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## ACADEMIC HEALTH SCIENCE NETWORK

### Welcome to the July WMAHSN Update

This newsletter delivers the best in news, project spotlights, events, and more directly to your inbox every month. In this issue, you'll find information on the Innovate UK Awards shortlist, Improving Safety Culture guide, project spotlights on XprESS and All Systems Ergo, as well as NIA health inequalities call and NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme.

## News



### Outstanding contribution award for ManDetSIP

Earlier this month, Daniel Hodgkiss, Assistant Programme Manager received recognition for his contributions to the Managing Deterioration workstream, and particularly the work on data and whole region approach to deterioration management. We are incredibly proud of the work undertaken by the team to support the health and care system, particularly in response to the pandemic, and grateful for the acknowledgement – well done Dan and the Patient Safety Team!

# Improving Patient Safety Culture

## A practical guide

In association with

*The***AHSN***Network*

### Improving Patient Safety Culture guide developed with AHSN Network

Patient Safety Collaboratives are proud to see 'Improving Patient Safety Culture – a practical guide' released by NHS England earlier this month.

The new guide, developed by NHS England in association with the AHSN Patient Safety Collaboratives, supports teams to understand their culture and how to approach improving it. Existing approaches to shifting safety culture, are brought together in the guide, with a particular focus on teamwork; communication; just culture; psychological safety; promoting diversity and inclusive behaviours; and civility.

[Read more](#)



The AHSN Network

**Innovate Awards**

Celebrating innovators in health and care

NHS Confederation

**Awards Ceremony**

**21 Sept**

[innovatehealthcareawards.co.uk](https://innovatehealthcareawards.co.uk)

**2023 Innovate Awards Shortlist announced**

Confederation, the membership body, representing healthcare in the UK.

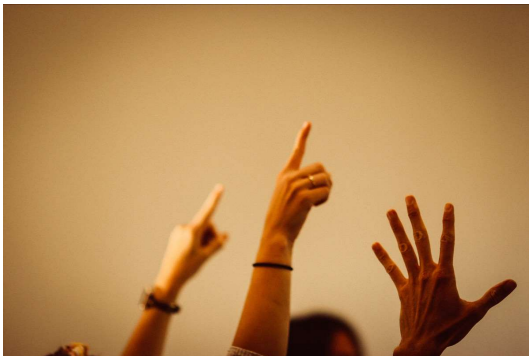
[Find out who has been shortlisted here](#)



### **NHS ConfedExpo podcast playlist available**

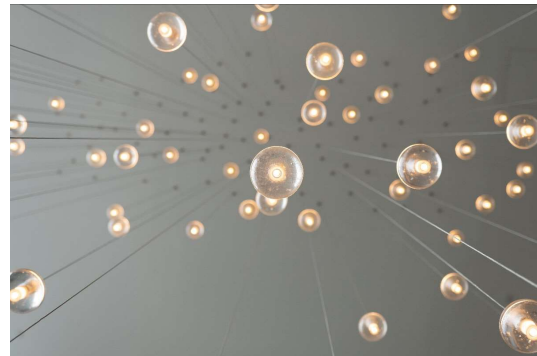
A playlist of new podcasts recorded at NHS ConfedExpo, featuring speakers who participated in the AHSN Network's Innovation Zone Programme, is now available on the Health Innovation Podcast. The playlist includes: How innovations can reduce healthcare inequalities; Digital and Ai transformation of healthcare; Why real world evaluation is key to innovation; and Patient Safety plan in partnership.

[Access the full playlist here](#)



#### **NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme**

The NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme is the biggest entrepreneurial workforce development programme of its kind. Launched in 2016, the programme is open to both clinical and non-clinical NHS staff and has supported over 1000 innovators to develop their ideas to date.



#### **NIA Health Inequalities call**

NHS England and the NHS Race and Health Observatory, supported by the NHS Innovation Accelerator, are seeking innovations addressing Core20PLUS5 healthcare inequalities across three clinical settings; maternity; sickle cell; and Elective care.

