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Welcome to the June 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 our annual Impact report, our latest human factors podcast, my Pneumothorax journey, our innovator support offer to deliver a Net Zero NHS, a digital inhaler challenge and subsidised tickets for the Digital Health Summer School, as well as registration details for upcoming events.

News

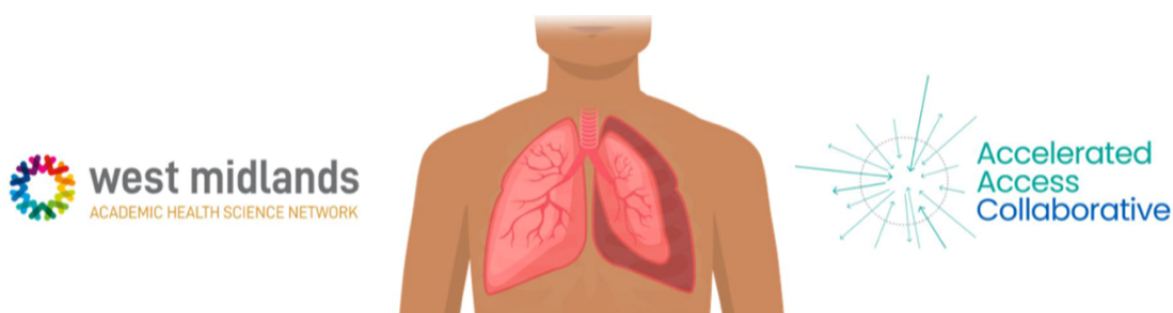


Our annual impact report is now live

We are pleased to share our 2022/23 Impact Report, celebrating a decade of growth and transformation, and highlighting the pioneering work and innovations that have helped to improve health and generate income growth across the West Midlands.

Key achievements outlined in the report include a reduction of 745 emergency 999 calls – just over two per day – as a result of West Midlands care homes adopting deterioration management tools. This resulted in a reduction of 11,633 hospital bed stays, in cases where patients could receive alternative treatment.

[Explore the full report here](#)

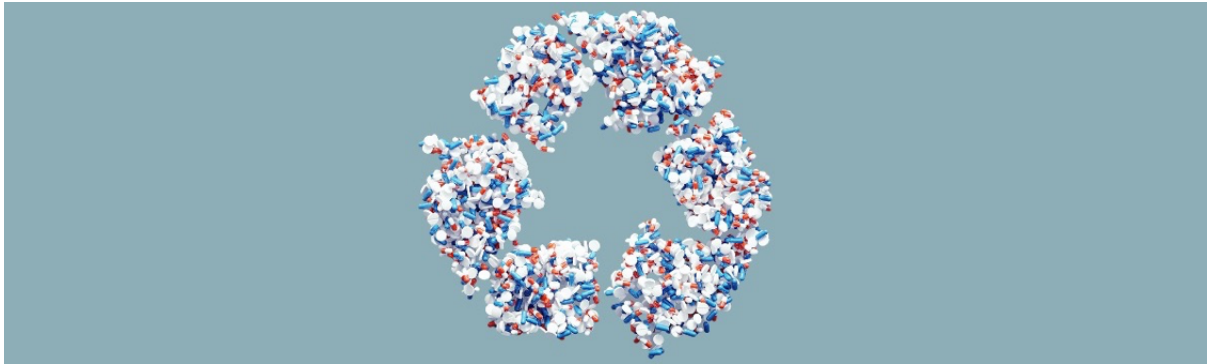


My Pneumothorax journey

Primary Spontaneous Pneumothorax (PSP) affects 3,000 people every year in the UK. It occurs when otherwise healthy lungs develop small leaks, leading to lung collapse.

Despite its prevalence, there's a lack of awareness about PSP and available treatment options. That's why the WMAHSN partnered with Accelerated Access Collaborative's (AAC) Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) Team to develop a patient information leaflet, empowering patients with knowledge for shared decision-making.

[Watch the explainer video animation here](#)



Delivering a NetZero NHS

[Delivering a Net Zero National Health Service](#) highlights that climate change is a healthcare emergency which threatens the foundations of good health and which has direct and immediate consequences for all of us.

