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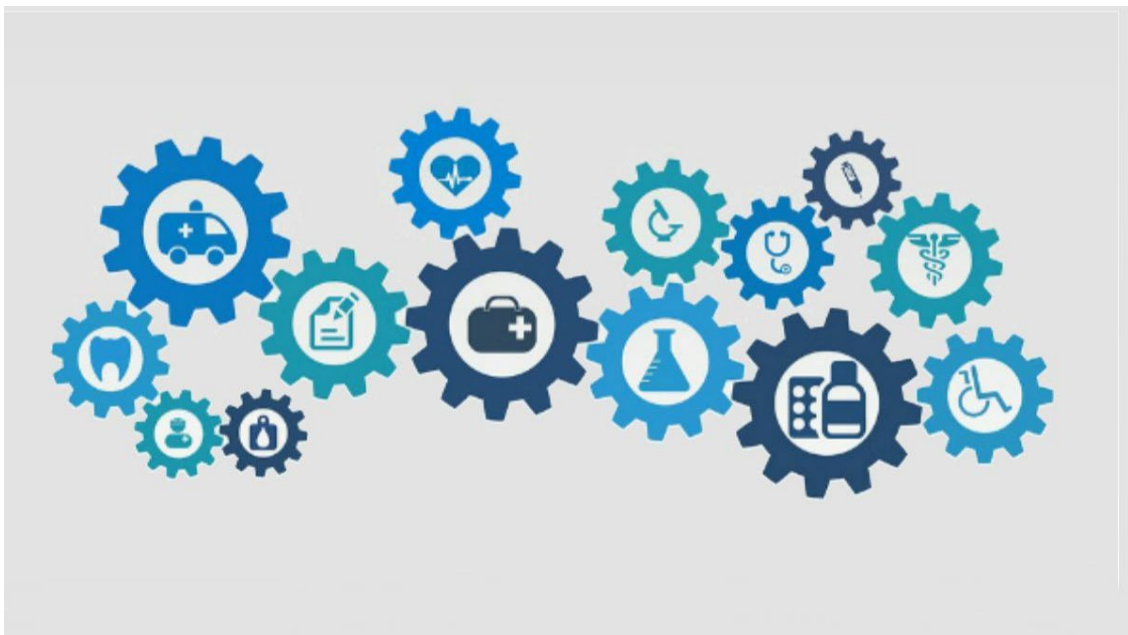
# THE SYSTEM LEADER

Sharing health innovation news across Greater Manchester

Welcome to the August edition of the Health Innovation Manchester bulletin, bringing you news, events and insights from across Greater Manchester's academic health science system and life sciences sector.

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## Health Innovation Manchester News



**New research collaboration will tackle Greater Manchester's biggest health challenges**

A major new health research programme has been announced to tackle Greater Manchester's biggest health challenges, as part of a £135m national investment.

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is funding the establishment of 15 Applied Research Collaborations (ARCs) across England to develop innovative research projects that will directly improve patient care and treatment.

The NIHR ARC for Greater Manchester will become part of Health Innovation Manchester from 1 October 2019, bringing together researchers, health and care providers, patients and communities to deliver large programmes of research.

Over the next five years, the ARC will focus research on helping older people to stay healthy for longer, supporting people with mental health problems, making better use of technology, organising services to address local needs and ensuring services are sustainable. This will be underpinned by expertise in evaluation and implementation science.

Professor Ben Bridgewater, Chief Executive of Health Innovation Manchester, said: "The ARC's research activity will be pivotal in finding new and better ways of preventing illness and delivering care, ensuring that Greater Manchester continues to be at the leading edge of health innovation, care and treatment."

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## **Research and Innovation Needs survey highlights key priorities for Greater Manchester**

The AHSN Network, NHS England and the NIHR commissioned ComRes to conduct a survey that would provide a detailed understanding of the innovation and research needs at local level across all AHSNs. The findings of this project were used to produce an initial statement of innovation and research needs in each AHSN area.

