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Welcome to the October edition of the Health Innovation Manchester stakeholder bulletin, bringing you the most recent and trending news from across Greater Manchester's academic health science system and life sciences sector.

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News & Updates



Launch of specialist psoriasis clinic gives patients rapid access to treatment and support

A unique and specialist psoriasis clinic has launched in Salford to provide newly-diagnosed patients with a complete and specialist assessment of their psoriasis and education on self-management.

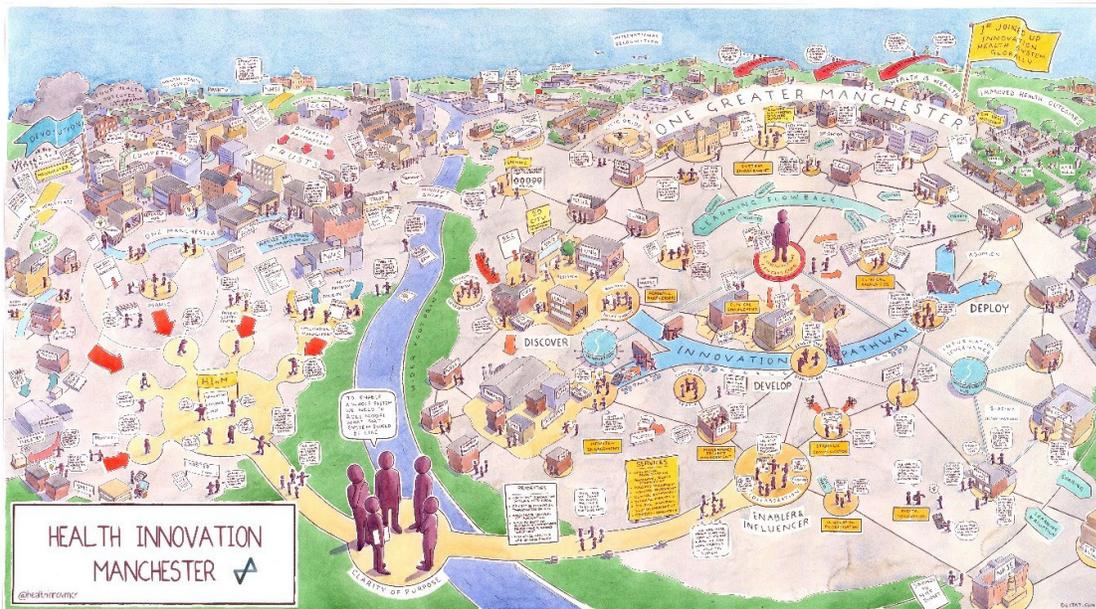
The Psoriasis Rapid Access Clinic is a research study in collaboration with The University of Manchester, Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust (Part of Northern Care Alliance NHS Group) and funded by Health Innovation Manchester.

The innovative and unique clinic will focus on proactive psoriasis care, personalised treatment and educating patients to empower them to take care of their own condition. It has already been described as "life changing" by psoriasis patients.

It was officially launched this week to coincide with Psoriasis Shout Out Week, which aims to get people talking about the disease and bring together professionals working in the field of psoriasis management and research.

Read more about the clinic, including interviews with the clinical leads and a psoriasis patient, on our website.

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New animation explains the role of Health Innovation Manchester

Our role is to support health and care staff, researchers and industry partners to deploy innovations into health and care services by removing barriers, making connections and delivering improvements.

Our new [video animation](#) explains how we are doing this as a whole GM system, enabled by devolution. It shows how we are well on our way to becoming the first fully joined up innovation system in the world, making shared decisions with local people and driving rapid improvements through research and innovation.

If you would like a copy of the Rich Picture for your office or workplace please get in touch with us [here](#). We have several available in A1, A2 and A3 sizes.

The video animation is available on our new website, which also includes improved news and expert blogs sections, page for each of our projects and an events calendar. Also in development is The Guide, a searchable index of our stakeholders, partners and other organisations across Greater Manchester and Eastern Cheshire.

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Health Innovation Manchester turns 1!

Health Innovation Manchester launched on 2 October 2017, and in our first year, we have been working closely with our partners to drive innovation into the health and care sector, and have a rich portfolio of innovations covering a range of population health challenges, digital transformation, research and industry partnerships.

Thank you for your support during what has been an exciting year and we look forward to continuing to work with you to improve the health and wellbeing of our citizens through new innovations.

You can watch a short video of Health Innovation Manchester's first year highlights [here](#) and read more about our first year progress on our website.

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Vibrancy, optimism and technological expertise: Ben Bridgewater travels to China

During September, our Chief Executive Ben Bridgewater visited China as part of a Greater Manchester delegation involving the Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham, along with representatives from MIDAS and the Manchester-China forum. Ben also participated in a national delegation led by Secretary for Health and Social Care, Matt Hancock.

During his visit, Ben presented on GM's approach to digital healthcare transformation and precision medicine and held detailed conversations with key GM stakeholders, academics, investment agencies and industry.

Ben said: "Spending time in China in this way was just an extraordinary experience — I think I probably learned more in the last five days, than possibly any other week in my life.

