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Welcome



Welcome to our newsletter and I hope you are relaxed and refreshed after the little bit of summer sunshine we had. Life didn't slow down for the staff at the AHSN NENC and we are currently recovering from hosting a number of key events which included a visit from Sir Bruce Keogh. Approximately 300 professionals from across the healthcare spectrum gathered at Durham County Cricket Club earlier this month for 3 separate events which updated stakeholders in the North East and North Cumbria region on projects supported by the AHSN NENC in key programme areas. Further details of the Telehealth, Older People and Care Homes and Musculoskeletal events are provided below. Please see my recent [blog](#) for more information on some of the projects showcased at the events that are delivering real impact in helping to improve healthcare across the region.

Additionally, you can view the newly launched [impact brochure](#) which supported the events and acts as a mid-term report on AHSN activity. We are just coming up to half way through our 5 year licence from NHS England! So we welcome your thoughts on how we are doing.

In addition to the events to showcase the work we have done in each of our programmes, we have been working hard to deliver the Patient Safety Collaborative programme. You can read an overview on the [PSC projects](#) below and you can sign up for our forthcoming Patient Safety events on our website.

Looking forward too, we are working on some exciting new programmes and funding bids to support them. You can read about two of these below as we have links to articles on

our collaboration with NHS and industry partners to secure a regional [Test Bed](#), an NHS England initiative designed to spread innovations at pace and scale. Additionally, we are working with the Northern Health Science Alliance to deliver the [Connected Health Cities Initiative](#) which is focussed on connecting data sets across health and social care to the benefit of both patient care and system efficiencies; again you can read more below.

So, as you can see it's been a very busy season for us and lots more to come. Visit our website to keep up to date with our progress and you can read my recent blog for a more detailed view on the recent events.

Best wishes,

Seamus O'Neill

Telehealth Event



Our Telehealth event, attended by Sir Bruce Keogh and showcasing a range of successful projects supported by AHSN NENC, took place on Friday 11th September. [Presentations from the event are available here](#)

Older People and Care Homes Event



Over 140 delegates, including strong representation from Clinical Commissioning Groups and Care Home providers, attended this highly successful event, held on Wednesday 9th September. [Presentations from the event are available here](#)

Musculoskeletal Event



This event, which took place on Tuesday 15th September, demonstrated the impact of projects in this area, each providing demonstrable benefits to patients and the healthcare systems. [Presentations from the event are available here](#)

Collaborating for Better Care Partnership (CfBCP) Update



CfBCP

- The CfBCP are hosting a [shared decision making masterclass](#) on 21st October.
- A new case study has been produced highlighting the work of the Partnership in supporting [care homes](#).
- The September CfBCP [e-bulletin](#) is now available.

Updated Surveillance Report



Measurement

The North East Quality Observatory System (NEQOS), who deliver the Measurement Work Programme at the AHSN NENC have provided an update to the Surveillance Report. [Read more](#).....

New Patient Safety Collaborative Projects



Patient Safety Collaborative

Almost half a million pounds has been awarded to healthcare organisations across the region to fund [innovative projects](#) supporting patient safety. One of the projects on Falls Prevention is hosting a [launch event on 19th October](#).

Transforming Participation



Patient and Public Involvement

The next Transforming Participation Partnership event, to be held on 5th November, will have a focus on maternity experience. [Read more](#).....

New AHSN NENC Initiatives



Further information about the [Connected Health Cities Programme](#) and the [NHS England Testbeds Initiative](#) can be found here.

Depression Masterclasses



The Mental Health Programme is hosting a series of Depression Masterclasses through November 2015. [Read more](#).....

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