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LGC carries out programme management on behalf of the external organisations. LGC operates the [Central Commissioning Facility \(CCF\)](#) for the [National Institute for Health Research](#) (NIHR) under contract to the [Department of Health](#) (DH).

We partner [TUV NEL](#) in supporting the [Technology Programme](#) led by the Office of Science and Innovation in conjunction with the Technology Strategy Board (TSB), Defra and EPSRC.

We provide genetics specialists to the Human Genetics Commission secretariat on a part-time basis under the auspices of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS).

We support the Defra LINK Programme for collaborative R&D, administering all funding contracts, offers and financial viability checks on behalf of Defra . Budget 2006-07: £34m. We report on funded Biotechnology LINK projects for BIS .

We provide technical evaluation of proposals submitted for Grant for Research and Development awards (formerly SMART) for the Regional Development Agencies and Devolved Administrations, which support innovation in SMEs across the UK.