Workforce, integrated care and optimising the use of digital technology were highlighted as key research priorities for Greater Manchester alongside mental health, frailty and dementia.

The new ARC will help to address these research needs and will focus on seven key areas: Healthy ageing, digital health, mental health, organising care, evaluation, implementation science and economic sustainability.

To read the Research and Innovation Needs survey statement for Greater Manchester click the link below. We are also keen to hear feedback and comments from you, please get in touch [info@healthinnovationmanchester.com](mailto:info@healthinnovationmanchester.com)

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## Patient Safety Collaborative set out plans for 2019/20

Improving patient safety across the system and creating an environment where safety initiatives and ideas can be implemented are at the heart of Greater Manchester and Eastern Cheshire Patient Safety Collaborative's (PSC) plans for the coming year.

The PSC, strengthened by new team members, has released its Local Improvement Plan 2019/20 and set out its vision for improving patient safety across Greater Manchester and Eastern Cheshire.

Jay Hamilton, Associate Director of Health & Implementation and Patient Safety Collaborative Lead, said: "Our aim is to create an environment where patients, carers and their families – as well as the teams delivering and supporting care – all feel that they can contribute to the production and design of innovations, initiatives and ideas."

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## Greater Manchester digital ecosystem engagement

Greater Manchester's ambitious plans to build on our existing assets and become a globally leading centre for digital innovation, data science and analytics were discussed at the latest ecosystem event, held at Manchester's Citylabs 1.0 on 12 July.

Attendees heard from Health Innovation Manchester's Chief Executive Ben Bridgewater and Digital Director Guy Lucchi about the vision for digital innovation in Greater Manchester.

Stephen Dobson, Chief Digital Officer at the GM Health and Social Care Partnership also provided an overview of the Local Health and Care Record programme, alongside clinical leads Dr Saif Ahmed and Dr Emma Vardy.

To find out more about Health Innovation Manchester's digital work, click the link below.

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# Health Innovation Manchester Blog

## Arjun Sikand: Insights from the "Creating the world of tomorrow forum"

In our latest blog, Arjun Sikand, Associate Director of Commercial Partnerships at Health Innovation Manchester, reveals his highlights from the "Creating the world of tomorrow 2019" international forum in Rome and how the insights from the event can help us in Greater Manchester.

He said: "The forum included a series of short roundtables ranging from the core competences in urban health management to the translation of academic research to address health and socio-economic needs.



"Sitting at this conference, it was remarkable how many of these actions are already underway in Greater Manchester. What was being spoken about in terms of a theory can be seen in practicality in elements of the Mayor of Greater Manchester's Housing programme or the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership's early years development programmes."

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## Greater Manchester System News



### Health and care champions celebrated at Greater Manchester awards night

Eleven individuals and teams have been recognised and rewarded for the outstanding contribution they make to the health and wellbeing of our communities.

The Greater Manchester Health and Care Champion Awards 2019 took place on Thursday 4 July at Manchester's Museum of Science & Industry. Nearly 250 guests heard about the tremendous work of over 30 shortlisted candidates who every day make a huge difference and impact on the organisations they work for, the people they work with and the patients they serve.

The award winners had been shortlisted from a total of nearly 400 nominations from across the NHS and other sectors including a school, local authorities, charities and care homes.

Jon Rouse, Chief Officer, Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, said: "So many people representing all kinds of occupations and sectors came together at our award night and really recognised and celebrated each other's work. It was simply wonderful to hear how all of our shortlisted candidates have impacted on the lives of so many people right across Greater Manchester. I think we all felt incredibly proud."

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## Manchester research wins Stroke Association award

Dr. Adrian Parry-Jones, NIHR Clinician Scientist and Senior Lecturer in Vascular Neurology in the Division of Cardiovascular Sciences at The University of Manchester, has been awarded the Margaret Giffen Award by the Stroke Association for his research entitled 'Turning research findings into benefit for patients after intracerebral haemorrhage (ICH)'.

This research aims to improve outcomes for ICH patients by improving the treatments available and the care given, not only in the UK but around the world.

