

# Ireland's Clinical Trial Ecosystem

*Strengthening clinical trials to provide high quality evidence  
on health interventions and to improve research quality*

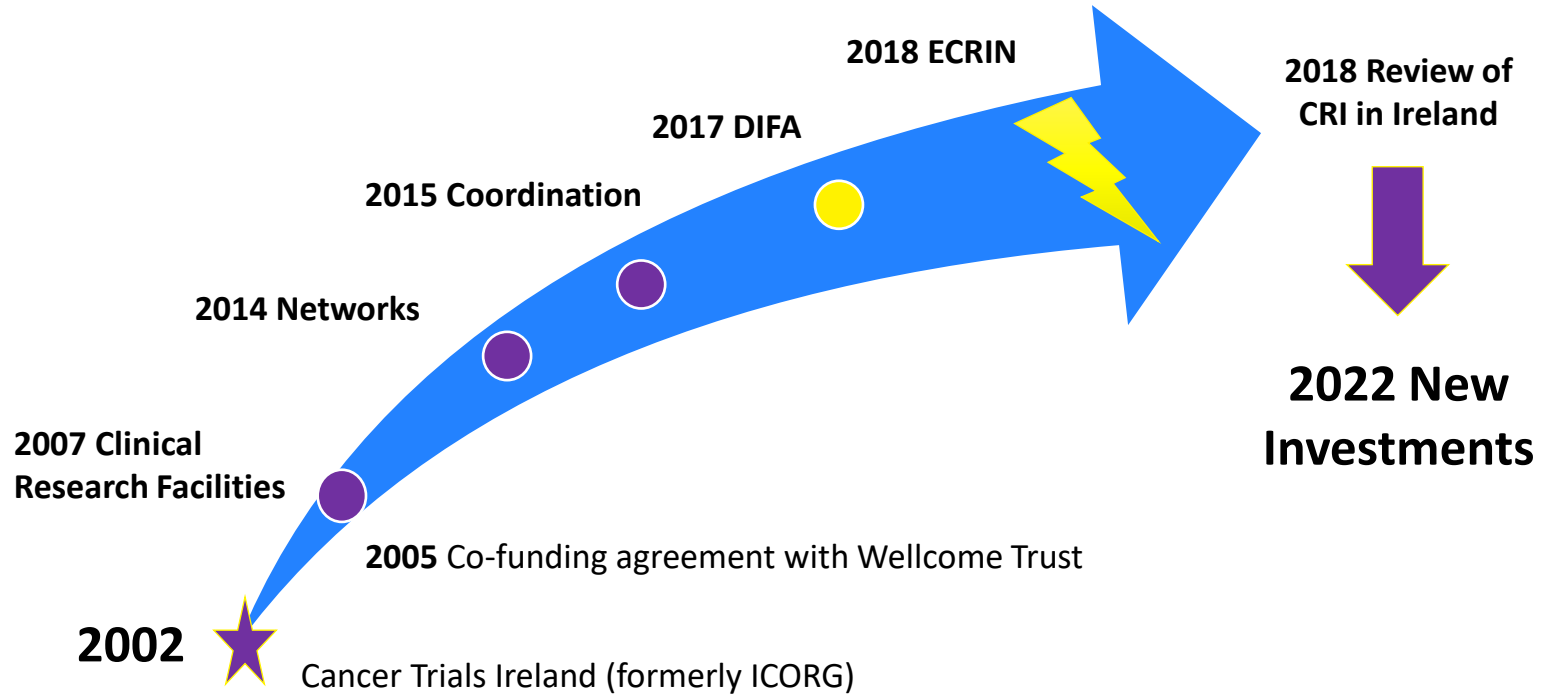
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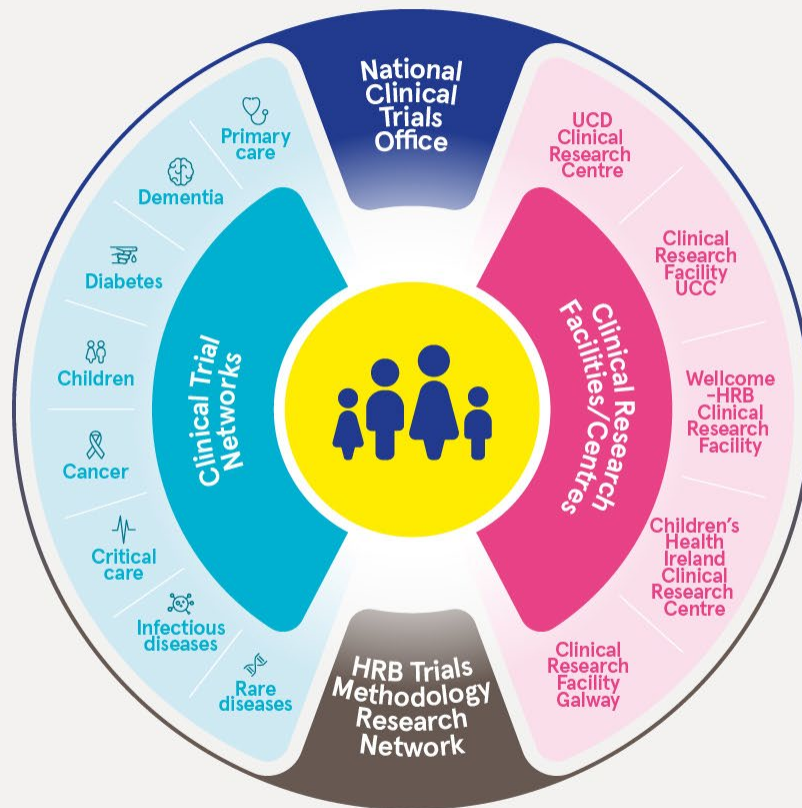


# Strategic objectives



# Timeline of investment






**HRB Clinical Trials Infrastructure**

# Definitive Interventions and Feasibility Awards

- Started through the HRB Project scheme \_ Health Research Awards
- 2017 Dedicated funding stream: **Definitive trials of interventions** of any appropriate design aimed at assessing the efficacy or effectiveness, cost and broad impact of therapy or intervention.
- Pipeline – **Feasibility studies** conducted in preparation for future definitive intervention.
- Funding envelope up to €1.2M, 5 years
- 4 rounds - 45 awards - € 32M
- Review.....



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# *1. Understand and address the barriers.....*

- **Monitoring framework**
  - Realtime, increase transparency, reduce research waste, governance
  - Engagement forums (RI)
- **Integration** – Co-Investment (RI)
- **Clinical trial activity metrics**
  - Start up speed
  - Participant recruitment and retention
  - Data management
  - Protocol compliance



## 2. *Towards the future.....*

### Funding opportunities, strategic choices

- ensure a greater pipeline of activity from development of interventions, feasibility, evaluation, implementation
- Predictable funding cycles
- Support novel trial designs – adaptive platform trials, decentralised trials (topic of this years ECRIN ICTD conference – Warsaw/online)
- Real world data/Real world evidence
- Ensure open and equitable access for diverse populations
- EU Funding Partnerships
  - ERA4Health – mechanism to support multinational clinical studies

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