

UCL PARTNERS ACADEMIC HEALTH SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP

STATEMENT OF INTENT

We, the undersigned representatives of University College London, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, the Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust and Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust are establishing an Academic Health Science Partnership whose main purpose is to develop research-driven clinical services in areas where we have the potential to be world class.

We believe that by pooling our resources and expertise we will increase significantly the scale and quality of world class research and deliver these benefits more rapidly to patients. We will focus initially on selected areas of research which will be determined on the basis of specific criteria.

The partnership, to be known as UCL Partners, will consist of equal members who will seek consensus on the way ahead. It will do this primarily through a board led by an independent chair and consisting of the chairs and chief executives of the respective NHS partners, together with the UCL provost and dean of biomedical sciences.

We believe that by acting together we all become stronger, and that our partnership will strengthen the quality of research and healthcare in London, the UK and beyond.

We believe this will maintain our world class status of research and will help us, together, to attract more funding. We will work to raise the awareness of UCL Partners whilst emphasising within it each partner's role, on whose success our fortune rides.

We will complete the establishment of UCL Partners Ltd by the end of 2008 with agreed partnership business processes and assessment of the key research-driven clinical themes that initially will comprise the academic health science partnership. This will continue with more potential themes through 2009 when we will also start the process of prioritising strategic development between and across the themes.

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