ever brain cancer trial

Glioblastoma is the most common and aggressive type of primary, malignant brain tumour with around 2,200 cases diagnosed in England each year. However there is a worldwide scarcity of clinical trials and lack of progress for brain cancer. We are funding a trial across seven UK hospitals to recruit 120 patients, newly diagnosed with glioblastoma. This is the first large-scale immunotherapy clinical trial for brain cancer which, if successful, will have an international benefit.

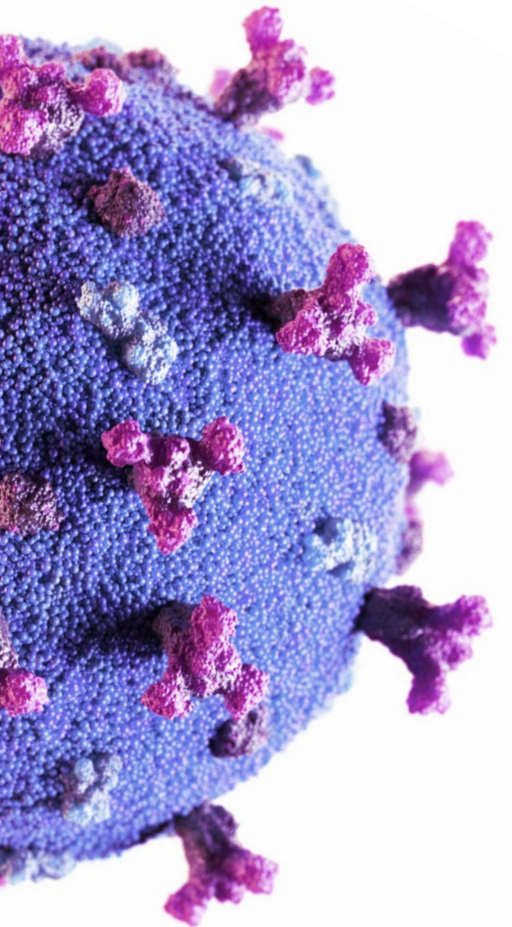
## The International Genomics Programme – sharing and building expertise across the world

The programme was set up to link the UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology with 14 other neuroscience centres. Based in the UK, India, Turkey, Brazil, South Africa and Zambia, the aim is to build an international cohort of participants with neuromuscular diseases and to deliver international training in clinical genomics of NMDs to equalise the standard of care globally. Recently, the partners linked to a UCL-led Covid-19 registry to monitor the impact of the SARS-CoV-2 virus on participants.



### **Covid-19, Infection and Autoimmune Service – funding a ‘UK first’ clinic dedicated to long Covid**

This consultant-led service assesses patients presenting with neurological complications of Covid-19. This includes a virtual weekly multidisciplinary meeting which attracts clinicians from across the UK. A paper reporting their early findings has been published in international neurology journals, and created collaborative links with neurologists in America, Australia, Canada, France, India and Norway. The Queen Square clinic will primarily support patients with symptoms after recovery from the acute illness and patient findings will feed into parallel research.



### **The world’s first centre for rare dementia – to provide support, education and enable research**

The Rare Dementia Support Centre will be a world-leader in how best to support those living with a rare form of dementia. It will achieve this through the involvement of its members and visitors in research and will lead in the bespoke education of families, healthcare and other relevant professionals. The centre will also pioneer research into the impact of support services on people living with a rare dementia: both for those with a diagnosis, their carers and families.



### **The new neuroscience centre – an international hub of expertise to benefit patients across the world**

Bringing together research scientists, clinicians and patients, the centre will house a facility for dementia and neurological disease research, with more than 500 neurological research scientists from the UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology and the UK Dementia Research Institute (UK DRI). This collaborative approach will enable and facilitate research into the global health challenges of many disabling neurological conditions.

## **Queen Square is a world-class hub for international working.**

Housing both The National Hospital and The UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology, the outstanding research, clinical work and treatment that emanates from this quiet, leafy London square makes a global impact, benefitting people with neurological conditions everywhere.

Having a forward-thinking, international view has never been more important. The Covid-19 pandemic has brought populations together and generated a clear understanding that our health is interlinked. It's also shown just how vital medical research is to improve outcomes globally.

