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Latest Updates from HIWM

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 **Health Innovation**
WEST MIDLANDS

STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE

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Join us at our inaugural Stakeholder Conference

Health innovation West Midlands' (formerly the West Midlands Academic Health Science Network) mission is to support the development of transformational health innovations and accelerate the adoption and spread of improvement solutions demonstrated to deliver patient benefit.

This free to attend event will discuss our vision, mission and values as an organisation, and our offer of support and expertise to stakeholders across all sectors involved in

Explore why you should attend, and book your place here



How can we help you?

Over the last decade we have been on a mission to support the development of transformational health innovations and accelerate the adoption and spread of improvement solutions demonstrated to deliver patient benefit.

As we embark on a new 5 year license, we continue to bring partners together across all sectors involved in healthcare including the NHS, social care and public health, research and industry to support the development and adoption of innovations for patient benefit and promote innovation opportunities to improve health outcomes locally, regionally and globally.

[Read more about the support and expertise you can access here](#)

Latest Updates from the Network

Health Innovation Network

New five-year licence begins with new Chair

Richard Stubbs, CEO of Health Innovation Yorkshire and Humber, has become Chair of the Health Innovation Network, the new name for the AHSN Network.

The innovation arm of the NHS, the Network comprises of 15 organisations across England who work collaboratively, both nationally and locally, to deliver spread and adoption of new innovation for the benefit of patients and clinicians.

Mr Stubbs takes on the role just as the Network begins its new five-year licence agreement with its commissioner, NHS England.

The new licence, the third commission the Network has received since its inception in 2013, is a reflection of both the collective achievements of the past decade of the group, including >£450m in economic growth delivered through innovator support, as well as the desperate need for more innovation to deliver health services more effectively.

[Read more about the announcement here](#)

Opportunities from our Stakeholders



NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme (CEP) open to all NHS staff, including Allied Health Professionals, nurses, dentists, GP's, and healthcare scientists

The CEP is a one-year entrepreneurial workforce development programme open to all NHS staff, including Allied Health Professionals, nurses, dentists, GP's, and healthcare scientists. The programme is designed to fit around your work and provide you with the skills, knowledge, and contacts to help you develop your idea for patient benefit. You will learn from industry experts and successful entrepreneurs through a series of blended learning events, mentoring sessions, and networking opportunities.

The CEP is a great opportunity to turn your idea into reality and make a difference in the NHS. Applications are currently OPEN and will close on 29th October 2023, with cohort 8 starting in March 2024.

[Find out more and apply via the CEP website here](#)



Government to invest £30 million in innovative technology for NHS

Integrated care systems (ICSs) will be invited to submit bids for a share of £30 million to roll out innovative technology that will help cut waiting lists, speed up diagnosis and deliver new and improved ways to treat patients.

Depending on local need, ICSs could use the funding to expand virtual wards, allowing more patients to receive the care they need at home, freeing up hospital beds. Over 9,800 virtual ward beds have already been created, and the NHS is on track to meet its target and deliver 10,000 ahead of winter.



SPARK UK supporting preclinical innovations

A new regional scheme has launched to support anyone working at a preclinical stage developing something to target an unmet clinical need with a particular focus on Therapeutics, Medical Devices and Diagnostics.

The programme offers a year of tailored guidance through this well-established accelerator programme plus up to £25,000 of funding. It also has an incredible track record in driving things to clinical trial stage and leveraging very significant follow on funding.

The £25,000 of funding is fairly flexible on spend profile but is direct costs only (so no overheads) and has limits on capital expenditure.

[Find out more here](#)

Events Calendar

Health Innovation West Midlands Events

Below you will find a list of events being hosted or supported by Health Innovation West Midlands (HIWM). Simply click on the event box to book your place today. If you have a general enquiry about our events calendar, please get in touch with Laura.Mould@healthinnovationwm.org.



Virtual Polypharmacy Workshops

Thursday 9th November
9.30am - 12.15pm
Online



Learning from Excellence 5

Friday 10th November
9am - 5pm
Hybrid

Virtual Polypharmacy Workshops

Wednesday 15th November
9.30am - 12.15pm
Online

WM Pharmacy - Environmental Sustainability Network

Wednesday 15th November
1 - 2pm
Online

Secure Data Environments – Safe and Transparent access to NHS Clinical data

Thursday 16th November
10 - 11am
Online

Stakeholder Conference

Tuesday 28th November
9.30am - 1.30pm
Conference Aston



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