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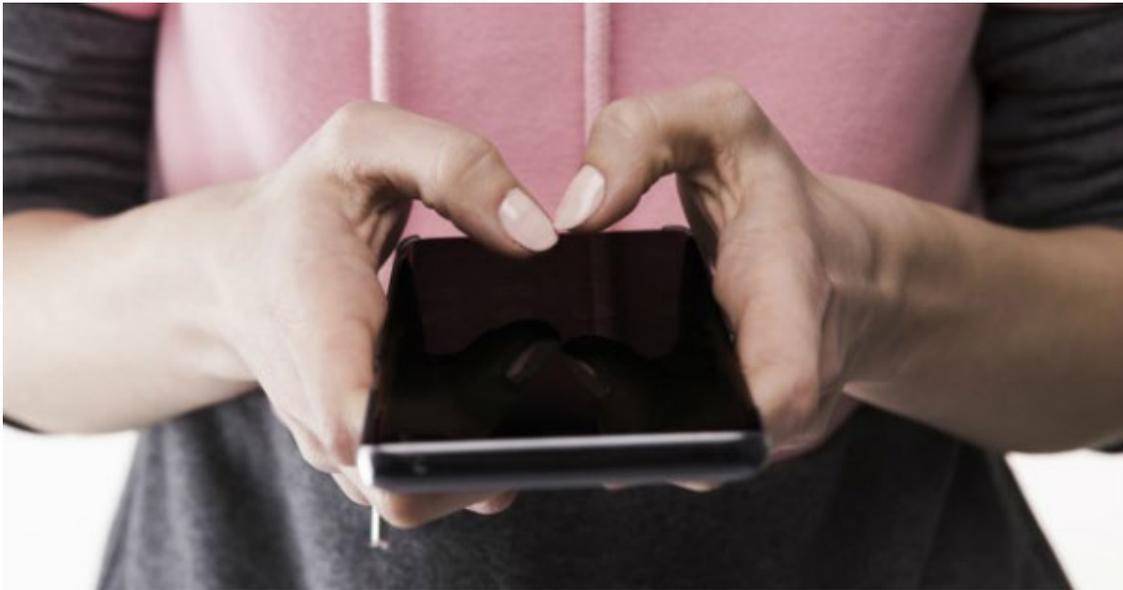
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Here is the latest Health Innovation Manchester newsletter, bringing you the latest and trending news from across Greater Manchester's academic health science system (AHSS) and the region's burgeoning life sciences sector.

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Greater Manchester awarded £7.5m to drive forward integration of health and care records

On 22 May, NHS England announced that Greater Manchester is to become a Local Health and Care Record Exemplar (LHCRE) and will be amongst only 3 pioneering regions in the country to establish an integrated health and care record across a large population.

Parts of Greater Manchester have already made strong steps towards developing integrated care records locally but this £7.5m investment from NHS England will mean that IT systems across all 10 boroughs will be connected so they can share information and provide patients with increased access to their own information.

The project is being led by the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, supported by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and Health Innovation Manchester.

Ben Bridgewater, Chief Executive of Health Innovation Manchester, commented: “The ability to exchange patient data across Greater Manchester will further enhance our ability to conduct world leading research and deliver proven innovations based on patient needs. Being awarded LHCRE status also strengthens our digital innovation plans and ambitions by using data, insights and engagement to transform services and provide better care to our citizens.”

To read more click [here](#).

Innovation, Prioritisation and Monitoring Committee backs first programme of work

22 May saw the inaugural meeting of the Greater Manchester Innovation Prioritisation and Monitoring Committee (IPMC), a sub-committee of the Health Innovation Manchester Board comprising representatives from the across the Greater Manchester Health, Social and Academic systems.

This pioneering committee heralds a new approach to system working, fully engaged to ensure that the innovations that are adopted in Greater Manchester collectively and collaboratively improve and transform the health and wellbeing of GM citizens, whilst also creating a more sustainable health infrastructure in the long term.

The committee will approve business cases through evaluation of proposals and application of selection and prioritisation criteria in line with the GM's strategic priorities, leading to the development of a programme of work for Health Innovation Manchester.

The first case brought forward for scale up and spread across the system is the Improving care and treatment for people with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) programme - bringing together resources from NHS, social care and the pharmaceutical industry to ensure that every person with COPD has access to equitable, high quality care, with a greater emphasis on self-management, smoking cessation, physical activity, mental health and reducing social isolation.



Health and pharma join forces to tackle dementia in Greater Manchester

Greater Manchester has pledged to become the best place to live with dementia in the world as part of its Dementia United strategy. Leaders from Health Innovation Manchester and Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership have signed a partnership agreement with the Dementia Industry Group, which is made up of representatives from the UK's pharma industry and Alzheimer's Research UK. It is thought to be the first partnership of its kind in the UK.

This new partnership with industry will focus on finding the best care and treatment options for people with dementia, as well as identifying people who are at risk of developing the disease. It will involve looking at developing new medications and ensuring medication is prescribed correctly, as well as exploring how new technologies and digital innovations can improve people's quality of life.

