

Research and Evidence Bulletin

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The team are presently busy on a wide number and variety of projects and have set up training courses which are detailed in the website, plus we are looking forward to our very popular Care Homes event later in the month. We will share feedback in the next Bulletin.

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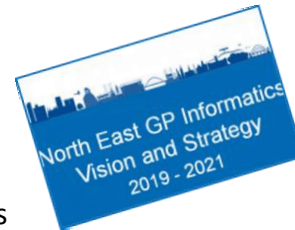
REGIONAL PRIMARY CARE INFORMATICS STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

A pan-region collaborative GP informatics Vision and Strategy is being developed, covering ten CCGs across the North-East and supported by expertise from NECS. This is the first time the CCGs have worked as a collective to agree design and develop an overarching regional GP Informatics Strategy.

This new and innovative approach brings with it a number of challenges and considerations, including ensuring that all CCGs are appropriately represented. It also acknowledges that each CCG is unique in terms of their digital maturity, local challenges, requirements, strategic priorities, the geographies they serve and the demographics of their citizen population whilst sharing common goals and ambitions.

The aim of the strategy is to provide a two-year framework for delivering large scale transformation at pace and in support of the NHS Long Term Plan. Link to strategy: https://www.greatnorthcarerecord.org.uk/?article=necs-supporting-regional-primary-care-informatics-strategy-development&mc_cid=d62da89c99&mc_eid=a436419468

Related event details <https://www.necsu.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/EVENT-2019-07-ClinicalInformatics-theFutureAndThePractice.pdf>



New Research and Evaluation Training Opportunities

The NECS R&E Team have scheduled a series of Research and Evidence Training courses for Autumn 2019.

Check out the details on our webpage - <https://www.necsu.nhs.uk/research-evidence/get-involved/>

Information Sharing

The NECS Research and Evidence team will continue to share reports about outcomes from research and evidence in the North East and North Cumbria using our Research Library webpage <https://www.necsu.nhs.uk/research-evidence/research-library/>

We have provided information around local events and shared reports including:

- **2019-04 NationalSurveyofLocalResearchAndInnovationNeedsoftheNHS**
- **2019-05 GoodHydrationToolkit**
- **2019-06 TransitionProgramme**

For regular updates of information shared on the website, we would advise following us on twitter @NECSRETeam. This gives the opportunity to keep abreast of what's happening with Research and Evaluation in the North East and North Cumbria, plus national information to support decision making.

Current Projects List: <https://www.necsu.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Current-Projects-List-Q4-2018-19.pdf>

The Bright Ideas in Health Awards Competition



Everyone can play a part in developing innovative solutions to the healthcare challenges that we face every day. These Awards celebrate the achievements of individuals and teams working within the NHS, industry and academia, 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, either through a technical innovation or through better service delivery. They are organised by the Academic Science Network for the North East and North Cumbria (AHSN NENC).

The competition, depending upon the category, is open to all SMEs, NHS organisations and academic institutions in the North East of England and North Cumbria.

Categories for the Bright Ideas in Health Awards 2019:

Development of an Innovative Device or Technology Sponsored by The Centre for Process Innovation

Digital Innovation in Health and Social Care Sponsored by Great North Care Record

Innovation Champion Award Sponsored by Newcastle University

Demonstrating an Impact upon Patient Safety

Outstanding Research Collaboration with the NHS Sponsored by NIHR Clinical Research Network North East and North Cumbria and MedConNect North

Demonstrating an Impact upon Quality Improvement

Early Diagnosis and Precision Medicine Award Sponsored by Diagnostics North East

Innovation in Education Sponsored by Health Education England North East

Entries into the Bright Ideas in Health Awards 2019 are now open.

The closing date for 2019 entries is **31 July 2019**.

Finalists will be informed in October and invited to the awards ceremony.

Winners will be announced at the Bright Ideas in Health Awards ceremony, held on

Thursday 14th November at the Hilton Newcastle Gateshead Hotel.

For further information about the Awards and for details of sponsorship opportunities, please contact sarah.black@ahsn-nenc.org.uk or visit the website:

https://brightideasinhealth.org.uk/?mc_cid=bfd04b94a3&mc_eid=f3031a7595

SURVEY OF LOCAL INNOVATION & RESEARCH NEEDS OF THE NHS

APRIL 2019

Respondents were questioned about innovation and research needs across three main categories: system-level priorities; medical treatment areas; and needs related to specific patient groups. Health stakeholders were asked about their awareness, access and use of existing innovation and research.

There were a number of priorities identified:

- **Workforce issues**
- **Mental illness**
- **Older people**, alongside socially isolated people
- **Frailty**
- **Multi-morbidities**
- **Current innovation and research**

To read the national report – please use the link

<https://www.ahsnnetwork.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/National-survey-of-local-research-and-innovation-needs-of-the-NHS.pdf>

A North East and North Cumbria specific report will be published by AHSN soon.

“Record” number of patients taking part in Clinical Trials

The number of people benefiting from clinical research in England reached record highs this year - with over 870,250 participants involved in studies supported by the NIHR over the last twelve months. The number marks a significant step towards the NHS Long Term Plan's goal of one million people taking part in clinical research by 2023/24 - part of the Government's strategy to improve care, treatment and NHS services in England. The most participants were recruited into children's research studies (81,892), studies delivered in primary care settings (78,533), reproductive health and childbirth research (74,128), cancer research (67,652), and mental health research (65,645) leading the way in offering opportunities for patients to participate.

Dr Jonathan Sheffield, chief executive of the NIHR Clinical Research Network said: *“The benefits that clinical research bring to society are profound. People who take part in studies can gain access to cutting edge, innovative new treatments. While NHS trusts and health and social care patients also benefit significantly, with evidence and innovations identified through research pivotal to the development of new types of care and treatment - ultimately leading to the prevention of ill health, earlier diagnosis, faster recovery and better outcomes.”*

Full Details: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/research-and-impact/nhs-research-performance/crn-performance/key-statistics.htm>

For details about opportunities to get involved in Research <https://www.necsu.nhs.uk/research-evidence/get-involved/>