

We are Heart Research UK

We're dedicated to taking on heart disease.

Cardiovascular disease kills more than one in four people in the UK, and coronary heart disease is the UK's single biggest killer.

Since 1967, we've invested over £27m in life-saving medical research into the prevention, treatment and cure of heart disease.

We know research works, but there's a lot more that needs to be done.

We've also invested over £2.5m in community projects all over the country, aimed at increasing the heart health of the nation, and our healthy messaging has reached over 4m people already this year.

OUR MISSION

'Through pioneering research and accessible education, we will reduce the number of people developing and dying from heart disease, while improving and extending the lives of those affected.'

Prevention



Treatment



Cure



If you have any questions please call Isabel on 0113 234 7474 or email dan@heartresearch.org.uk

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HISTORY

Heart Research UK was founded in Leeds in 1967 by eminent cardiovascular Mr David Watson, with the aim of making heart surgery safer.

Following the death of a young patient after a long heart operation, Mr Watson launched an appeal with the Yorkshire Evening Post to raise funds to research ways to improve the safety of heart surgery.

In the last 50 years, Heart Research UK has funded major breakthroughs, including the invention of pioneering artificial heart valves, funded six of the first eight successful UK heart transplants, and funded the implantation of the world's first permanent artificial heart, given to Peter Houghton, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. Mr Houghton was fitted with a Jarvik 2000 pump, and is to this day a Guinness World Record holder for the ‘Longest surviving artificial heart transplant patient.’

Kate Bratt-Farrar, Heart Research UK Chief Executive, said: “Heart Research UK is a forward thinking charity, always chasing the next major breakthrough that will save lives.

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“Almost everyone knows someone who has been affected by heart issues. Together, we are taking on heart disease, the nation's single biggest killer.”



IT IS ESTIMATED THAT:

7.4M
people are living
with cardiovascular
disease in the UK



2.3M
people are living
with coronary heart
disease in the UK



Around **1 in 4** people die
from cardiovascular disease
in the UK (**167,000 deaths**).

In the 1960's, most babies born
in the UK with a heart defect did
not survive to their first birthday.
**Today, around 8 out of 10 survive
to adulthood.**



At least
1 in 150 babies
are diagnosed
with a heart
defect at birth
in the UK -
an average
of **13 babies**
every day.



Healthcare
costs relating
to CVD are
estimated
at **£9 billion**
each year
(£138 per
person).

In the 1960s, more than 7 out of 10
heart attacks in the UK were fatal.
**Today at least 7 out of 10 people
survive a heart attack.**



Coronary heart
disease is the
UK's **single
biggest killer**
and caused more than
64,000 deaths in 2018.

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