"China has a vibrancy and optimism about it at the moment, with their understanding and application of technology, combined with extreme challenges and opportunity due to the scale of their population, which is driving radical transformation rather than the evolution which is usually seen elsewhere.

"This gives those of us in GM a huge opportunity to learn, and a real opportunity to contribute. I am sure that an increasing number of us will be developing these opportunities over coming years."

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GM researchers connect with SMEs to foster innovation

The first Greater Manchester and Eastern Cheshire Research and Innovation showcase connected SME innovators to the many research assets across Health Innovation Manchester's academic health science and innovation system.

The event, which took place at Alderley Park Conference Centre, gave those with innovations the chance to

connect with experts and state-of-the-art infrastructure in order to develop and evaluate their ideas for wide scale adoption across the health and social care system.

Colleagues from academia, the NHS and industry showcased the opportunities available during informative presentations and panel discussion sessions.

Attendees also had the chance to visit stands by other research and innovation assets available in the region with stalls held by:

- University of Manchester
- University of Salford
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Manchester University NHS FT
- Northern Care Alliance NHS Group
- The Christie
- Medicines Discovery Catapult
- Manchester Cancer Research Centre
- Manchester Clinical Trials Unit
- NIHR Clinical Research Network Greater Manchester
- NIHR Manchester Biomedical Research Centre
- NIHR Manchester Clinical Research Facility
- and more...

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Four innovative companies selected as part of GM digital health accelerator programme

Health Innovation Manchester will be providing specialist support to four digital innovation companies to help them to develop their products for the NHS.

As part of a digital accelerator programme our team of NHS procurement, innovation and clinical experts will work with the companies to develop their innovations and align them to the needs of local citizens.

The innovations selected were those who best meet the needs of our GM population:

Brain in Hand: A 24/7 digital system giving people with autism, a mental health condition or learning difficulty access to detailed personalised support from their smartphone.

Healthy.io: A med-tech company with products which turn the smartphone into a regulatory approved clinical device. Its first product line, Dip.io, allows patients to do regular urine tests at home using their smartphone cameras and a digital testing kit.

Malinko (Liquid Bronze): Manchester-based Liquid Bronze have developed Malinko, a clinically safe, clinically aware secure scheduling system for managing community devices and its workforce.

Safe Steps (Red Ninja): Safe Steps is an app that helps health and social care professionals deliver standardised care and effective falls risk management by assessing and tracking lifestyle and risk factors of care home residents.

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Digital Health in the North

Delegates from across the North of England met in Manchester on 26 September for a day of knowledge sharing and collaborating focusing on Digital Health.

Health Innovation Manchester was joined by fellow Academic Health Science Networks the [Innovation Agency](#), [Yorkshire & Humber AHSN](#) and [North East North Cumbria AHSN](#) at a collaborating Ecosystem.

The event, held at Manchester's King's House Conference Centre and run in partnership with the [European Connected Health Alliance](#), featured a variety of NHS and industry speakers discussing the latest thinking, new developments and innovations. It also gave attendees the opportunity to discuss adoption and spread with innovations and learn more about how the AHSNs are working to bring innovations into the NHS.

The audience posed questions to the expert panel, including health collaboration post Brexit, patient and public inclusion within digital technology and "inclusion by design".

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ABPI forms national partnership with AHSNs following success of GM's pioneering collaboration

Following the success of the ground-breaking memorandum of understanding between the Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) and Greater Manchester, the revolutionary partnership has now been extended across England to encompass the rest of the AHSN Network. Under the terms of the new partnership, a process will be created where AHSNs and ABPI member companies can identify and collaborate on projects to accelerate the spread of proven innovation in the NHS.

The collaborative projects will address the new national priority areas of the 15 AHSNs. These include:

- economic growth
- digital and artificial intelligence
- research
- genomics and personalised medicine
- diagnostics and medicines optimisation

The existing Greater Manchester Pharmaceutical Industry Partnership has resulted in the progression of three substantial projects in Hepatitis C, COPD and mental health in its first year of operation. All of these projects have matched health system needs with industry solutions.

Mike Thompson, Chief Executive of the ABPI said: “As a result of this new partnership, patients will be able to benefit from the innovative medicines and technologies of the future faster and more consistently.

“I’m delighted to be working with the AHSN Network on this important initiative.

“The prize for success will be a virtuous circle that delivers benefits for patients and the NHS. There will also be economic benefits to the UK from a thriving life sciences ecosystem.”

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NHS launches sepsis tool to improve efforts to tackle deadly infection

On September 27, the NHS has launched a tool that for the first time accurately measures the number of patients admitted to hospital who are at risk of sepsis.

For the first time, the NHS will now be able to track improvements – such as rates of survival and length of hospital stays. Now all hospitals across England are being asked to use a tool which will allow them to identify how many patients are at risk of sepsis. This NHS tool will for the first time measure the number of patients coming into hospital as an emergency with a severe bacterial infection categorised as of “suspicion of sepsis”. Previously the measurement for sepsis has fluctuated but this tool gives serious infections a defined category that all organisations in the NHS will use, identifying patients who should be screened for sepsis and giving clinicians the most accurate picture yet for how many people are at risk of developing sepsis.

