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Welcome to the August 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 involvement in HSJ Awards and TedxNHS, a case study on how we supported innovator VasQ, blogs discussing how we are helping tackle the NHS workforce challenges through innovation and the basics on adoption and spread, as well as a number of Network and external events.

News



Managing Deterioration in Care Homes shortlisted for HSJ Award

We are delighted to announce that our 'West Midlands Managing Deterioration in Care Homes Safety and Improvement' programme has been shortlisted for **Provider Collaboration of the Year** at the HSJ Awards, recognising an

[Read more about the shortlist here](#)



Will we see you at TedxNHS 2023: Undivided?

Anna Edwards, Innovation Project Manager, has been invited to deliver a presentation on Greener Medicine at TedxNHS 2023 on 23rd September.

Undivided is about unity, cohesion, and inclusivity in healthcare. In a world where differences can divide us, TEDxNHS Undivided calls for a collective effort to break down barriers and eliminate divisions that hinder progress.

[Find out more about the conference here](#)



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SBRI Competition open: Child Health

Funded by the Accelerated Access Collaborative and in partnership with the AHSN Network, this competition seeks innovative solutions that improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people.

With applications sought by 13th September, the competition seeks to address challenges in child health in two key focus areas:

- 1. Long term conditions: Asthma, Epilepsy, and**
- 2. Prevention of ill-health: Obesity, and Oral Health**

[Find out more about the competition and how to apply here](#)

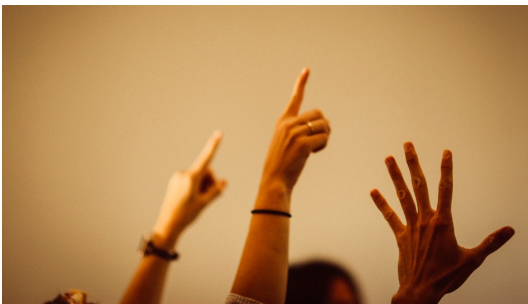
Case Studies



VasQ have developed a medical device that improves outcomes for people needing kidney dialysis. Find out how, through the NHS Innovation Service, the West Midlands Academic Health Science Network and East Midlands Academic Health Science Network have supported the organisation to enable introduction to market towards the end of 2023.

[Read the case study here](#)

Blogs



How AHSNs are helping tackle the NHS workforce challenges through innovation

Earlier this month, NHS England launched its [new workforce plan](#), which aims to build a sustainable and resilient healthcare workforce that meets the evolving needs of patients and delivers high-quality care. The plan recognises the importance of recruitment, retention, education, wellbeing, diversity, technology adoption, collaboration, and long-term planning in shaping a successful NHS workforce for the future.

[Explore the AHSN Network involvement](#)



Remembering the basics for innovation adoption and spread

Brilliant innovation is happening in pockets throughout the system. However, initial enthusiasm for adopting a new innovation can wane at the implementation stage, leading to a failure to properly embed and scale that limits its full potential. Sarah Ferry outlines the key activities to remember that can ensure healthcare innovations are implemented successfully, and where AHSNs can provide guidance.

[Discover more about the basics here](#)

Events



WMAHSN Events

Below you will find a list of events being hosted or supported by the WMAHSN. If you have a general enquiry about our events calendar, please get in touch with Laura.Mould@wmahsn.org

WM Pharmacy – Network Meeting

6th Sept, 12-1pm, Virtual

The network has been developed to bring together pharmacy professionals across all sectors located in the West Midlands.

We aim to share learning and best practice in relation to Medicines Optimisation and showcase the great work which is taking place in the West Midlands. You can expect presentations from guest speakers, covering a range of clinical topics which are relevant to current regional and national priorities.

Midlands Antenatal Corticosteroids Workstream – Data Flow Meeting

6th Sept, 10am – 12pm, Virtual

Maternity and Neonatal QI leads, Digital midwives and safety champions are invited to join us this September for the Midlands Antenatal Corticosteroids Workstream – Data Flow Meeting. To book your place, please contact dale.jenkins-lyons@wmahsn.org

WM Pharmacy – Environmental Sustainability Network

medicines contribute to 25% of the NHS carbon footprint and can have other environmental impacts including waterway pollution. This Community of Practice will be developed as a safe space to connect and network with other like-minded professionals from across the West Midlands to discuss medicines-related environmental sustainability topics.

[Stakeholder Event – SAVE THE DATE](#)

1st Nov, 9.45am – 4.30pm, Conference Aston, B4 7ET

Join us in November as we begin our new relicence term, where we will discuss our impact, how we plan to build on over a decade of experience of spreading innovation at pace and scale, and how we can support our region's innovators and system to transform health and care through innovation.

[LfE 5 conference – with Civility Saves Lives](#)

10th Nov, 9am – 5pm, The Birmingham Repertory Theatre

We are pleased to once again support the LfE conference, which will take place in a hybrid format and end with an optional drinks reception.

The theme for the event is “Hope”, and the intention is to inspire optimism through focusing on positivity whilst facing the many challenges in the NHS.

Previous LfE conferences have been fully booked, and pre-booking is highly recommended to avoid disappointment (having only opened bookings up outside of the LfE community 2 weeks ago, half of available physical tickets have now been sold).

AHSN Events

Below you will find a list of events being hosted or supported by the AHSN Network.

[Green Hospital Innovation Sharing & Learning event](#)

14th Sept, 9.30am – 3.30pm, Virtual

The AHSN Network would like to invite you to an online Green Hospital Innovation Sharing & Learning event on 14th September. This will be an opportunity for people to hear from Innovators and system partners about some of the excellent work that is starting to take place to help the NHS achieve its Net Zero targets.

[Innovate Awards 2023](#)

21 Sept, 7pm – 11pm, London

Tickets to the Innovate Awards 2023 are now on sale. Join the AHSN Network and NHS Confederation in celebrating innovators in health and care.

26 – 27th Sept, ExCel London

The AHSN Network is hosting the Innovation Feature Zone at HETT show bringing 16 innovators to join the stand. The focus of the conference is 'Enabling meaningful collaboration across digital health and care'. HETT 2023 will explore the systems and infrastructure that underpin and enable a data-driven NHS, supporting the ecosystem to deliver patient outcomes through the meaningful implementation of technology.

External Events

[TedxNHS 2023: Undivided](#)

23rd Sept, 10.30am – 5pm, Conway Hall, London

Undivided is about unity, cohesion, and inclusivity in healthcare. In a world where differences can divide us, TEDxNHS Undivided calls for a collective effort to break down barriers and eliminate divisions that hinder progress.

[Health inequality in cardiovascular disease: how can we level up?](#)

25th Sept, 8.30am – 5.05pm, The Spine Building, Liverpool, L7 3FA

The theme of the conference is optimising diagnostics and treatment, in its most holistic meaning, for all patients with atherosclerotic coronary artery disease. The conference is both focused on diagnostics and treatment but crucially also on health care delivery.

Internationally renowned scientists and clinicians will provide the most up to date evidence around preventative cardiology and the diagnosis/rule out of acute coronary syndrome.

[Best Practice Birmingham](#)

11-12 Oct, NEC Birmingham

For over a decade, Best Practice Birmingham has attracted thousands of professionals from general practice and primary care keen to update their knowledge and skills via the extensive FREE educational programme as well as experience the latest products and services specifically curated for their sector of healthcare provision. A select few innovators who have been supported by East and West Midlands Academic Health Science Networks will be invited to exhibit during the 2-day event.



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