The AHSN Network has produced a Net Zero innovator support guide which gives an overview to Net Zero and how that fits in the NHS landscape. The West Midlands AHSN also offers further sustainability support in partnership with Medilink Midlands to SMEs and innovators within its incubator and accelerator programmes within the West Midlands.

[Read more about the support we can offer innovators here](#)



Human Factors podcast 'All Systems Ergo' available to stream

All Systems Ergo see's human factors 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.

In the latest episode, Fran Ives speaks to Jane Higgs and Siobhan Burns about their transition into Human Factors as a second career.

[Listen to the latest episode here](#)



WMAHSN seeking digital inhaler innovations

Asthma accounts for 60,000 hospital admissions and 200,000 bed days per year in the UK. 90% of NHS spend on asthma goes on medicines. However, when these medicines are not used correctly, they can contribute to increased risk of hospital admissions and asthma attacks.

The WMAHSN would like to support improved care and outcomes for asthma patients and we are seeking digital or smart inhaler solutions that monitor inhaler adherence and improve respiratory outcomes for asthma patients.

[Find out more about the challenge here \(closes 14th July\)](#)



Digital Health Summer School - subsidised places for WM ICS's

The WMAHSN will be working with the Shuri Network who are part funded by NHSE to support the development of a West Midlands Digital Summer School which will support our ICS's to develop a community of BAME leaders. The programme will be aimed at BAME leaders at all levels in digital health and be dedicated to promoting digital health through discussion, networking and knowledge sharing.

The event will provide the opportunity to network and reflect on what it means to lead on digital, explore how roles have evolved and debate what support leaders now need. There will be two days of CPD-accredited content, education, networking, and best practice exchange, as well as a unique opportunity to learn from digital health leaders both locally and from across the UK.

Find out how to apply for a subsidised place here (closes 7th July)

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.



AHSN Events

[WM Pharmacy - Environmental Sustainability Network](#)

20th July, 1-2pm, Virtual

This Community of Practice is a safe space to connect and network with other likeminded professionals from across the region to discuss medicines related environmental sustainability topics.

[WM Pharmacy Network Meeting](#)

6th September, 12-1pm, Virtual

This Pharmacy Network meeting aims to share learning and best practice in relation to Medicines Optimisation and showcase the great work taking place in the region.

Polypharmacy Action Learning Set Workshops

The Polypharmacy ALS aims to help GPs, Pharmacists and other Healthcare Professionals who undertake prescribing, medication reviews and de-prescribing on a regular basis, to understand the complex issues surrounding stopping inappropriate medicines safely.

[Cohort 7](#)

1st, 15th and 29th November, 9.30am-12.15pm, Virtual

[Cohort 9](#)

17th, 31st October and 14th November, 9.30am-12.15pm, Virtual

[Cohort 10](#)

8th, 22nd November and 6th December, 9.30am-12.15pm, Virtual

[Cohort 11](#)

24th January, 7th and 28th February, 9.30am-12.15pm, Virtual

External Events

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

5th July, 10-11am, Virtual

The programme will provide guidance to companies on how to navigate the challenges faced when bringing a new medical and health technologies to the UK market, identifying several 'pinch points' in the commercialisation process along with advice on how to overcome them.

[Cracking the Code: NHS Supplier CRP](#)

11th July, 12.30 – 1.15pm, Virtual

The NHS has recently introduced a requirement for some NHS suppliers to have a Carbon Reduction Plan (CRP). Innovation Energy Consultants have designed this webinar to provide you with more information on what a CRP entails and who needs to publish one, helping you kickstart your sustainability journey.

[Bringing care closer to home in the Midlands](#)

14th July, 10am – 4pm, 3 Snow Hill, Grand Central (17th Floor)

The delivery of virtual wards and expansion into virtual care is a key strategic priority for NHS England. The NHS Midlands region, supported by BT, are hosting an event for any NHS staff and patient representatives involved in the delivery, planning or commissioning of virtual ward and care programmes.

[Save the date - Learning from Excellence LfE5](#)

10th November, Library of Birmingham

With final preparations being made to the agenda, delegates will be able to attend virtually or in person. To be the first to receive updates on these events, ensure you are subscribed

to the community mailing list [here](#).

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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