Navigating the healthcare innovation landscape

Overview

The 15 AHSNs work at the interface between healthcare providers, commissioners and industry to ‘bridge the gap’ and connect the sectors, creating an innovation pipeline from research and product development through to commercialisation.

Brokering relationships between the life sciences industry, research and healthcare, we help the NHS find and filter new products and solutions. We work as a national network to speed up the spread and adoption of the ones with proven impact and value that meet genuine need.

Collective impact since 2013

- Over 22 million patients benefited from AHSN input.
- Over 330 innovations introduced through AHSN influence.
- Over 11,000 locations actively developing and using innovations supported by AHSNs.
- Over 500 jobs created.
- Hundreds of commercial innovators supported.
- Over £330 million leveraged by AHSNs to improve health and support NHS, care and industry partners.

Innovation Exchanges

Funded by the government’s Office for Life Sciences, our national network of Innovation Exchanges build on AHSNs’ unique expertise and cross-sector connections, enabling us to identify common challenges and quickly bring people and organisations together to develop, test and spread proven innovation.

SBRI Healthcare

SBRI Healthcare supports the co-development of innovative solutions for identified health needs. Funded by NHS England and run by the AHSNs, SBRI Healthcare has supported over 150 companies to develop their innovations and bring them to the NHS.

NHS Innovation Accelerator (NIA)

The NIA supports the uptake and spread of high impact, evidence-based innovations across England’s NHS, benefitting patients, populations and NHS staff. An NHS England initiative delivered in partnership with the AHSNs, it currently supports 36 ‘Fellows’ representing 37 innovations.

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