Scotland's Contribution to Dementia Research 2024

Scottish Dementia Research Consortium

Every year since 2018, SDRC carries out a mapping exercise of brain health and dementia research, which examines data on project funding and journal publications involving researchers based in Scotland, as well exploring international collaboration. However, it is important to emphasize that brain health and dementia research in Scotland goes far beyond data and figures. The upcoming SDRC Annual Report 2024/5 will offer a broader, more in-depth picture of the work being done by our research community by highlighting specific ongoing projects and the meaningful difference they are making in the lives of those living with, or at risk of developing, dementia.

Funding levels and sources

Number of awards: **27** Total amount of funding: **£12,480,337.80 million**

Figure 1: Grant award by theme in 2024

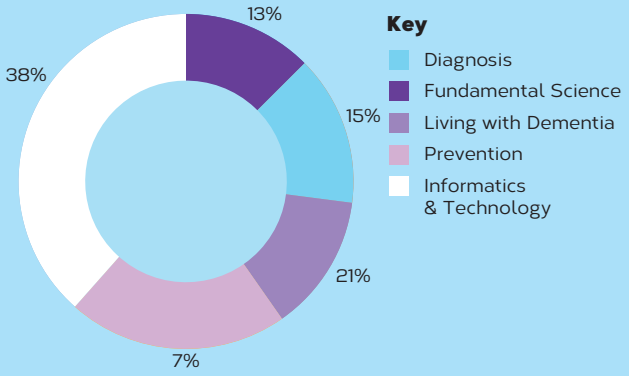


Figure 2: Grant award by year

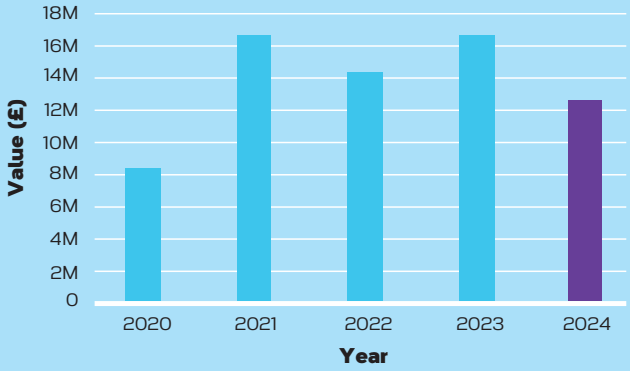


Figure 3: Grant income by year by theme

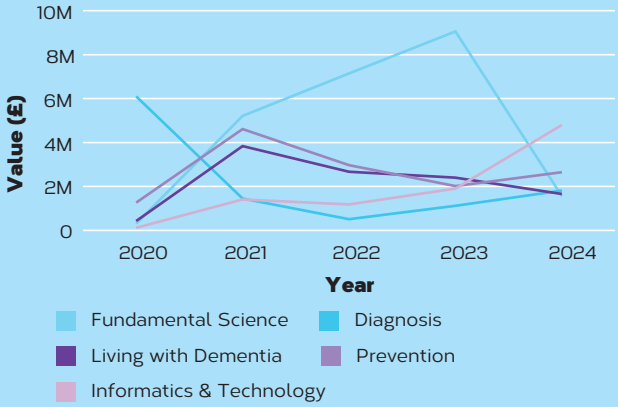
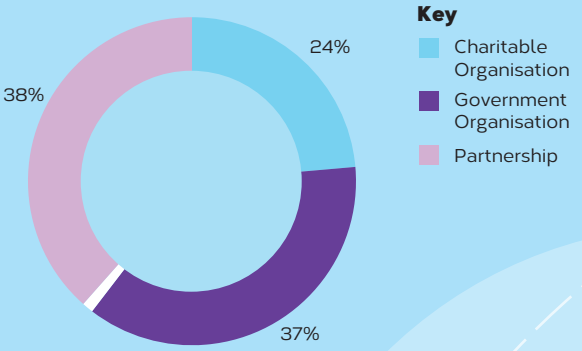
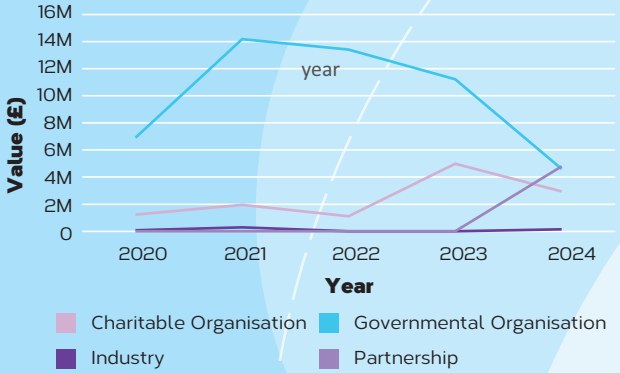


