

Embargoed until 12.30 (GMT) Wednesday 26 June 2013**Following the announcement from the Chancellor of the Exchequer of the Spending Review, Professor Sir John Tooke PMedSci, President of the Academy of Medical Sciences said,**

“The Academy of Medical Sciences welcomes the Government’s sustained funding of the research base via the science ring fence, and preservation of the research ecosystem in a difficult spending round.

“It is vital to maintain the capacity of our medical research ecosystem to keep pace with other leading scientific nations and to ensure the UK is at the forefront of innovations in healthcare technology and delivery.

“To truly reap the rewards that medical research can bring to the economy, we must all build on this investment to ensure a stable framework for research, innovation and skills in the future.”

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