NHS Innovation Accelerator (NIA)

Supporting faster take-up of high impact, evidence-based innovations for patient benefit

Overview
The NIA aims to support delivery of the Five Year Forward View - creating the conditions and cultural change needed for proven innovations to be adopted faster and more systematically through the NHS.

It generates system-wide learnings on how to spread innovation at pace for greater patient and population benefit, providing real-time practical insights to inform national strategy.

The NIA’s unique model offers a dual focus of support for ‘Fellows’ - individuals with a set of values and passion for scaling innovation to benefit a wider population, with a commitment to share their learnings - and their represented high impact, evidence-based innovation.

Results / impacts
36 Fellows recruited, representing 37 innovations.

1,242 additional NHS sites now using NIA innovations.

£41.6 million external funding secured and £12 million savings generated to England’s health and care system in year one.*

162 jobs created.

21 NIA innovations selling internationally.

*Findings from independent evaluation of the NIA (year one), published March 2018

The AHSN’s role
The NIA is an NHS England initiative delivered in partnership with the AHSN Network. All 15 AHSN partners provide bursary funding, signposting, local networking and support on scaling strategies to Fellows.

AHSN support was highlighted as one of the most valued aspects of the NIA in a year one independent evaluation, published in March 2018.

Adoption and spread
Since the NIA launched in July 2015, 1,242 additional NHS sites across England (covering all 15 AHSN geographies) are now using NIA innovations, with 21 selling internationally. Fellows can access NIA support for up to three years, with 36 Fellows and 37 innovations supported to date.

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