



Dr Rishi Das-Gupta, Chief Executive

Hello all and welcome to our latest newsletter.

It has been a while since our last edition, with many events happening since. We were deeply saddened by the news of Queen Elizabeth II's passing and joined in mourning her loss. We reflect on our work over the past few months and anticipate a number of new projects and developments across the HIN.

I had the pleasure of attending the latest networking day for the DigitalHealth.London Accelerator companies which was a great opportunity to speak to some of the SMEs and understand more about the challenges and opportunities they face.

Looking forward, I will be speaking at the [Bloomberg Technology summit](#) on 28 September on Modernisation: Architecting the Future of Your Business. I will also be speaking, along with several HIN colleagues, at the HETT show on 27-28 September on the future of healthcare and technology. More information on this below - it would be great to see you there if you are attending.

In this edition you can also find out about the [New NHS Innovation Service](#), the recent work of [DigitalHealth.London](#) and our [latest funding opportunities](#).

Funding opportunities

Find out about the latest funding opportunities, including opportunities to improve heart failure services, develop research collaborations and create people and planet-centred design projects.

[Discover more opportunities](#)

News and updates



Hypertension Recovery Funding for South East London General Practice

New funding and support are available to PCNs for hypertension improvement work over 2022/23. This is to help detection, management and reduction of inequalities in hypertension care, and to support Covid-19 recovery.

The HIN is working with [Clinical Effectiveness Southeast London](#) (CESEL) and the [South London Cardiovascular Network](#) to support PCNs and practices in south east London to deliver the best possible hypertension care to their

patients. [Find out more about hypertension recovery funding.](#)



Seeking New Funding: South London Care Home Pioneer Programme

We're currently working with [My Home Life England](#) to deliver our fourth leadership and professional development programme to senior staff from care homes for older people across South London. The programme aims to improve leadership skills, facilitate personal growth, and help participants manage complex everyday issues impacting quality of life for their residents. [Hear more from our current cohort of Pioneers.](#)

We are keen to extend the programme to include staff from homes that support people with learning disabilities or mental health issues and are looking to invite conversations with prospective funders about a fifth South London Care Home Pioneer Programme in 2023. If you are interested in this or want to hear more about the programme, please contact Programme Support Administrator [Ciara Martin](#).



HIN Innovation Grant Winner Evaluation Reports Published

Two 2021 HIN Innovation Grant winning projects have recently shared their results.

getUBetter

getUBetter is a self-management tool for back pain in emergency departments and has been evaluated by Professor Heather Jarman and Dr Ben Wanless at St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. [Read the full evaluation here.](#)

Fun & Fitness

Fun & Fitness is an exercise and tech tool designed to help improve the physical and mental health of people with learning disabilities. It has been evaluated by the Community Learning Disability Team at Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust and teams at Better UK and Royal Borough of Greenwich. [Read the full evaluation here.](#)



Unlocking the Power of Involvement

NHS England recently published [new guidance](#) on working in partnership with people and communities. Our Implementation and Involvement Manager, Sophie Lowry, and Programme Director for Insights and Patient Safety, Catherine Dale, have written about means for collaborative working and involvement across the NHS. [Read more here.](#)

Sophie also recently [published a blog with DigitalHealth.London](#) giving her top tips for involving people in innovation.



New NHS Innovation Service

HIN Chief Executive Rishi Das-Gupta has welcomed the launch of the [NHS Innovation Service](#) as an important step forward in delivering life-changing innovation more quickly.

Coordinated by the [NHS Accelerated Access Collaborative](#) (AAC), the service has been

developed to support the UK's [Life Sciences Vision](#) and accelerate the uptake of promising and impactful innovations into the NHS.

The NHS Innovation Service provides access to guidance and coordinated support from AHSNs and other organisations who have experience, knowledge, and expertise in developing and supporting the spread and adoption of healthcare innovations. [Find out more about the Innovation Service.](#)



How the HIN Can Help You Identify and Adopt Innovation

We are commissioned by the Office of Life Sciences to support the identification and adoption of innovation, and a crucial part of this is our role in horizon scanning.

Our Innovation Team can help find innovations including digital and technology solutions that meet the specific challenges facing our [South London health and social care members](#). We can carry out targeted searches of hundreds of innovations at different stages of maturity - from those at an early stage through to those that are ready for adoption as proven solutions.

If your organisation has a specific challenge but you don't know where to start and would benefit from a horizon scan, please get in touch with our Programme Director [Lesley Soden](#).