[Find out more here](#)[Find out more here](#)

## Blog highlights how innovation is key to support a net zero NHS

MidTech Innovation, the NHS Innovation Hub for the West Midlands, has shared a blog written by Dr Fanny Burrows, Net zero research & innovation Lead, at Greener NHS, exploring the role innovation has to support a net zero NHS.

[Read the blog here](#)

## Project Spotlight



**Final episode of 'All Systems Ergo' available to stream**



**XprESS - MTFM Product**

specialists from around the world share their experience of incorporating human factors into their field of work and the impact it has had to support patient outcomes and improve care.

The latest episode discuss applying human factors to equipment design in healthcare: insights from Jon Mason, a senior usability designer.

[Read more](#)

XprESS, a technology listed under the MedTech Funding Mandate (MTFM, is a multi-sinus dilation system used to treat chronic sinusitis. It comprises a balloon-tipped device with a re-shapeable end that is inserted through the nose into the maxillary, frontal, or sphenoidal sinuses. It also includes an inflation syringe, a bending tool and two extension lines to provide irrigation.

[Read more](#)

## Events

Below you will find a list of upcoming events, hosted by the WMAHSN and our stakeholders. Simply click on the title to find out more and register your place.



### WMAHSN Events

[Midlands Antenatal Corticosteroids Workstream – Data Flow Meeting](#)

6<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10am – 12pm. Virtual

Corticosteroids Workstream - Data Flow Meeting.

### [WM Pharmacy – Network Meeting](#)

**6<sup>th</sup> Sept, 12pm – 1pm. Virtual**

The WMAHSN invites you to join our regional Pharmacy Network meeting, aiming to share learning and best practice in relation to Medicines Optimisation and showcase the great work which is taking place in the West Midlands.

## AHSN Events

### [Innovate Awards](#)

**12th Sept, 7pm – 11pm. London, WC2B 5DA**

You can now book your place to attend the Innovate Awards ceremony that will take place at De Vere Grand Connaught Rooms, Covent Garden on 21 September. The evening will celebrate individuals and teams who have showcased excellence in innovation, the grand-prix winner will be announced, and the audience will hear an inspirational after-dinner speaker.

### [Ask the Experts: NIHR Invention for Innovation \(i4i\)](#)

**14<sup>th</sup> Sept, 12.30pm – 2pm. Virtual**

The West of England AHSN has partnered with the [National Institute for Health and Care Research](#) (NIHR) to host a 90-minute webinar to help prepare innovators for the forthcoming NIHR i4i funding call this autumn. The event will provide in-depth guidance to healthtech innovators on the NIHR i4i application process, including hints and tips from expert speakers, as well as discussing regulatory, ethical and IP considerations for clinical and academic collaborations and subsequent trials.

## External Events

### [New Health-Tech Support for the Midlands](#)

**22nd Aug, 10am - 2pm. Edgbaston Park Hotel and Conference Centre, Birmingham**

Are you involved in developing emerging healthcare technologies? Following on from our recent webinar, join us in person next month for further updates on the UK-wide programme of funding focused on addressing the challenges associated with bringing new medical and healthcare technologies into the UK market.

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Delivered in collaboration with the Midlands Engine, this session will discuss the findings from the [Fourth Annual Report of the House of Commons](#) evaluating the Government's commitment to the digitisation of the NHS and Social Care.

[CRN West Midlands Radiotherapy Trials Educational Event](#)

**21 Sept, 9am – 3pm. Village Hotel, Walsall, WS2 8TJ**

An overview and update in Radiotherapy Clinical Trials featuring trials across the cancer sites and networking opportunities with colleagues across the region

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## Watch this space...

[England's 15 Academic Health Science Networks \(AHSNs\) will be relicensed under the revised badge of 'Health Innovation Networks' \(HINs\)](#), which will come into effect later this year.

**New name, same mission; to transform health and care through innovation.**



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