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Latest Updates from HIWM



New Appointment

In September Health Innovation West Midlands welcomed Dr David Aldulaimi as its new Clinical Director.

David is the Clinical Director at South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust and has also joined

David outlines his aspirations for HIWM: *"My role as Clinical Director will involve supporting HIWMs values, encouraging collaboration, and delivering HIWM's strategic objectives. Through this work I aspire to support wider colleagues and have a positive impact on the health and wealth of our region."*

To learn more about David and the new Management Board click the button below.

[Read more](#)

New Research Published

HIWM's Paul Bird, Knowledge Transfer Lead and Head of Programme Delivery (NIHR ARC WM), has co-authored two recent studies published in the BMC Health Services Research and BMJ Quality and Safety journals.

Effect of cancer waiting time standards in the English National Health Service: a threshold analysis

A retrospective study of publicly available cancer waiting time data, including a 2-week wait for a specialist appointment, a 31-day decision to first treatment and a 62-day referral to treatment standard that attracted a financial penalty. They examined the performance of hospital trusts against these targets by financial year to look for threshold effects, using Cattaneo et al. manipulation density test.

[Read study](#)

Cluster randomised evaluation of a training intervention to increase the use of statistical process control charts for hospitals in England: making data count

This study evaluated the effectiveness of Statistical process control (SPC) training against the background of a wider national initiative to encourage the adoption of SPC charts.

It found that control chart use increased in both intervention and control hospitals, and is spreading across hospitals in England. Further research is needed to support hospitals implementing SPC training initiatives and to link SPC implementation to quality and safety outcomes.

[Read study](#)



Previous HIWM Serendip Tennants, [GiveVision](#), share their innovative headset being used at the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games!

The headset takes images from live TV feeds, transforms them in to brighter lights and displays them directly to the working part of the retina, making live events more accessible for the visually impaired.

The HIWM Team Out and About

September has been an exciting and busy month with HIWM being represented at several national and local events.

Black Country Health and Housing Conference

The first Black Country Health and Housing Conference took place on the 4th September. HIWM's Commercial Business and Economic Development Director, [Judith Stewart](#) and Commercial Enterprises Lead, Reena Sidhu, were there showcasing some of our innovators and supporting the excellent work being done in the Black Country, and across the West Midlands, to bring health and housing together.



Butterfly iQ3 Launch

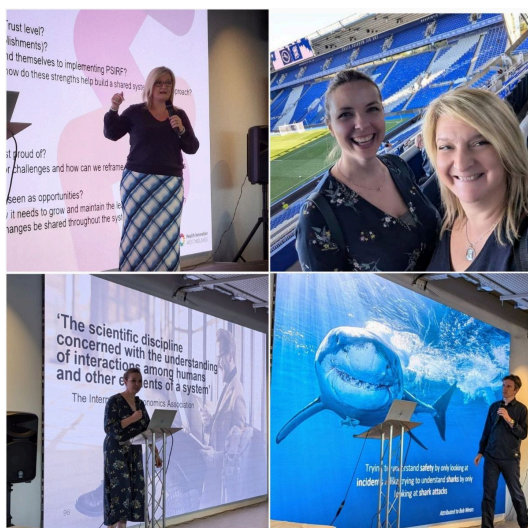
On the 8th September, our Assistant Programme Manager, [Helen Hunt](#), was a panelist at the Butterfly iQ3 launch event, held at The Gherkin.

The Butterfly iQ3 is Butterfly's newest, easy-to-use point of care ultrasound (POCUS) device delivering sharp image quality, rapid data processing, AI, advancing imaging tools, user-centric ergonomics, and outstanding scan time.

