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Two highlights of the progress being made in the development of the Centre's programme over the period from February 2021 are:

- The STFC Strategy, Planning, and Communications Directorate is preparing a "Visions panel review" of the LhARA programme. No date for the review-panel meeting has yet been communicated, but, in combination with the preparation of the bid to the UKRI Infrastructure Advisory Committee outlined below, the Visions panel review is an exciting development.
- The close involvement of the Centre in the development of the STFC-led bid to the UKRI Infrastructure Advisory Committee. The bid will be for a two-year "preparatory programme" to develop a full proposal for an "Ion Therapy Research Facility" (ITRF) and is being prepared as part of the STFC "Visions Programme". LhARA is being considered as a possible driver of transformational change in the clinical practice of particle-beam therapy.