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Welcome



The recent submission of our Annual Report to NHS England has provided the opportunity to look back and critically assess our activity over the last 12 months. Whilst much of what the AHSNs are expected to do has a long-term horizon, we are already seeing health outcomes benefit from our ability to support integration across organisations. We are particularly proud of the many instances where we have been able to support partnership working across providers and commissioners with key strategic allies. It is gratifying to see the productive joint working that has taken place with the many stakeholder organisations with whom we work. There are great examples developing of joint working with the Trusts, CCGs and Universities who are our Member Organisations, and also partnerships with the Strategic Clinical Networks, NIHR Clinical Research Network, Health Education England, The North East Quality Observatory, the North East LEP and RTC North Limited.

I want to acknowledge specifically the delivery, through RTC North Limited, of yet another round of ERDF funding, exceeding target delivery on jobs created and jobs safeguarded. It is this sort of impact and the value that we deliver for our Member Organisations that will define the success of the AHSNs.

I was delighted to be in attendance at the recent 12th [Bright Ideas in Health Awards](#) ceremony, where we celebrated the achievements of those involved in the healthcare sector in the region who have demonstrated how the service provided to patients can be improved, either through a technical innovation or through better service delivery. The numbers in attendance at the 12th consecutive event once again provided evidence of its status as the leading healthcare event for the North East region. [Read more about the evening in my blog.](#)

Plans are now advancing for our upcoming events, in particular our next [Stakeholder Event](#) to be held at the Centre for Life in Newcastle on the 23rd June 2015. This will showcase the work being undertaken in our clinical and cross-cutting programmes, and in our wealth creation work. In particular, the event will provide an opportunity to consider the services we offer through The Innovation Pathway. Having taken on board the

feedback from our previous stakeholder event, we are offering programme led workshops to facilitate more detailed discussions. I would advise all those who wish to attend to book their place at the earliest opportunity.

Finally, I should provide a reminder of our upcoming [Mental Health Programme Launch](#) at Durham County Cricket Club on the 17th June. Almost 100 delegates are already signed up for the event which will welcome Dr Geraldine Strathdee, the National Clinical Director for Mental Health at NHS England, who will start the proceedings by setting the national context. So, looking ahead, this is an exciting time for us as our programmes of activity become more a focused and our projects deliver a tangible impact. I look forward to meeting you at one of our events in the coming weeks and months.

Seamus O'Neill

Stakeholder Event



The next AHSN stakeholder event for the North East and North Cumbria region will take place on Tuesday 23rd June 2015 at the Centre for Life in Newcastle.

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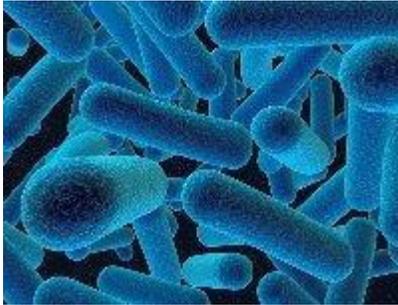
Bright Ideas in Health Awards



The event, which took place on Thursday 21st May 2015 was a great success, and a testament to the great ideas and innovation taking place in our region. The winners have now been announced

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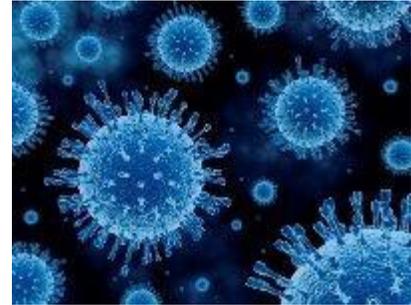
Surveillance Report Case Study

NORTH EAST **QUALITY OBSERVATORY SYSTEM**

The recently updated health outcomes surveillance report, prepared by North East Quality Observatory System on behalf of the AHSN, has now been summarised in an easily digestible case study.

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