New Guide for Patient and Public Involvement in Health Tech Innovation

The University of Plymouth, together with the AHSN Network and Boehringer Ingelheim, have published what they claim is the first evidence-based recommendations to drive inclusive digital health tech innovation.

The new user-friendly guide, entitled '*How to involve and engage patients in digital health tech innovation*' has combined the results of a systematic literature review, advisory panels and multi-stakeholder input to produce four clear principles (ENACT) around patient and public involvement and engagement (PPIE).

The guide not only helps with the initial digital development but also puts in place processes to support ongoing product improvement. By adopting the core principles, digital innovators can continually improve their product, better communicate its value to the system, and enhance patient trust in the technologies created.

[Find out more here.](#)

Meet the Innovator





"Being approached to come and work for Ufonia gave me the confidence to believe that I could use all of the skills, abilities, and experience I had gained throughout my academic and NHS career, to make a bigger difference to more patients, clinicians, and the wider NHS."

Ufonia is an automated telephone-based system that allows routine clinical conversations to provide a standardised, high quality and efficient experience for patients.

We spoke to Louisa Stacey, Head of Strategy and Operations at [Ufonia](#), a platform which improves patient experience through next generation automated phone calls.

[Find out more](#)

Events

The HETT Show 2022

Tuesday 27 - Wednesday 28
September, ExCel London

In the face of new challenges, developing requirements, and restructuring of local systems within the NHS it's vital to bring together the Digital Health community again.

Thousands of delegates will be attending the HETT Show at the ExCeL London to enjoy two days of free CPD accredited educational sessions, interactive activities, and networking opportunities.

Speakers from the HIN include:

- Rishi Das-Gupta, CEO, on optimising services through technology, 27 September, 1.30-2.10pm
- Anna King, Commercial Director, on Funding, Commissioning, Procurement, Collaboration and Successful Supplier Engagement in the New ICS Landscape, 27 September, 3-3.40pm
- Gemma Dakin, Patient Safety Project Manager on How Patient Safety Evolved in the Digital Era, 28 September, 12.15-12.55pm
- Lesley Soden, Programme Director for Innovation on How to Untap the Potential in Mental Health Pathways Across ICSs, 28 September, 2.50-3.30pm

[Apply to attend the HETT show here.](#)

HIN Involvement Strategy Launch

Tuesday 1 November, 10.00am - 3:00pm

Join us at the launch of our Involvement Strategy to discuss how health and care services can work with patients and people more effectively. We will be showcasing some examples of involvement at the HIN and leading a structured

NHS Graduate DDaT Scheme Webinar: Supporting Trusts with Hard-to-Source Cyber Security Skills

Thursday 29 September, 9.15-10.30am

The Graduate Digital, Data & Technology Scheme has been sourcing and developing hundreds of graduates since 2018 and specialises in finding hard-to-fill technical skills. Join this session to hear about how our Cyber Grads are working with managers in organisations across the NHS and in every region.

This event is intended for managers within the NHS. [Find out more and register on Eventbrite.](#)

Future webinars will take place 9.15-10.30am on Thursday 27 October and Thursday 24 November.

Delivering AI for the NHS Webinar Series

Thursday 29 September, 12-1pm;
Wednesday 2 November, 1-2pm;
Tuesday 6 December 4-5pm

The AI Centre, DigitalHealth.London and the HIN are teaming up to deliver a three-part series of webinars on delivering AI for the NHS featuring case studies, expert panels and information on the AI Centre's platforms for AI deployment. [Find out more about Delivering AI for the NHS webinars.](#)

the NHS and leading a structured discussion about how we can develop a system which supports involvement within health and care in south London. [Register your place here.](#)

Partner news

2022 #EvaluateDigiHealth Webinar Series

NHS England's Transformation Directorate recently released the [perioperative digital playbook](#). The resource seeks to provide support to clinical teams and organisations that are looking for digital tools that support the delivery of patient pathways. [Find out more.](#)

Accelerating deployment of AI to support the workforce

DigitalHealth.London partnered with Inspired Minds for the Intelligent Health 2022 UK conference in April and as part of this they heard from three [DigitalHealth.London Accelerator](#) companies and their NHS partners on how they are implementing Artificial Intelligence (AI) to support the workforce in different organisations. [Read more here.](#)

Launch of Generator Bootcamp

Quality evidence is vital for digital health companies to succeed but it is challenging to know how to generate effective, relevant evidence. Applications are now open for the new DigitalHealth.London Evidence Generation Bootcamp. The eight-week programme provides a unique opportunity for digital health companies to pinpoint their evidence needs and navigate the complexities of evidence generation through expert support. [Find out more here.](#)