Figure 4: Funding source by type of organisation



Consistent with every year we have conducted this mapping exercise, much research funding comes from UK Governmental organisations such as the Medical Research Council or the Economic and Social Research Council. In 2024, 37% of funding came from governmental bodies. A new funding source emerged in 2024 which were partnerships between academic institutions and private enterprise.

Figure 5: Funding source by organisation by year



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Published Papers

Total number of papers in journals in 2024: **297**

Figure 6: Publications by theme in 2024

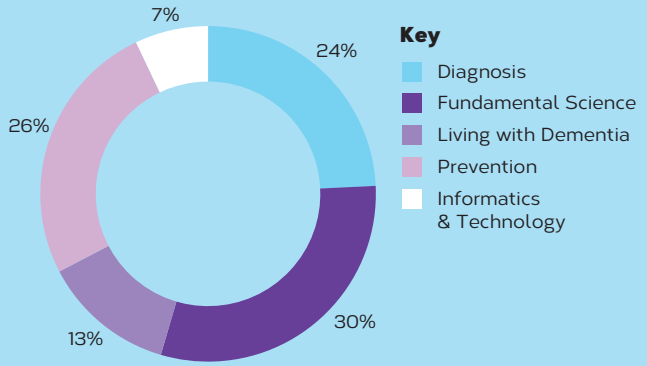
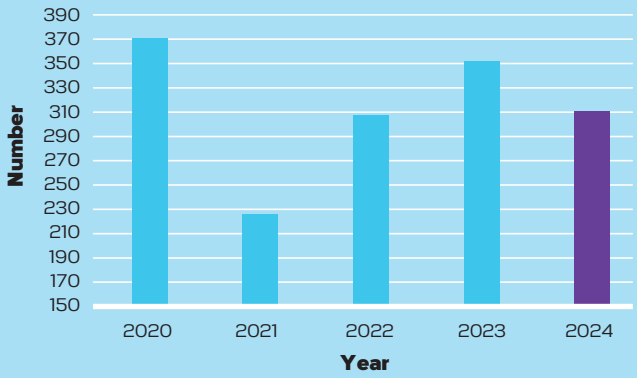


Figure 7: Number of publications by year



Researchers based in Scotland

We have analysed the data on how often Scottish-based researchers have contributed to a paper published in an academic journal or were part of a team who were awarded a grant.

Number of Scottish contributions in 2024: **1330**

Number of Scottish researchers active in 2024: **655**

International Collaborations

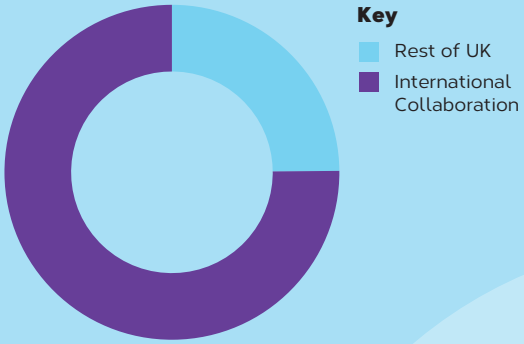
Particularly with publications, researchers regularly work together with those in different countries. Therefore, as part of our mapping, we have recorded the collaborations between Scottish-based and international researchers.

Number of international collaborators: **1498**

Number of collaborations: **1100**

Number of countries: **37**

Figure 8: Collaboration in 2024



Top 10 countries with whom Scottish-based researchers have collaborated in 2024

England	475	Belgium	45
USA	213	Spain	43
Netherlands	83	Chile	42
Canada	65	Germany	40
Australia	46	Italy	29

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