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Matt Hancock, said:

“Sepsis is a devastating condition that is notoriously tricky to diagnose, so I’m delighted to support this important new tool. Not only will it let clinicians understand the impact of different interventions for sepsis, but crucially, in the future it could help analyse which infections lead to sepsis more often. It is yet another example of how technology is improving patient care in the NHS.”

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Opportunities and support

NHS Digital Academy

The NHS Digital Academy is a virtual organisation set up to support and help develop the digital leaders who can drive the information and technology transformation of the NHS.

The NHS Digital Academy, through a partnership with Imperial College London, the University of Edinburgh and Harvard Medical School, provides a [year-long world class learning programme \(Post Graduate Diploma in Digital Health Leadership\)](#) for digital change leaders.

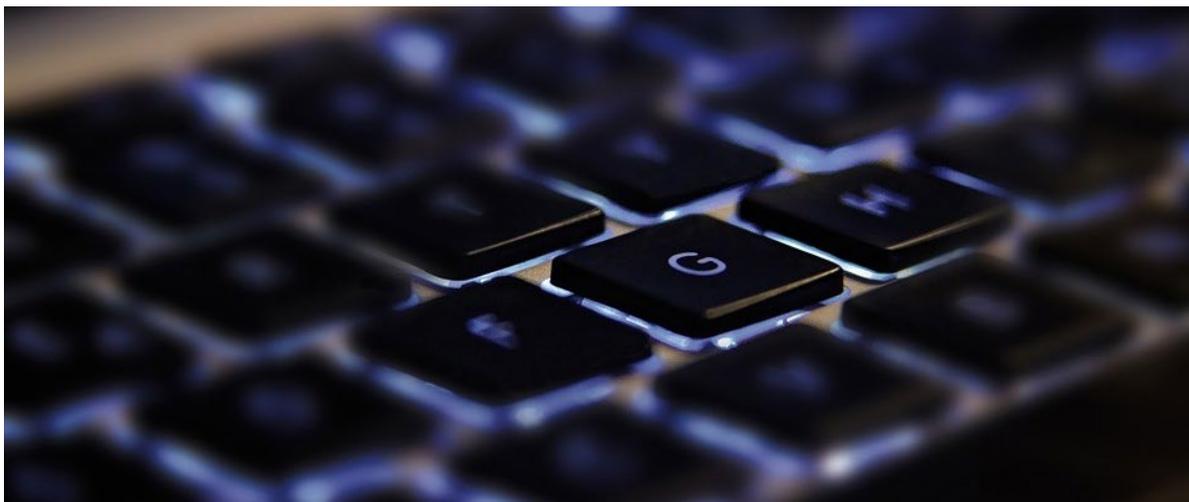
The first cohort of 100 delegates from around the health and care system in England commenced in April 2018 and includes Chief Clinical Information Officers, Chief Information Officers and many others charged with leading digital change, from both clinical and non-clinical backgrounds.

Applications for the cohort 2, commencing in April 2019, are now open. A more detailed information document and an application form, with instructions and key dates for residentials and application deadline can be found on – <https://www.england.nhs.uk/digitaltechnology/info-revolution/nhs-digital-academy/>

As part of the application process, we require that all applicants have the full support of an Executive Sponsor and, importantly, are able to commit to attending all three residential training sessions as well as undertaking the self-learning in support of the programme. To note, the delegate places are fully funded.

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Expert Blogs



Would you like to feature in our Expert Blogs?

Are you an innovator, clinician, researcher, industry expert or patient representative? Do you have any insight to offer on the Greater Manchester or Eastern Cheshire health and social care landscape? If so, we would love to hear from you and share your views!

Expert blog contributors are welcome to share their blog posts with the team here at Health Innovation Manchester, and we may even share your blog in this monthly bulletin!

Submission deadlines are the final working day of every month, and blog posts (with title and writer profile photo) should be sent to communications@healthinnovationmanchester.com.

Visit our [expert blogs section](#) on our website to read previous contributions.

Events

Research Programme Managers Network meeting 16 October

The North West Research Programme Managers' Network (RPMN) was established in 2013 to encourage, facilitate and support effective research management. The RPMN is a peer support network where central issues in research management are discussed and, as a collective, members can make a meaningful contribution to research innovation.

Aims and objectives of the RPMN include:

- providing a network of support for programme managers across the North West
- sharing good practice
- discussing and evaluating new working procedures
- constructively discussing challenges within grant management
- establishing a shared competency framework to measure professional development

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Forging new links: Graphene in healthcare 17 October

The latest University of Manchester Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health's Forging New Links event will focus on Graphene in Healthcare.

Taking place on 17 October at Citylabs 1.0, the event will feature colleagues from the Graphene Engineering and Innovation Centre and National Graphene Institute explaining the unique properties of Manchester's famous 2D material, and its potential for application in healthcare.

It will include information about Edge Modified Graphene and Graphene-based textiles and nanomedicines and their healthcare applications.

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