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Dear Colleagues

Welcome to our newsletter which will give you an insight into some of our ongoing work programmes. You'll notice our newsletter is in a new format and this edition contains a number of examples of the impact that we are now having on health improvement and wealth creation by facilitating work in the Trusts, CCGs and Universities who are our Member Organisations.

There is a focus on the Fractures work that began with one of our 2013/2014 projects and has now developed into a much broader programme. This work is led by Jill Mitchell and there is a link below to the blog and case studies to give you an introduction to the programme. We will introduce you to the other Programmes and the Programme leads in future editions.

On the Wealth Creation front, we received the excellent news that we have been successful in leading the bid for a University Technical College with a focus on educating 14 - 18 year olds in support of the Information Technology and Healthcare Science sectors.

At the minute we are busy finalising our business plan for 2015/2016, writing our annual report and preparing for a productive year ahead. We are looking forward to announcing the projects that we are funding within the Patient Safety Collaborative, we're delivering the 2015 Bright Ideas in Health Awards to celebrate the best of innovation in Healthcare and we will be organising events to showcase the health and wealth projects that are coming to fruition. Rest assured, 2015/16 won't be dull and we remain extremely grateful for the help and support of all the organisations and individuals who are working so hard to deliver the initiatives.

Seamus O'Neill

CEO, AHSN-NENC

The New AHSN NENC Website



Dedicated to improving healthcare and driving economic growth through innovation, across the North East and North Cumbria, the newly launched AHSN NENC website contains the latest news about our work, as well as information and case studies about the AHSN programmes and sponsored projects, details of our events, case studies, biographies of the team, and much more... [more](#)

Bright Idea In Health Awards



The AHSN NENC sponsored Bright Ideas In Health Awards 2015 is a celebration of some of the life-changing and innovative ideas that the AHSN NENC, along with NHS Innovations North are championing in the region. The deadline for applications is Monday 6 April 2015... [more](#)

AHSN NENC Programmes: Fractures

Meet the Programme
Lead:
Jill Mitchell



It's a privilege to be working with the AHSN NENC supporting the Falls and Fractures Programme across the North East and North Cumbria.

The programme recognises that the agenda to support falls prevention and ageing well spans organisations and truly relies on an integrated approach... [more](#)

Fracture Prevention
Project Could Help Save
Millions



The NHS could make substantial savings in the future thanks to an innovative pilot project funded by the Academic Health Science Network for North East and North Cumbria.

The project aims to reduce the number of people suffering fractures.... [more](#)

Hip Fracture & Fragility
Fracture Prevention
Study



The principle aim of this project is to improve the health outcomes for patients at risk of fragility fracture and promote improvements in bone health through targeted case finding, effective treatment and medication compliance... [more](#)

Innovation Scouts



The Innovation Scout Scheme was established to develop a culture of innovation within healthcare organisations across the region.

The AHSN NENC has funded 53 Innovation Scouts to date and the second training session on 10th March welcomed attendees from acute Trusts, Mental Health Trusts and some CCGs

The AHSN NENC are planning to run further training sessions specifically for primary care and CCGs. If you need further information, visit our website... [more](#)

News from NEQOS



NEQOS continue to support the work of the AHSN NENC via their Measurement and Collaborating for Better Care Partnership (CfBCP) programmes...[more](#).

The [NEQOS Health Surveillance report](#) has now been updated.

The (CfBCP) hosted a recent event to share the innovative work that is being undertaken with care homes in the region.....[more](#)

Events



Find out more about what the AHSN NENC and partners are up to, and how you can get involved with the organisation on our events page...[more](#)



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