Previous work carried out by Dr Parry-Jones combined three standard treatments for ICH patients into the 'ABC hyperacute care bundle'. This was introduced at three stroke units in the Greater Manchester area between 2015 and 2017. Results have been promising. At one hospital, the number of deaths by 30 days after ICH was reduced, saving around two lives every month. The ABC care bundle will now be introduced in hospitals across the NHS in England through the National Stroke Programme.

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## Manchester CRF confirms leadership team appointments

Professor Jacky Smith has become Director of the NIHR Manchester Clinical Research Facility (CRF). Jacky Smith was previously interim Manchester CRF Director. Jacky is a Professor of Respiratory Medicine at the University of Manchester and an Honorary Consultant at the Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust.

Dr Alex Horsley, Deputy Director at the Wythenshawe site, becomes Medical Director of Manchester CRF at Wythenshawe Hospital. Alex is a leading expert in cystic fibrosis (CF). His main work focuses on novel technologies and clinical applications for lung clearance index (LCI), and how this relates to clinical outcomes and imaging.

Professor Andrew Wardley is Medical Director of Manchester CRF at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, a role he has held since the NIHR Manchester CRF was formed in 2017. Andrew is a Consultant at The Christie and Honorary Professor in Medical Oncology and has an international reputation for breast cancer research.

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# National News





## Professor Gary Ford announced new Vice Chair of the AHSN Network

Professor Gary Ford, Chief Executive of the Oxford Academic Health Science Network, has been elected as Vice Chair of the AHSN Network, which brings together the 15 AHSNs that cover England.

He takes on the additional role in August alongside new AHSN Network Chair Piers Ricketts, Chief Executive of the Eastern AHSN who was previously Vice Chair. He was elected to the Chair's position to replace Seamus O'Neill from the North East and North Cumbria AHSN who is moving on to a new challenge.

Gary remains Chief Executive of the Oxford AHSN, a position he has held since 2013.

He said: "I am delighted to be taking on this role at an important time for AHSNs. I will work with Piers, the other chief officers and our partners across health and social care, universities and industry to ensure we continue to develop our role as the innovation arm of the NHS."

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## Insight into the Accelerated Access Collaborative with Dr Sam Roberts

Dr Sam Roberts is NHS Director of Innovation and Life Sciences. In May 2019, Sam was announced as Chief Executive of the expanded Accelerated Access Collaborative (AAC).

In an interview with Richard Stubbs, Chief Executive of the Yorkshire and Humber AHSN, Sam explains the boosted role for the AAC and her vision for health innovation.

She said: "Innovation isn't an end in itself. It's there to serve a purpose, answer a clinical need or generate system efficiencies. We're trying to become more demand-led when it comes to innovation.

"We're doing lots of work with the AHSN Network to understand the problems that leaders of systems face that they don't have answers for and where research or innovation might help.

"This is why I'm excited about the next wave of AHSN national programmes. The starting point is defining the problem we're trying to solve."

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## Patient Safety Congress 2019: Highlights from the conference this year

Patient Safety Congress, held at Manchester Central on 2 and 3 July, featured speakers, presentations and exhibitions from across organisations involved in patient safety.

The conference is a forum for those at the forefront of safety, quality improvement and clinical excellence and it champions patient safety as the organising principle of a healthcare system which is truly efficient, effective and able to offer the best experience to patients and their families.

During the conference this year, Dr Aidan Fowler, National Director of Patient Safety, NHS England and NHS Improvement, launched the [NHS Patient Safety Strategy](#). The strategy sets NHS will do to achieve its vision to continuously improve patient safety.

Click the link below to watch a highlight video from Patient Safety Congress 2019 from HSJ.

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## Four AHSNs are named winners at the HSJ Patient Safety Awards

Four AHSNs were among the category winners being celebrated at the HSJ Patient Safety Awards in Manchester on 2 July.

The West of England AHSN and University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust scooped the award for Maternity and Midwifery Services Initiative of the Year for the PReCePT programme.

