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Dorset ICS Innovation Hub Newsletter

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Welcome to the September 2022 edition of the Dorset Innovation Hub newsletter!

We recently submitted our second 6-monthly progress report to the Health Foundation, which included reflections on achievements to date as well as key priorities for the next 6-month period.

Achievements

Work has moved forwards with implementation of our local priority innovation projects, which cover topics including palliative care and malnutrition in ageing people. Efforts have been focused on establishing solid foundations from which to implement innovative solutions to meet identified need. In support of this, project framework and implementation tools and resources have been developed such as a needs identification question set and a benefits realisation framework. Processes have also been further developed to facilitate MedTech delivery in Dorset, with MedTech funding confirmed for 2022/23.

The Hub is delighted to now have representation of public and patients via the Voluntary Community Sector Assembly. Wider networking has also been possible via presentation of the Hub's collaborative system work at the NHSE's IRLS (Innovation Research & Life Sciences) team visit to Wessex AHSN. We are also delighted to share that the Hub has been short listed in the Innovative Health System of the Year category of the Innovate Awards (pg5).

Key priorities for next period include:

- Further develop the sustainability of innovation in Dorset (pg3)
- Build on progress already made with the innovation education programme (pg6)
- Further develop innovation community of practice to support growth of this domain (pg6)
- Appointment of a Dorset Innovation Hub clinical lead (pg2) and recruitment of patient & public representatives to facilitate co-production and ensure the Hub's work includes the patient voice (pg4)



"Innovation is all about identifying a good opportunity for beneficial change....and then making it happen!"



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Creating Dorset's Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly

Jon Sloper – CEO #HelpAndKindness

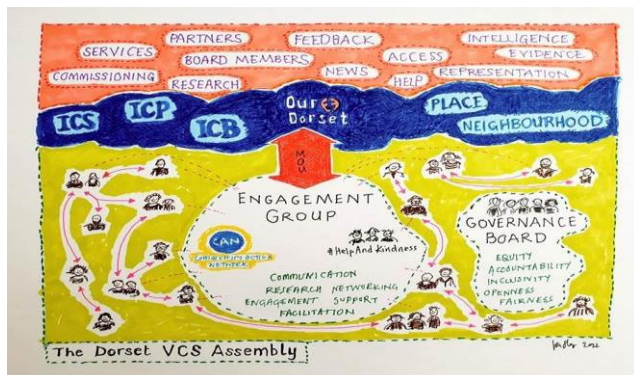
Emma Lee – Partnerships Manager, Community Action Network

The Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) is huge and varied. It includes everyone, as we're all involved in supporting one another in our communities. We might run the local Guides, check on our neighbours, host a memory cafe, or run a large charity or social enterprise. Perhaps our community work happens through our jobs. Many people know others working in it locally, but often don't feel connected to any wider picture, or county projects.

Over the past ten months we've facilitated a creative process of engagement with a wide group of VCS representatives; creating a system that can enable the whole VCS in Dorset to work more closely together, and with other partners. This is called Dorset's Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly.

The Assembly is open to everyone, and is designed to be accessible to and engaged with anyone in the VCS who wishes to be involved. It's intended to be a place where the VCS can connect with each other, raise questions and concerns, find partners and supporters, and have greater collective impact through working together. This leads to greater strength and resilience in the VCS, and provides a mechanism for the VCS to speak and act collectively. It's founded on trust, and its mandate comes from the goodwill of the VCS. Its usefulness is its ability to build relationships, connect people together and help create improved wellbeing and support across Dorset.

The first official duty of the Assembly has been to co-create and sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the new Integrated Care System (ICS), to embed and represent the VCS as a full Partner. The Assembly are also a partner of the Dorset Innovation Hub (DIH), providing connection to the voluntary and community sector ensuring that appropriate voices are represented in the work of the DIH. Work continues to set up the Assembly, and we're keen to see how else it can serve the VCS, our ICS Partners, and the wider community of Dorset. Further reading is available on the [Dorset Innovation Hub website](#).