Harry Brady, Chair of the Dementia Industry Group and Director, Policy and Communications, for pharmaceutical company MSD, said: "We are proud to be partnering with Health Innovation Manchester and the Greater Manchester network to maximise the impact of current and future medicines on the lives of patients and their families. Greater Manchester is ideally placed to take these ambitions forward thanks to its uniquely devolved health and care system, strong digital assets and research capability."

Read more [here](#).

Health Innovation Manchester work with NIHR Greater Manchester Patient Safety Translational Research Centre (PSTRC)

The PSTRC's core aim is to deliver "a translation pipeline" that feeds the outputs, products and learning from our work to local and national policymakers and health and care providers. The PSTRC works closely with Health Innovation Manchester to ensure scarce financial and workforce resources are used to provide value for money and safer health and care.

The PSTRC has developed strong links with the Health and Social Care system in Greater Manchester. Health Innovation Manchester and the Greater Manchester and Eastern Cheshire Patient Safety Collaborative (GMEC PSC).

PSTRC staff are members of the Health Innovation Manchester Patient Safety Collaborative Steering Group and are working with the GMEC PSC on its deteriorating patient agenda with plans to develop an 'early warning' tool for identifying and responding to deteriorating patients following discharge from hospital to a community setting.

To find out more click [here](#).

AHSNs relicensed as key innovation arm of the NHS

NHS England has committed to the long term future of England's Academic Health Science Networks (AHSNs), as part of a 10-year vision to drive health innovation and stimulate economic growth.

Set up in 2013, the AHSNs have spread over 330 innovations across 11,000 locations, benefiting 22 million patients, creating 500 jobs and generating £330m investment for the country.

Health Innovation Manchester is an Academic Health Science System (AHSS) established to drive proven innovation into health and social care. It was formed when the Greater Manchester AHSN and Manchester Academic Health Science Centre (MAHSC) merged.

Ian Dodge, NHS England's National Director for Strategy & Innovation, said: "I don't think there's a more important question the NHS faces than how can we get better at curating and spreading innovation? And who will serve as the NHS distribution network for innovation? The answer is the AHSNs as they enter their next phase and increasingly work together, helping to destroy NHS 'not invented here' syndrome."

To find out more, click [here](#).



New leader of NHS Utilisation Management Unit drives improvement in frontline health services

Health Innovation Manchester has strengthened its Utilisation Management Unit with the appointment of Dr Paula Bennett as the new strategic lead.

The NHS Utilisation Management Unit is a team of experienced clinicians and health analysts who interpret health data in a bid to improve care for patients and families. Its ability to understand data based on clinical expertise can highlight issues that are not fully understood, and this information is then used to plan effective strategic and operational changes, and track improvements.

Paula said: “I am really excited to be leading such a great team; there is a real need across the NHS to improve pathways of care and especially for the most vulnerable in society. We are committed to identifying more effective solutions and make a real difference to patients and families, in particular those who require emergency or urgent treatment.

Read more [here](#).

Opportunities and support

The Wellcome Trust Institutional Translational Partnership Award

The University of Manchester has been awarded Wellcome Trust (WT) funding to undertake a two- year pilot scheme, aimed at building better links between science, technology and innovation by removing barriers between disciplines and making it easier to take the first translational step.

This funding has enabled the appointment of two **Translational Research Facilitators (TRFs)**, who will aid investigators with ensuring translatability of ongoing projects, forge new and productive connections between academic researchers and the clinical workforce and lead the following two schemes that have been funded as part of the award:

The **Access to Expertise Award** (£125,000 pa) will enable investigators to access appropriate expertise to help unblock specific bottlenecks associated with translational research and shift their research to the next phase of translation. Six projects of 6-12 month duration will be awarded up to £25,000. *Call for applications Tuesday 29 May 2018.*

The **Translational Research Project Award** (£110,000 pa) will fund studies that move research projects along the translational pathway. Two projects of 6-12 month duration will be awarded up to £55,000. *Further details and the call for applications will be available, Sept 2018.*

Both awards are open to the Faculties of Humanities, Science and Engineering, and Biology, Medicine, and Health.

Find out more [here](#).

Contributor's Blog



Dr. Lloyd Gregory: Rediscovering My Love of Science and Unlocking Our Academic Potential Across GM

I would consider myself to be a 'glass half full' kind of guy and pretty grateful for everything the universe sends my way. However, I have one professional regret, that four years ago, in order to focus on my role within [MAHSC](#) (now part of Health Innovation Manchester), I made the conscious decision to stop doing research. I'm paraphrasing an old cliché now, but you can take the boy out of science, but you can't take the science out of the boy! I miss it terribly. I now live my scientific career vicariously through the work of my career idols, those who get to do research every day! I love hearing about new discoveries or where research has made its way across the translational pathway and is now touching the lives of our population through experimental medicine conducted in our [BRC](#), [CRF](#), [PSTRC](#) and [ECMC](#), or through clinical trials and other complex interventional studies conducted in the Trusts and at the [University of Manchester](#). That's made even sweeter when I see it has a 'Made in Manchester' label!

