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Welcome



Welcome to the May edition of our newsletter. This month we're celebrating the success of innovation in the NHS at the Bright Ideas in Health Awards. The names of the finalists have now been released and you can find out more in the article below. Good luck to everyone who has entered and we look forward to seeing you at the Awards on 21st May.

The AHSN brokers engagement between NHS colleagues, academia and industry so that innovation can flourish. The work of the AHSN focusses on two related activities; improving patient care by turning bright ideas into reality and working with companies to identify opportunities in healthcare, and converting those opportunities into commercial successes and economic growth. The services provided through the Innovation Pathway presented here are key to realising both ambitions for the region.

The AHSN NENC is part of a network of 15 organisations across England and this month sees the launch of the national AHSN website, bringing together the work and objectives of all of the AHSNs in one place. Visit <http://www.ahsnnetwork.com> for more information.

Finally, we're gearing up to deliver a number of events over the next couple of months. On 17th June, we'll be launching our Mental Health Programme at the Durham County Cricket Club, Chester-Le-Street, while on 23rd June is the next AHSN Stakeholder event which takes place at the Centre for Life in central Newcastle. For more information on, and to register for, our events, visit our [website](#).

Sean O'Neill

Innovation Pathway

Nic's Blog



SMEs represent 99% of all private sector organisations and their success is therefore crucial to the economic prosperity of a region.

To support this economic growth, the AHSN, in collaboration with its partner organisations, has created 'The Innovation Pathway' to provide a range of services to help NHS organisations and SMEs to identify, develop, protect and commercialise innovative ideas. [More](#)

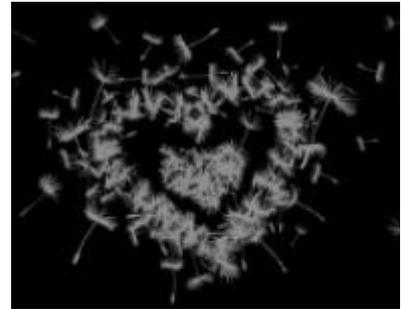
The Innovation Pathway



New ideas can originate from many sources, including innovators in industry, commercial companies, academics within universities and healthcare professionals within the NHS. However, the uptake of new ideas can often be impeded by the lack of a clear pathway and effective support to take these new ideas to market.

The Innovation Pathway has been created to support the development and commercialisation of innovative ideas. [More](#)

Bright Ideas In Health Awards: Shortlists Announced



Now in its twelfth year the Awards celebrate the achievements of NHS employees throughout all sectors of the service in the North East who have risen to the challenge of telling us how, and where, they believe that improvements to the service provided to patients can be improved.

The shortlist of finalists has now been announced, with the winners announced at the Awards ceremony on May 21st. [More](#)

NEQOS Update: Care Home Event



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

The [latest e-bulletin](#) from NEQOS is now available

The presentations from the recent care homes event are now available. The event provided an opportunity to share the innovative work that is being undertaken with care homes in the region.

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The Medicines Optimisation Roadshow



The AHSN NENC is hosting a Medicines Optimisation Roadshow with NHS England and the ABPI on 27th May 2015 at the Centre for Life, Newcastle upon Tyne.

The event will consider the policy context from Sir Bruce Keogh; increased funding for medicines innovation; patients and their experiences of medicines; opportunities for organisations.

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Collaborative Healthcare Working



The latest forum, which had a specific focus on children and young people, was organised by the [Transforming Participation Partnership](#) team, and supported by the AHSN NENC. The event, which took place on March 24th, was attended by healthcare professionals from across Cumbria and the North East. [More](#)

The next forum will be held on Thursday 9th July 2015 and will have a focus on carers. If you would like more information or to book a place please contact – england.nursingandqualitycntw@nhs.net or 011382 48484.

AHSN Programme Profile: Telehealth

Meet the Programme Lead: Paul Marriott



I am delighted to have been asked to lead the AHSN NENC Telehealth Programme. The [Telehealth Programme](#) is truly a cross-cutting piece of work which will focus on five clinical areas identified by the AHSN as priorities, these being Respiratory, Fractures, Mental Health, Arterial Fibrillation and Medicines Optimisation.

Telehealth as a cross-cutting capability and tool will be used to improve the clinical pathways in each clinical theme. This will include patient compliance with the clinical pathway, patient experience and the improvement of clinical outcomes and resource usage.....
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Case Study: Flo



The [Telehealth projects](#) supported by the AHSN NENC, are starting to make real impact.

Two of the projects have achieved considerable success using the Flo telehealth system in the [management of gestational diabetes / hypertension of pregnancy](#) and in the [management of Type 1 diabetes in young people](#).

A case study has been produced for the [overarching Flo telehealth project](#) to show how costs can be reduced, clinical resources within the NHS can be extended and patient experience improved.
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Health Improvement of Children & Young People with Type 1 Diabetes



This project (led by Liz Allen), which considers the [management of Type 1 diabetes in young people](#), has a focus on the implementation of Telehealth technologies. However, it is also a fantastic example of the benefits of using an approach which encourages [patient and public involvement](#).

Type 1 KidZ (T1KZ) is a group supporting children, young people and families living with type 1 diabetes to manage their own condition and reduce the incidence of diabetic complications. The T1KZ program shows that support designed by children and young people is more successful at reaching children and young people. [More](#)

Events - SAVE THE DATE

Patient Safety Workshop and Seminar



12 June 2015 (AM)

Venue to be confirmed

Workshop - Really Transforming Healthcare: Sharing decisions, creating resilience, enabling safer, better care *with Prof Jeffrey Braithwaite & Prof Richard Thomson*

Seminar - Resilient Health Care: Re-Conceptualising Patient Safety *with Prof Braithwaite*

Bookings - PSC@ahsn-nenc.org.uk

Mental Health Programme Launch



17 June 2015

*Durham County Cricket Club,
Chester-le-Street*

Speakers include Dr Geraldine Strathdee (NHS England National Clinical Director for Mental Health)

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AHSN Stakeholder Event



23 June 2015

Centre for Life, Newcastle

Workshops will include Patient Safety, Telehealth, and the AHSNs Innovation Pathway

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