Notices

Clinical Lead for the Dorset Innovation Hub

The Dorset Innovation Hub (DIH) are looking for a clinician (nursing, medical, midwifery or allied health professional) to help champion the strategy and work of the DIH and be an advocate for healthcare innovation adoption across Dorset.

This is a co-ordinating role requiring good communication and facilitation skills, working with the hub programme group, hub lead and all partner organisations to support the realisation of the DIH strategy and prioritised healthcare innovation adoption projects.

More information and application details are available at:

<https://ourdorset.org.uk/innovation/applications-open-for-dorset-innovation-hub-clinical-lead/>



Deadline date for expressions of interest is 23 September 22.

Any queries, please contact Sarah.Chessell@uhd.nhs.uk



Blog ~ Approaches to embedding a sustainable approach to innovation in Dorset

How do you embed a sustainable approach to healthcare innovation when the term innovation means different things to different people? How do you embed a system wide approach with the evolving changes in Dorset and nationally?

There is “widespread recognition of the importance of innovation in health and social care”¹ and establishing the Dorset Innovation Hub in October 2021 (one of four Health Foundation hubs in England) has provided us with a unique opportunity to explore and develop a sustainable approach.

Working with the Innovation Unit, we have spent the last year developing a sustainable approach to the work of the hub adopting the Accelerated Access Collaborative (AAC), NHSE, Care Quality Commission (CQC), NICE and partners ‘Enabling innovation and adoption in health and social care - Developing a shared view’ (Feb 2021)¹ utilising the six principles: develop and deploy innovations with the people that will use them; develop a culture where innovation can happen; support your people; adopt the best ideas and share your learning; focus on outcomes and impact; be flexible when managing change

Alongside the approval to use, in Dorset, the AAC’s definition of innovation: “the **term innovation** to cover both **invention** (creating new ideas, products, services or models of care) and **adoption** (implementing what has worked elsewhere)”¹.

Sustainability is key to our approach, and by sustainability we mean the development of an innovation culture in Dorset and sustainable adoption of innovations. Our focus is on “Deploy” - adapt, adopt and spread of evidence-based innovation, and to do this we work as a system within the complementary quality pillars:

- **Discovery**, e.g. clinical research, inventive innovation.
- **Develop**, e.g. inventive innovation, clinical research, QI.
- **Deploy**, e.g. adapt, spread and adopt innovation, service improvement, QI, clinical audit.

Embedding a system wide approach with the evolving changes in Dorset and nationally, means that we work in an agile way to ensure the Dorset Innovation Hub is relevant, legitimate, and continues with the energy and enthusiasm from all partners. To do this our programme has been being developed to ensure our work is focused on improving the people of Dorset’s care, outcomes, or experience. We (our amazing Dorset Innovation Hub core team) provide facilitative innovation advice and support to our priority projects, working with the project sponsor and clinical teams. Recognising the Dorset system remains under pressure, activities being undertaken by the core team in conjunction with the clinical teams to minimise impact to clinical and operational staff.

Having just moved to a delivery stage, we are at the start of our journey. We have made good progress and have established the mechanisms to build a sustainable innovation culture in Dorset and sustainable adoption of innovations. Moving forward, our focus is on the implementation of evidence based innovation in health and care settings, with people focused benefits realisation including outcomes and experience and spreading areas of excellence^{2,3}. Watch this space!

Sarah Chessell - Lead for the Dorset Innovation Hub

1. Enabling innovation and adoption in health and social care - Developing a shared view (Feb 2021)

https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20210208_InnovationPrinciples_report.pdf

2. HeartFlow (NICE MTG32) [Our projects – Innovation \(ourdorset.org.uk\)](https://www.ourdorset.org.uk/projects/innovation)

3. COVID oximetry at home [Dorset Covid Oximetry at home \(CO@H\) – Innovation \(ourdorset.org.uk\)](https://www.ourdorset.org.uk/projects/covid-oximetry-at-home)



NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme

Are you a member of NHS staff with an innovative idea to improve patient care?

