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December 2015



Welcome



Welcome to our December edition of the AHSN Newsletter. We are at the point in the year when we can [reflect on the calendar year](#) just gone and look ahead and look ahead to 2016.

We were very pleased to see the [Stakeholder Survey Results](#). This was an NHS England-commissioned piece of work, conducted by YouGov and it provided us with a strong external validation (from those on whose behalf we work) that we are making progress in the right areas, recognising at the same time some areas where we can do more. I've written more on this in a [recent blog post](#). We value your input at any time of the year of course, so please feel free to [contact us](#) with any thoughts or ideas you might have about the [programmes of work](#) we are helping to deliver across our region.

This December is a bumper edition of the newsletter, evidencing the breadth and depth of the work being undertaken in support of the [health improvement](#) and [wealth creation](#) agendas across the region. Some of the projects that we have supported since 2013 are now demonstrating real impact, and in this edition we are delighted to showcase some of this work through recently completed case studies. We also include our usual selection of reporting on recent events and promotion of those that will be taking place in the New Year.

The most significant of our recent events was the launch of [Health Network North](#), a new initiative led by us to help broker engagement between NHS organisations, academia and industry across the North East and North Cumbria region, and through these

collaborations aim to improve patient care as well as address unmet challenges. We felt the launch was a great success, and you will hear much more about this in the coming year.

Here's wishing you a restful break over the festive period, and we look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Best wishes,

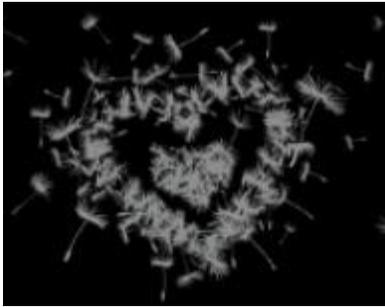


Professionals from across the healthcare spectrum gathered at the Biscuit Rooms at the Biscuit Factory on Thursday 3rd December to take part in the launch of Health Network North. The launch event followed on from a workshop which provided information and support for those considering applying for NIHR i4i funding. The launch of the Network, which will blend healthcare professionals with the private sector, aims to address unmet need challenges and improve patient care across the region. [Read More](#).....

Bright Ideas in Health
Awards 2016

Respiratory Care

NEQOS Update



We are pleased to announce that the 2016 Bright Ideas in Health Awards are now open for entries.

Further information on how to enter and also sponsorship opportunities can be found [here](#).

November was an important month for our Respiratory Care programme, including the launch of the [education programme](#) we have developed in collaboration with Astra Zeneca.

The Programme will also host a project update event in January....

[Read more](#).....

Please see below for an update of work in the Collaborating for Better Care Programme, delivered by the North East Quality Observatory System (NEQOS), who deliver the Collaborating for Better Care Partnership Programme on behalf of the AHSN NENC.

- [October Masterclass - Shared Decision Making](#)
 - [E-bulletin edition No 7](#)
- [Masterclass – To Nudge or Not to Nudge, 13th January 2016](#)

Loss in Multiple Pregnancies



A toolkit developed with support from the AHSN NENC, has recently been launched to help healthcare professionals support loss in multiple pregnancies. [Read more](#).....

Transfer of Care Project



The [Medicines Optimisation Programme](#) area has been [recognised by the HSJ](#) for its work in the area of Transfer of Care, and a [case study](#) summarising the project is now available.

Carer Shares Personal Story to Help Others Dealing with Dementia



Dementia Innovation Hub films capture the experience of dementia. [Read more](#).....

Depression Masterclasses

Genomics in the North East and North Cumbria

Adopting MedTech for Patient Benefit



The Masterclasses, delivered by Dr David Ekers as part of our Mental Health Programme, were held in 3 different locations across the region in November.
[Read more](#).....

Paul Brennan, Clinical Lead for the Genomic Medicine Centre in the region, has written a blog for us to summarise the work of the Centre.
[Read more](#).....

This event, supported by the AHSN NENC is being held as part of Newcastle Academic Health Partners' Industry Month.
[Read more](#).....

Transforming Participation Forum Autumn Event



Patient and Public Involvement

Resources from the 5th November event, which had a focus on maternity experience, are now available.
[Read more](#)

PPI Initiatives Bringing Innovative Practice and Technologies into the Healthcare System



Patient and Public Involvement

Three examples of embedded engagement were highlighted at the recent Diagnosis Matters outreach event.
[Read more](#).....

Patient Safety Collaborative



As part of the Q initiative a survey has been developed to identify people in the region with improvement expertise. [Read more](#)

An update on the progress of the ThinkSAFE project has been provided in a blog. [Read more](#).....

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