Imperial College Health Partners, Oxford AHSN and the Patient Safety Measurement Unit picked up an award in the Best Emerging Solution for Patient Safety category for their Evaluating Sepsis Improvement Programmes and the Suspicion of Sepsis (SoS) Insights Dashboard.

The East Midlands Patient Safety Collaborative, hosted by East Midlands AHSN, won the Patient Safety Education and Training Award for their LPZ – Care Homes Harms Prevalence Audit Tool and QI Programme.

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# Opportunities and support

## Applications open: Informatics Training Scheme for researchers

Access to informatics support has been identified as a translational bottleneck for researchers in Manchester. To address this bottleneck, Translation Manchester is offering training to provide this expertise and 'upskill' translational researchers. Applications are welcome from researchers of all career levels, for whom a lack of informatics expertise is preventing the progression of their research along the translational pipeline. For more information and to apply click [here](#)

## Deadline approaching: Manchester Development Fund for Unmet Needs

A collaboration between Health Innovation Manchester, MIMIT (Manchester: Improving Medicine with Innovation and Technology) and Oxford Road Corridor (ORC) has established an £80,000 development fund to pump-prime up to eight projects that aim to provide solutions to unmet healthcare needs.

The fund is seeking submissions from clinicians, community healthcare, GPs, nurses and healthcare workers across all fields in the Greater Manchester health and social care system to identify potential unmet healthcare needs in the areas of 'living well' and 'ageing well'. The deadline for submission is 30 August 2019. Find out more [here](#)

## Deadline approaching: SBRI Healthcare programme

SBRI Healthcare have announced the launch of their next funding competition and companies/organisations are invited to bid for funding to develop solutions to challenges in:

- Cardiovascular Disease (CVD), including; Detection and prevention; Intervention and invasive investigations; and Efficiency of CVD pathway
- Integrated Care and Social Care, including; Improve effective data sharing system across the care network; and Reduce social care workforce pressure

The development contracts placed will be for a maximum of six months and up to £100,000 per project. The deadline for applications is 14 August 2019. Find out more [here](#)

## Events

### CAMHS.Digital Mental Health Drop-In Clinics 14 & 21 Aug

CAMHS.Digital is a collaboration between GMMH and The University of Manchester. Its aim is to develop new digital technologies to improve the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people. These drop in clinics will brainstorm ideas of how digital technologies will support children and young people's mental health and wellbeing and talk about how organisations can get involved. [Read more](#)

### Pioneering Precision and Digital Health 22 Aug

The Innovation Forum Manchester aims to celebrate Manchester's role as a hub in precision medicine and digital health using its strengths in life sciences and technology. Health Innovation Manchester will be taking part in this evening of insights and exciting start-ups in the field will also get a chance to pitch their innovative ideas. [Read more](#)

### Health and Care Innovation Expo 4-5 Sept

Registration is now open for Health and Care Innovation Expo at Manchester Central. The event is the biggest NHS-led event of the year. Focused on the NHS Long Term Plan, Expo unites more NHS, local government and social care leaders than any other health and care event. Health Innovation Manchester, Greater Manchester Digital and the AHSN Network will be in attendance to share our work throughout the event. [Read more](#)

### Adherence: A bitter pill to swallow 2 Oct

Join the Royal College of Physicians Edinburgh Manchester for this latest symposium, focused in patients' adherence to medicines. The day is aimed at health professionals and will cover the magnitude of non-adherence, the reasons behind it, interventions and solutions. [Read more](#)

### Bridging the gap 4 (AHSN Network) 2 Oct

Hosted by the AHSN Network, Bridging the gap 4 is aimed at health technology innovators and companies who are interested in accessing the NHS marketplace to improve health and care for patients



and citizens, and who have a product or service that is ready for scaling up. Free to attend and taking place in Southampton, the event will include a range of talks, workshops, 1 to 1 advice sessions and unique networking opportunities. It brings together a wide range of services available to industry from the AHSN Network and our partners under one roof. [Read More](#)

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