Launched in 2016, the NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme is a workforce development programme for clinical and non-clinical NHS staff, run by NHS England's Innovation, Research and Life Sciences group and delivered jointly with Anglia Ruskin University.

The programme brings together industry, government, regulators, patients and the NHS to remove barriers and accelerate the introduction of new ground-breaking treatments and diagnostics which have the potential to transform care.

It is the biggest entrepreneurial workforce development programme of its kind, aiming to:

- Allow entrepreneurs and creative thinkers to pursue their ideas without having to leave the health service.
- Support the healthcare workforce to develop and scale their most innovative ideas for the benefit of patients, staff and the wider NHS.
- Help develop the skills, knowledge and experience needed to successfully develop and spread innovative solutions to the challenges facing the NHS.
- Provide wider benefits of economic growth through inward investment in the health, social care, and life science sectors.

Since its launch, the programme has supported over 850 NHS staff with innovation journeys, raised over £390 million in funding and retained 248 staff to the NHS.

The NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme is a free programme, completed over 12 months, and applications for the next cohort (cohort 7) open on 03 October 2022 (closing 30 October 2022). Applications are open to all NHS staff; from doctors to administrators; pharmacists and nurses to IT support.

If you have an innovative idea that you would like to take forwards then the NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme may be for you. Further information is available on the [NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme website](#), together with application guidance and FAQs.



Notices

Help Dorset residents to live well

The Dorset Innovation Hub (DIH) are looking for NHS service users and members of the public living in Dorset, to help us address Dorset's most important health and wellbeing needs.

The DIH plan to form a community of people who are willing to share their experiences of health and/or social care to the DIH. Roles and level of commitment can vary, but broadly falls into two groups:

- Lived Experience Community Role
- Group Meeting Role

More information and role descriptions are available at: <https://ourdorset.org.uk/innovation/help-dorset-residents-to-live-well/>



Deadline date for expressions of interest is 30 September 22.

Any queries, please contact publicinvolvement@uhs.nhs.uk



Twitter news



Great blog - [@helenbevan](#) relating to [Food 4](#) thought for [#quality](#) [#implementingchange](#)
 - Plant seeds 4 change, understanding results might take a while
 - Continue 2 take consistent action, even if immediate evidence lacking
 - Have faith & don't tamper
[#DorsetInnovationHub](#)



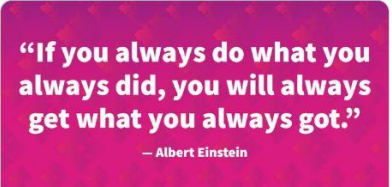
Really pleased to be able to signpost a great new service from [@AACInnovation](#). [#NHSInnovationService](#) provides help to take healthcare [#innovation](#) from an idea to adoption. We will certainly be utilising these resources and links within [#DorsetInnovationHub](#).
[@ChessellSarah](#)



Thanks 4 highlighting [@nqican](#) good 2 see insights tool inc. domain engaging hearts as well as minds e.g tell story through lens lived experience & impact its having. Implementation, evaluation & [#impact](#) also remain key to [#healthinequalities](#) & wider context
[#DorsetInnovationHub](#)

National QI (Incl Clinical Audit) Network N-QI-CAN @nqican - Aug 12
[@nqican](#) great read for all of us to take action, address healthcare inequalities and utilise the insights tool to inform next steps [@HQIP](#) [@ChessellSarah](#) [@colunb1](#) [@LThompson17](#) [@gmca_network](#) [@MQICANT](#) [@MEANetwork](#) [@EastMidCAN](#) [@EoECAN](#) [@SE_OENetwork](#) [@iawsonkinross](#) [@cwwalker10](#)
[twitter.com/IntegrateNHS/...](#)