Helen joined a panel of industry experts discussing the transformative impact of POCUS on patient care and workflow efficiency and shared her insights from the HIWM project exploring how POCUS can reduce waiting

Healthcare Facilities Management Conference

On the 10th September Human Factors Specialist, [Fran Ives](#), presented on Ergonomics and Absenteeism. Fran said, *"It was a fantastic opportunity to discuss how managers can make practical adjustments to the work environment, tasks, equipment, and organisation to enhance both human well-being and system performance. My talk focused on understanding people and putting them at the heart of design to reduce discomfort, poor posture, musculoskeletal injuries, and ultimately absenteeism. I feel this aspect of Ergonomics and Human Factors often gets overlooked nowadays, as we tend to focus more on broader systems challenges."*



Birmingham Community Healthcare Trust Patient Safety Summit

For World Patient Safety Day on 17th September Assistant Programme Manager, [Victoria Harrop](#) and [Fran Ives](#) were keynote speakers at the BCH Patient Safety Summit.

Victoria's talk, 'The Growth of Appreciative Inquiry in Health and Care' discussed improvement approaches to patient safety and the power of Appreciative Inquiry, and Fran focussed on Human Factors, leadership and the positive changes we can achieve.

HSJ Patient Safety Congress and Awards

Daniel Hodgkiss has been on the judging panel for the HSJ Patient Safety Awards since 2019 and he said: *"I feel to honoured to be part of the annual Health Service Journal Patient Safety Awards. This is our opportunity to celebrate all the best practice that healthcare practitioners are involved in, to learn from and elevate it. Our role at Health Innovation West Midlands is to support innovation and development, and it's great to see this recognised."*

He presented Leicester, Lichfield and Rutland ICB with the Primary Care Initiative of the Year Award for their Primary Care Quality Assurance





Inclusive Health Tech

Inclusive Health Tech, a collaboration between the West Midlands Health Technologies Cluster, Innovation Alliance for the West Midlands, TechWM and HIWM, saw an expert panel discuss the theme 'Beyond One-Size-Fits-All: Reimagining Health Tech for Diverse Needs'.

Reena Sidhu attended the event and said, *"The panel highlighted the importance of designing technology that breaks down barriers of ethnicity, gender, age, and ability, while also addressing major issues like data privacy, bias, and the digital divide."*

Healthcare Excellence Through Technology (HETT) South

The Health Innovation Network hosted the Health Innovation Zone to offer support and advice to innovators attending the event.

Representing HIWM, [Tammy Holmes](#), Associate Director of Commercial and Business Development said, *"I had a great day learning about all the fantastic digital innovation going on and catching up with Andy Baldry, Digital Health Innovation Lead UK&I at Bayer UK and some of the of innovators we have been working with as part of our Bayer joint working."*




Opportunities from our Stakeholders

A purple banner with a green circle on the left containing the text 'Apply by 13 October'. To the right, the text 'Accelerating FemTech' is displayed in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below this, a white box contains the text 'Supporting innovators to make a real difference in women's health'. At the bottom, there are four logos: Innovate UK, Medical Research Council, Health Innovation Network South London, and Digital Health London.

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 Innovate UK  Medical Research Council  Health Innovation Network South London  Digital Health London

2024 Accelerating FemTech Programme

If you are a FemTech innovator, this is your opportunity to apply for feasibility funding through Innovate UK Biomedical Catalyst funding, in collaboration with the Medical Research Council.

The Accelerating FemTech programme supports early-stage companies, university spinouts and entrepreneurial-minded academics from across the UK, who are looking to take their early-stage innovation to the next level. These innovations should address current challenges in women's health, including menstruation management, chronic pelvic pain, maternity and neonatal safety, cervical screening and more.

Tammy Holmes, Associate Director of Commercial and Business Development, said: *"We are delighted to partner with Health Innovation Network South London and other partners to launch this amazing FemTech opportunity. If you would like to help change the future of women's health for the better, please get in touch with us and we can support your funding application."*

Email enquiries to: discover@healthinnovationwm.org

Find out more and apply

A banner for the NHS Innovation Accelerator. It features a photograph of a man and a woman in a meeting. On the left, there are logos for Health Innovation Network, NHS England, and NHS Innovation Accelerator. The main text reads 'Unlock your potential and scale your healthcare innovation.' Below this, it says 'Applications for the NHS Innovation Accelerator close 14th October 2024' and 'Visit www.nhsaccelerator.com for more information.'

