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## Welcome to the Health Innovation Manchester newsletter

We are delighted to welcome you to the Health Innovation Manchester newsletter, bringing you the latest and trending news from Greater Manchester's Academic Health Science System (AHSS) and the region's burgeoning life sciences sector.

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**Cottonopolis to metropolis..**

I am not a native of Manchester. When I



arrived in the city I admit that I found it was a place whose riches were not readily apparent. But as I dug, the more I found, and even recently as I have been preparing to take on my new role I have dug deeper, and found more and more...

You can read the rest of Ben's blog [here](#).

## News & Updates



Lord O'Shaughnessy

### Lord O'Shaughnessy visits Manchester

Lord O'Shaughnessy, (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health) visited Manchester on Monday 19 February to see how health innovation taking place here is aligning with the Government's Life Sciences Strategy, and driving forward research to improve our health services and our economy.

He met privately with our CEO Ben Bridgewater to discuss the devolution difference and saw detailed examples of our successful industry-facing healthcare innovation projects, such as the COPD step-down programme, ERAS+ and the Rainbow Clinic.

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## Health Innovation Manchester hosts IPMC event

As part of our wider partnership working, Health Innovation Manchester is formulating a sub-committee of the Board, whose primary focus is to streamline processes in identifying and adopting innovative ideas.

In this regard, an Innovation, Prioritisation & Monitoring Committee event was held on 5th February to bring together key influencers and stakeholders from a wide range of constituencies to help shape the membership of this committee and its structure.

Thought-provoking and inspiring talks were given by key figures including Professor Ian Greer and Ruth Boaden, as well as presentations of the HInM exemplar projects.

The event received some excellent feedback and delegates said they left feeling inspired and motivated to move forward at pace.

The first IPMC committee meeting is scheduled to take place in March. You can see all the comments from the recent event under the Twitter hashtag #IPMC.

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## New tech rolled out in Greater Manchester to prevent 371 strokes and save £8 million

Innovative new technology is being rolled out across Greater Manchester and East Cheshire to help support prevention of 371 strokes and save 93 lives, as part of a national campaign.

Click [here](#) for more.





## CRN Greater Manchester named Sanofi's first UK Premier Site

NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) Greater Manchester has been named Sanofi's first UK Premier site.

Click [here](#) for more.

## Opportunities and support

### Launch of NHS Test Beds- Wave 2

Following the announcement by NHS England's Chief Executive Simon Stevens at Expo last September, the second wave of the NHS Test Beds programme launched this week.

The Test Beds programme provides funding and support to NHS organisations and industry to test combinations of technology and pathway innovation to tackle some of the biggest challenges facing the health service.

Up to £4.5 million will be available from the Office for Life Sciences for the second wave of Test Beds, with individual projects receiving between £500,000 and £1.5 million.

Click [here](#) for more.

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### Digital health businesses called on to solve NHS challenges

Digital health businesses from across the country can compete to join a new Greater Manchester Digital Health Accelerator, launched to help develop and deploy digital solutions to some of the most pressing challenges facing the NHS.

The new programme will work with local companies to match their products to NHS needs. By speeding up access to the latest digital technologies, the Accelerator will ensure that thousands of people across Greater Manchester benefit from the latest technologies to improve their health and that high potential companies grow faster, supporting economic growth in the area.

Click [here](#) for more.

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### The Office for Life Sciences Innovation Scorecard consultation

The Office for Life Science's Innovation Scorecard Technical Consultation, aimed at improving the data they publish on the uptake of medical technologies and diagnostic products, is now live and can be accessed via the online [Consultation Platform](#). It is aimed at companies that provide these products to the NHS in England only, but pharmaceutical companies may respond if they wish.

Click [here](#) for more.

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## G4A Generator looking for self-care innovations

After running its G4A (Grants4Apps) program in Berlin for five years, Bayer is launching a new accelerator program in the United States.

Their US Consumer Health G4A Generator program is now focusing on self-care and making it truly accessible and achievable for consumers. They are looking for like-minded innovators to help fulfill the potential of self-care in the following areas: nutrition support, sun and skin protection, pain management and self-care solutions.

Click [here](#) for more.

## Team changes



**Dr Lloyd Gregory has been appointed as Director of Strategy and Academic Partnerships at Health Innovation Manchester**

Read more about Dr. Gregory's appointment [here](#).

## Events



**Maternity & Neonatal Learning System launch**



## Monday 12 March

Health Innovation Manchester's Patient Safety Collaborative wish to invite you and members of your maternity and neonatal team to the launch event of the Maternity and Neonatal Learning System.

The Learning System aims to create a safe space so people can learn from and with each other to define what works and why; cutting through hierarchy and bureaucracy and rapidly spreading innovation. We would like to invite representation from across the maternity and neonatal workforce, particularly frontline doctors, midwives, nurses and support workers.

For more details and to register, click [here](#).

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## Northern NIHR Biomedical Research Centre Showcase Tuesday 6 March

Are you part of an innovative science-based healthcare company? Are you interested in translating innovative research into practice?

Join this unique opportunity to speak to the Northern NIHR Biomedical Research Centres and leading universities on how they can support your translational research through:

- Funding partnerships
- Clinical research projects
- Access to clinical research
- Facilities and expertise
- Evaluation and testing of product

For more details click [here](#).

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## Health data privacy and regulation: who has the power over personal health data? Thursday 15 March

Will the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (which becomes effective May 25) give power over personal data back to the person? What can we expect from organisations managing our health data?

At this event we will hear insights from patients and members of the public with strong expertise in this area as well as from an expert in Information Governance and data privacy.

Click [here](#) for more.

**Courses**



**Course: Developing a model for S117 aftercare - PHBs workshop**  
**Monday 12 March**

This workshop is for teams supporting local mental health provision, including professionals working in commissioning of mental health services, mental health providers and local authority organisations. They will explore how personal health budgets can be used to support people with mental health problems with a specific focus on people who are eligible for Section 117 Aftercare.

Click [here](#) for more information and booking. [Password s117].

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**Course: improving safety through better spoken communication between NHS staff**  
**Friday 6 & Thursday 19 April**

This workshop will consider:

- the characteristics of effective communication between two people
- why critical communication can be inadequate and impact on patient safety
- the role of structured communication tools.

Click [here](#) for more information and booking.

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**Course: Strategic publishing and journal reviewing**  
**Wednesday 25 April**

This workshop is for researchers with experience of academic publishing who want to become more involved in publication peer review and editing and develop a broader publication strategy to enhance their research and personal profile.

Click [here](#) for more information and booking.

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**Course: Assessment and feedback for researchers**  
**Tuesday 8 May**

This workshop will introduce researchers to the key principles behind developing effective

assessment and feedback that is both sustainable and manageable and will encourage different ways of thinking about assessment design.

Click [here](#) for more information and booking.

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## **Course: Critical analysis of research papers** **Tuesday 9 May**

This course provides researchers with the tools required to successfully critically analyse the literature and will use example research papers from three types of study: quantitative, qualitative and clinical.

Click [here](#) for more information and booking.



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