AECC University College @AECCUniversityC - Aug 10
 [1/2] Innovation projects, be it medicines, technology, pathways, diagnostics, digital, & innovative ways of working, help the local health system become a better adopter of healthcare improvements, & with this, we are proud to be a partner organisation in the [#DorsetInnovationHub](#)



[@JamesSpriggsDIH](#) Wishing u all the best in your new adventures with [@DorsetHealth](#) thanks for your support over the months - we will miss u. You're part of the [#DorsetInnovationHub](#) family, so remember the kettle is always on ☺ ps. tell Dawn the cake was amazing 🍌🍌 [@Alanbetts5](#)



New NHS Innovation Service



The new [NHS Innovation Service](#), which is being operated by the NHS Accelerated Access Collaborative, aims to get more innovations to clinicians and patients faster and make the NHS a great place to innovate.

The intention is to make it easier and faster for innovators to develop their innovations and bring them to the NHS. On their website is information and support to help innovators take their innovation from idea through development and testing, to adoption and spread in the NHS.

To find the best solutions in healthcare the NHS Innovation Service will communicate what research and innovation the NHS needs to meet its challenges. They'll be doing this to help researchers, innovators and funders understand which specific areas of health need to be addressed with research and innovation.

The NHS Innovation Service will also help the NHS join up the search for the best new innovations, and to make sure that the whole system is better prepared to support their introduction.

Innovation Guides

On the website are two useful Innovation Guides: the [Starter Guide](#) helps innovators to understand the different parts of the health innovation ecosystem and plan their next steps, while the [Advanced Guide](#) provides detailed information about each step of the health innovation journey.

The Dorset Innovation Hub (DIH) utilises the same principles as the NHS Innovation Service to help local innovators and works closely with Wessex AHSN and other stakeholders on the adoption and spread across Dorset of nationally prioritised innovations. For help with your innovation, or more information about the work of DIH or NHS Innovation Service, contact dorsetinnovationhub@uhd.nhs.uk

Innovate Awards – Dorset Innovation Hub Finalist

We are delighted to share that Dorset's integrated care system (ICS), Our Dorset, has been shortlisted for our work on the Dorset Innovation Hub in the Innovative Health System of the Year category of the [Innovate Awards](#).



The Innovate Awards celebrate excellence in innovation in health and care, across ten award categories. Winners are to be announced on 29 Sept 2022.



Training

Fundamentals of Innovation Adoption Wednesday 02 November 2022 10am to 4pm (Vespasian House, DT1 1TF)

Join the Dorset Innovation Hub team to further understand the challenges of innovation adoption, develop skills and build knowledge to be better equipped to successfully adopt innovations into practice.

During this interactive 1-day training you will:

- Explore the definition of innovation and the challenges of innovation adoption
- Learn about the key steps when taking forwards an innovation project
- Develop skills in using supportive frameworks and tools
- Use a case study example to test application of learning in a linear journey through the day

Visit Eventbrite to book a place.



Contact dorsetinnovationhub@nhs.uk for further information.



Community of Practice Event

Learning from Covid 19 Thursday 13 October 2022 13:00 to 14:30 (Online)

Join the Dorset Innovation Hub at this Community of Practice event to share and discuss how the pandemic pushed us to do things differently, adapt processes, find innovative solutions to problems, and how we can utilise this learning to enhance processes and practices moving forwards.

During this event you will:

- Hear real-life Dorset experiences of how we learnt to do things differently due to the pandemic
- Have the opportunity to ask questions
- Meet the Dorset innovation hub team

Booking via Eventbrite:



Contact dorsetinnovationhub@nhs.uk for further information.



Contact details:

The Innovation Team provides innovators with advice and hands-on support to adapt, adopt and sustain proven innovation and develop ideas into new services and products that will benefit the Dorset ICS and wider NHS.

If you would have a project that you would like to discuss, or if there is anything in this newsletter that you would like further information on, please do contact us.



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