



**Heart
Research
UK**



Yorkshire born and proud of it!

We are Heart Research UK, and we're dedicated to taking on heart disease.

Heart Research UK was founded in Yorkshire over 50 years ago, and are proud to still call it home. Since 1967, Heart Research UK been at the cutting edge of research into the UK's single biggest killer, thanks to our founder, Mr David Watson.

Mr Watson was an eminent cardiovascular surgeon who was moved to form Heart Research UK after a young patient of his died following heart surgery.

He launched an appeal with the Yorkshire Evening Post to raise funds to research ways to improve the safety of heart surgery. Thanks to his dedication, around 32,000 heart operations are carried out every year in the UK and over the last 15 years, heart surgery has got safer, with mortality after heart surgery steadily declining.

Since then, with thanks to the generosity of our supporters, Heart Research UK has invested over £27m in pioneering research.

Research that helps children like Imogen.

Imogen, from Leeds, was just six months old when she had to undergo emergency heart surgery.

Her mum, Vicky, remembers every second of the seven hour operation. She remembers praying the whole

time that she would pull through but knowing that she might not survive. Thankfully, she did.

Vicky says, "Everyone says they would never have known what she's been through. Research saved Imogen's life."

Yorkshire and the Humber has the highest death rate from coronary heart disease in England, with more than 6,000 deaths every year in the region. It is estimated that 670,000 people in Yorkshire are living with cardiovascular disease.

We don't think this is fair, and it needs to change.

Heart Research UK are currently funding over £1million of research in Yorkshire, including projects investigating angina, heart failure, and the links between diabetes and heart disease.

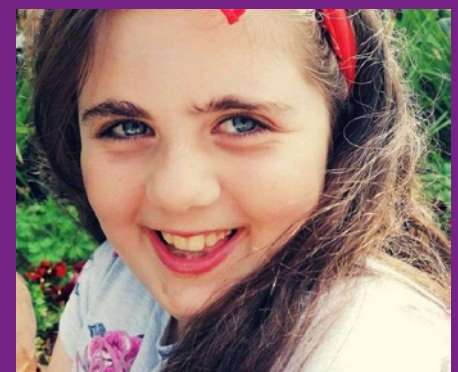
We're proud of our strong connections with local centres of excellence, and have funded almost £5million of cutting edge research in the region over the last 20 years.

To save more lives, we need to do more. We know research works, but the 670,000 living with cardiovascular disease in Yorkshire need it to work faster.

Partner with Heart Research UK today, and you can help us take on heart disease.

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Imogen aged 9.