The National Brain Appeal is proud to be able to provide funding for a number of ‘world firsts’ that are happening here in Queen Square. Our vision is that across the globe those who are living with a neurological condition will ultimately benefit from these innovative projects.



## A letter from our Chief Executive



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Queen Square  
is a world-  
leading centre  
of excellence  
because the  
teams work with  
others across  
the continents.

Queen Square has long been a hub for international collaboration in the quest for new solutions for neurological conditions and The National Brain Appeal has supported many initiatives that have global reach.

Some recent and current projects are highlighted in this review of the past year but you will find information on many more exciting programmes on our website.

Towards the end of the financial year, Covid-19 was beginning to take its grip on the world and the search for treatments and vaccines has demonstrated just how much can be achieved when the best brains work together. That is exactly why we think it is so important to support idea and skills sharing. Although we are still in the midst of this terrible pandemic, in years to come I hope we will be able to look back and see this as a major turning point for collaboration rather than competition in the development of medical breakthroughs.

Thank you to everyone who has helped The National Brain Appeal support this excellent work, but a very special thanks to Peter Stone who served as our Chairman for the past four years until May 2020. Peter oversaw a step change in our fundraising over this period and we are very grateful to him for helping us to broaden our vision for the future.

We welcome our new Chair, Jackie Ashley, who, despite joining at such a difficult time, is already bringing positive change to the organisation. The next year or two will be a challenge but, with your support, we're ready to face it.

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## Our numbers 2019-2020



- Donations (£621k)
- Sporting and challenges (£346k)
- Other (£303k)
- Special events (£300k)
- Legacies (£262k)
- Grant-making trusts (£235k)



- Charitable activities (£1.34m) which includes:
  - Neurodegeneration (£371k)
  - Neurology (£290k)
  - Technology & Innovation (£165k)
  - Education and Staff Development (£96k)
  - Queen Square (£55k)
  - Neurosurgery (£2k)\*
  - Other (£361k)
- Fundraising activities (£569k)

\*£52.5k of Technology & Innovation expenditure also relates to Neurosurgery

## Our funding areas



### Queen Square

New facilities and staff-led projects at The National Hospital and the Institute of Neurology



### Neurodegeneration

Supporting projects which help people with conditions where there is progressive degeneration



### Neurosurgery

Providing state-of-the-art equipment and facilities for the UK's largest neurosurgery unit



### Neurology

Funding initiatives to improve diagnosis, treatment and provide facilities for those with ongoing neurological conditions



### Technology & Innovation

Supporting projects which translate ground-breaking ideas into better results for patients



### Education & Staff Development

Investing to provide the best opportunities and attract the best people in the field

For further details on our projects, please visit [our website](#).

We are privileged to have fantastic supporters, which means we can continue to support The National Hospital and the UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology with building, research, and patient-focused projects.



To support the work of The National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery and UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology, please complete the form below. To make a regular donation by Direct Debit, please go to [nationalbrainappeal.org/donate](https://nationalbrainappeal.org/donate) or call the office on 020 3448 4724.

I would like my donation to go towards:

☐ General Fund   
 ☐ Neurodegeneration   
 ☐ Neurosurgery   
 ☐ Neurology  
☐ Queen Square   
 ☐ Technology & Innovation   
 ☐ Education & Staff Development

You can make your donations worth 25% more to people with neurological conditions – simply tick, sign and date the declaration. Ticking the Gift Aid box means that we can reclaim an extra 25p in every pound that is donated – that's £5 for every £20 donation!

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☒ Yes, I want to Gift Aid my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years to The National Brain Appeal.

Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference. Please notify the charity if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address, no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. Please note you must fill in the name and address detail below for your Gift Aid declaration to be valid.

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☐ I would like to receive email updates about fundraising activities, events and the latest clinical breakthroughs

☐ We would like to send you a thank you letter but if you'd prefer not to receive one, please tick here

Please send me information on... ☐ leaving a gift in my Will ☐ making a regular donation by Direct Debit

### Payment by cheque

I enclose a cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ (please make cheques payable to The National Brain Appeal)

### Payment by credit or debit card

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Total amount £

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