So, I can't tell you how excited I have become over the last few weeks as my role within HInM has enabled me to visit the [Universities of Salford](#), [Bolton](#) and [Manchester Metropolitan University](#) to connect with their senior leaders and research communities in order to understand their research expertise and infrastructure and begin to connect it to the fabulous research, expertise and populations within the GM health economy and the health and social care priorities of the GM population.

Read the rest of Lloyd's blog [here](#).

Events



Precision medicine technologies: shaping the future

Partnering event

12 June 2018 | 10.30am - 1.30pm | Alderley Park Conference Centre



Innovate UK



Innovate UK: Precision Medicine tech - Partnering event 12 June

In response to the Innovate UK [competition](#) for precision medicine technologies, Health Innovation Manchester are hosting a partnering and networking event for SMEs, academics and clinicians.

The Precision Medicine Technologies: Shaping the Future Partnering event will take place from 10.30am until 1.30pm on 12 June 2018. It will be held at Alderley Park Conference Centre, Congleton Road, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield.

It is open to those with an idea, technology or service that will help the selection of the most appropriate treatment for patients, who want more information about the competition from Innovate UK and want to find an SME, academic or clinical partner for application to this call.

For more information and to sign up, please click [here](#).

Mechanisms of oncogenesis and precision therapy of brain tumours Wednesday 13 June

Venue: Manchester Cancer Research Centre

Mechanisms of oncogenesis and precision therapy of brain tumors is a seminar by Antonio Lavarone MD, Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology and Neurology at Columbia University.

Read more about Professor Lavarone's work: <https://icg.cpmc.columbia.edu/research-faculty/Antonio-lavarone>

You can now register your place through the Eventbrite Link [here](#).



Maternal Medicine Symposium Wednesday 20 June

Hosted by RCPE Manchester, this dedicated maternal medicine symposium offers an opportunity to physicians, obstetricians, midwives, and junior doctors to present their research findings; build on networks; and hear from established professionals in their individual fields.

The programme details are below and feature the management during pregnancy of a wide range of conditions including Cystic fibrosis, Thyroid disease, Lupus, Pulmonary hypertension, Inherited cardiac conditions, HIV, Sickle cell disease, Vascular disease with an introduction by our Keynote speaker on the role of the obstetric physician.

There will also be a panel discussion which will provide a unique opportunity to discuss issues with and question those who can directly influence medical training.

The RCPE Manchester Annual Lecture will also be presented.

Keynote speaker: Professor Catherine Nelson-Piercy, Consultant Obstetric Physician, Imperial College

For more information and to sign up, please click [here](#).

Greater Manchester COPD programme showcase event Wednesday 27 June

Venue: Lancashire Cricket Ground, Emirates Old Trafford

Health Innovation Manchester are delighted to host the showcase event for the Greater Manchester Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (GM COPD) programme.

The aim of the programme is to ensure that every citizen of Greater Manchester with COPD has access to equitable, high quality care, with an emphasis on self-management, smoking cessation, physical activity, mental health and reducing social isolation.

The event will bring together clinicians from across primary & secondary care, AHPs, commissioners, patients & carers, industry partners and other parties of interest to provide:

- **Overview of the GM COPD programme**
- **Information about digital innovations to support CCGs/ healthcare practitioners/ patients to improve population health in COPD**
- **Showcase of locality support offers from Health Innovation Manchester and pharmaceutical partners**
- **Networking with key stakeholders and sponsors**

You can now register your place through the Eventbrite link [here](#).

ICAT Manchester 2018 Annual Symposium **Thursday 28 June**

Venue: Michael Smith Lecture Theatre, The University of Manchester

Keynote Speakers: Professor Ian Bruce, NIHR Manchester BRC Director and Professor Ruth Boaden, Director of the NIHR CLAHRC Greater Manchester.

Lunch will be provided in the foyer area, incorporating poster competition session, funder stalls and networking opportunities.

There will also be a presentation by the winner of the Daniel Turnberg Cup!

You can now register your place through the Eventbrite Link [here](#).

New solutions to old problems: ensuring sustainability of falls prevention interventions **Monday - Tuesday 2 & 3 July**

Location: Manchester, UK

The European Union Falls Festival (EUFF) brings together leading researchers, clinicians, health care practitioners and industry from across the globe for discussion and exchange of the most cutting edge knowledge, insights, issues and ideas in relation to the prediction, prevention and detection of falls.

You will hear from a broad range of expert key note speakers representing the World Health Organisation, Centre for Disease Control (China), NHS England, Public Health England as well as leading healthcare practitioners and internationally renowned scientists and researchers from across the world.

Find out more [here](#).

Courses



Course: Resilience and self leadership in research
Tuesday 12 June

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

Course: An introduction to analysing qualitative interview data
Wednesday 27 June

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

Webinar: Life QI
Tuesday 3 July

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

Course: Failure to learn
Friday 6 July

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



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