 
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The [NHS Innovation Accelerator \(NIA\)](#), an Accelerated Access Collaborative and NHS England commissioned programme, is known for its expertise in identifying and expanding high-impact, evidence-based solutions. It supports exceptional individuals to scale and adopt mature innovations across the NHS for enhanced patient outcomes, staff benefit, and to grow employment in the UK.

The NIA does this by working closely with the Health Innovation Networks and wider system on access, supporting our Fellows maintain or reach maturity, gathering more real-world evidence and solidifying their commercial models. The NIA is actively seeking applications from innovators who can contribute to the healthcare system's goals.

[Find out more and apply](#)

A blue banner for the NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme. On the left, the NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme logo (a stylized 'N' with an upward arrow) is above the text 'NHS CLINICAL ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAMME'. Below this, it says 'APPLICATIONS OPEN 1ST OCTOBER 2024!' and 'Visit www.nhscep.com for more details'. At the bottom of the banner, it says 'TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE THROUGH INNOVATION'. On the right side of the banner, there is a circular inset photo of a large group of people, likely NHS staff and entrepreneurs, standing together. To the left of this photo are three circular icons: a lightbulb, a group of people, and a puzzle piece.

NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme

The NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme is a workforce development programme open to all NHS staff.

This unique programme gives people the skills, knowledge, and contacts to develop an innovative project or idea that could benefit patients or the wider NHS.

Applications open from 1-29 October 2024, with cohort 9 starting in March 2025.

[Find out more and apply](#)



Work-related digital
innovations for
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mental health



SBRI Funding Competition

SBRI Healthcare has announced a new funding competition and HIWM can support you with your application.

Helen Hunt, Assistant Programme Manager at HIWM received this lovely feedback from an applicant she supported recently, *"I just wanted to say a Big Thank You for your timely support, guidance and expertise in putting the proposal together. This was our first SBRI submission and so your knowledge and experience was invaluable. Certainly would not have got the proposal done on time without your support."*

Please email discover@healthinnovationwm.org to discuss how we can help you.

Competition 27: 'Work-related digital innovations for individuals with poor mental health' focuses on digital innovations to support people with mental health problems to gain employment, remain at work, and return to work.

- Up to £200,000 (NET, excluding VAT) per innovation for up to 12 months
- Innovations can be at any stage of development

Applications are open from Wednesday 9 October 2024 to Wednesday 13 November 2024 (13:00 GMT).

Sign up for the Briefing Webinar on Tuesday 8 October, 9.30am-11.30am by clicking the button below. You will also find the The Challenge Brief [here](#).

Find out more and apply

Research & Development Conference

14-18 Oct 2024

Online daily:

10.30am - 1pm/1.15pm

Hear from national research experts in Strengthening and Conditioning; MSK; Behavioural Change; Psychosis; & Dementia. PLUS local research news inc the launch event of MOU between the Trust and University of Worcester.



EVERYONE is welcome and tickets are FREE

bookable via:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DSXB>

Keynote speakers:

Dr Claire Minshull; Prof Matthew Broome & Dr Emma Wolverson



Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust 2024 Research & Development Conference

When: 14th - 18th October

Where: Online

This FREE Research and Development conference, hosted by Sam Topping, Operational Lead for Research and Development, and the HWHCT Research and Development Team, is open to EVERYONE (including people outside the NHS) and gives you the chance to hear from national research experts as well as catching up on what's happening more locally in the research world.

Book now

Events Calendar

Health Innovation West Midlands Events

Below you will find a list of events being hosted or supported by 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 Communications@healthinnovationwm.org.

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West Midlands Medicines and the Environment Network

Thursday 7 November 2024
12pm - 1pm
Online

virtual Polypharmacy Workshops

Various dates in 2025
Online

Digital Health Rewired

Tuesday 18 & Wednesday 19 March 2025
Hall 2, The NEC, Birmingham

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