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**Dr Rishi Das-Gupta, Chief Executive**

Hello all and welcome to our latest newsletter.

It has been a busy and unpredictable few weeks across the public sector, and undoubtedly many of you will have had to juggle unexpected projects alongside preparing for the pressures of winter. At the HIN, we are continuing to work on a wide range of projects contributing to local and national priorities, including long-term work to support elective care and primary care provision.

Last month saw important work delivered with our partners across all of our clinical themes, with particular focus areas including remote monitoring and evaluation, including projects looking at the impact of physical health checks for people with serious mental health illnesses, virtual wards and e-triage tools. Our CVD team have also been helping with ICS bids for system-wide transformation funding through the national lipid programme.

At the start of November we launched our Involvement Strategy, and it was great to see patients, carers and health and care professionals from across south London come together at our launch event. We want to build a community of organisations helping people and communities to shape health and care across our region and beyond; please do [have a read of our Strategy](#) and get in touch with the team if you're interested in learning more about becoming "Partners with People".

Across our organisation, our other focuses have included progressing our anti-racism discussions and celebrating Black History Month in October. I [recently co-wrote a blog talking about what we've learnt from having these discussions](#), which I hope you will find interesting.

In this edition you can also find out about the [National Wound Care Strategy Programme](#), Automation Grants, and our [latest funding opportunities](#).

## Funding opportunities

Find out about the latest funding opportunities, including opportunities to develop medical devices, in vitro diagnostics and Tier C digital health technologies.

## News and updates



### Primary Care Automation Grant Winners Announced

We've announced the winners of the London Digital First Primary Care Automation Grants, working in partnership with NHS England. Grants of up to £65k will be awarded to projects across London to pilot automation solutions in primary care.

Over £600,000 has been allocated across eleven innovative primary care projects in London. Grant applications were assessed upon the scope, scale, impact, sustainability, and opportunities for spread and adoption of their projects. Pilots will be monitored against agreed metrics over the next 12 months, before being evaluated.

[Read more about the winners and their projects here.](#)



### Good Boost: Using AI to help people with musculoskeletal conditions

A project funded by a Health Innovation Network innovation grant has used artificial intelligence to improve the lives of Londoners with musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions. After just five months, two-thirds of participants reported an improvement in their health.

The year-long Good Boost Project was led by King's College Hospital rehabilitation clinicians, physiotherapists and hospital volunteers. It was launched in Southwark in April 2021, and also piloted at Kingston Hospital.

[Read more about the project here.](#)



### One week to get your Rewired Pitchfest application in

Digital Health Rewired [Pitchfest](#), the entrepreneurial competition providing a platform for young and innovative ventures to scale in the NHS, has opened for applications.

[Apply now](#) to battle it out in online heats to reach the live final, where you could pitch your solution to investors and NHS stakeholders at [Digital Health Rewired 2023](#) in London next March.

Hear advice from Dr Rachael Grimaldi, the CEO of CardMedic and 2022 Pitchfest winner: "If you're thinking about entering, just do it. I can't recommend the experience enough."



### You & Type 2 at Home Evaluation

You & Type 2 at Home was developed during the Covid-19 pandemic when clinicians were asked to prioritise the pandemic response and avoid face-to-face contact. It enabled remote monitoring of type 2 diabetes annual review pathways through the use of home testing kits.

[Find out more about You and Type 2 at Home in our evaluation report.](#)



## New South West London Hypertension and Lipids Improvement Forum

The South West London Hypertension and Lipids Improvement Forum is a new series of webinars, workshops and drop in sessions combining teaching and practical learning opportunities for anyone working in primary care in south west London. It is designed to help you deliver improvement around hypertension and lipids in your practice and PCN. You can sign up to join the Forum, and receive information on future events, [here](#).



## Access Denied: Addressing Inequalities in Digital Healthcare Tools

James Friend, Director of Digital Strategy at NHS England London region, writes about how the [Access Denied report](#) is shedding light on digital inequalities and what you can do to help.

[Read the full blog here.](#)



## Bromley Healthcare CIC selected as pilot site for Transforming Wound Care programme

Bromley Healthcare Community Interest Company (CIC) has been selected to become the Health Innovation Network's Test and Evaluation Site in The AHSN Network's new national Transforming Wound Care spread and adoption programme for 2022.

The programme aims to ensure all patients with lower limb wounds receive evidence-based care which leads to:

- faster healing of wounds;
- improved quality of life for patients;
- reduced likelihood of wound recurrence;
- uses health and care resources more effectively.

The programme uses the evidence, learning and recommendations from the [National Wound Care Strategy Programme](#) (NWCSP). More information on this pathway update is available [here](#).



## New OneLondon Website

OneLondon is transforming London's health and care services by joining up information to support efficient, effective and safe care.

Visit the new [OneLondon website](#) to see how they are working closely with partners and Londoners to do this.

You can also get the latest OneLondon news by signing up to their [newsletter](#) or by following them on [Twitter](#).



## New tool supporting medication reviews with asthma patients

The Oxford AHSN and the Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust respiratory pharmacy team have launched a new and evidence-based Asthma Structured Medication Review template for use with asthma patients. It can be imported free of charge into GP prescribing systems (EMISweb and SystemOne) to support standardised, high-quality care.

It has been extensively tested by pharmacists working across primary, secondary and tertiary care, and guides the user through:

- confirmation of inhaled corticosteroid adherence using the Medicines Possession Ratio calculation
- techniques to optimise inhaler use (good technique, maximise ICS use, minimise short-acting beta-agonists (SABA) use
- minimising the environmental impact of inhalers by choosing the most appropriate device type
- understanding oral corticosteroid exposure and achieving better patient care and delivery of Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) and Investment and Impact Fund (IIF) requirement

[The Asthma structure medication review template and instructions on how to use it are available here.](#)

[An aligned educational module on medication adherence is available here.](#)

This template is one of many useful tools developed as part of the national Asthma Biologics programme.

[Further information is available on the Pharmacy Enhanced Role workstream section here.](#)



### HIN website user survey

We are currently gathering views on how information is presented on the Health Innovation Network website. This is a task-based survey which should take no more than ten minutes to complete. Upon completion, there is an option to enter our draw for £100 of shopping vouchers.

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

## Meet the Innovator



**"The best part of my job is watching practice managers' faces as I explain how babblevoice can transform their day whilst supporting their staff."**

Babblevoice is a cloud-hosted telephone system for primary care which supports practices, patients and staff across the UK.

We spoke to Antoine Lever, Commercial Director at [babblevoice](#), an affordable, high quality and reliable phone system that is purpose-built for primary care providers.

[Find out more](#)

## Delivering AI for the NHS Webinar Series

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.](#)

## NHS Graduate Digital, Data & Technology Scheme Webinar

Thursday 8 December

Graduates into Health are here to help you recruit top graduates to crucial and hard-to-fill roles. Their next webinar for NHS Managers will take place on 8 December.

[Check the Graduates into Health website for future details.](#)

## Making a Difference as a Mentor on the NHS Graduate DDaT Scheme

Wednesday 7 December, 11am - 12pm

Find out more about the role of mentoring within the NHS Graduate DDaT Scheme and hear from an existing graduate and their mentor.

[Register for the webinar here.](#)

## ESCAPE-pain Together Event

Thursday 8 December, 10am - 1pm

As the pandemic recedes, its full impact is becoming apparent: the number of people with knee, hip and back pain, already huge, has increased enormously, while the NHS's already limited capacity to support them has contracted further. Collaborative approaches that aim to join up services are proving to be essential to tackle this problem.

Join us to discuss how we can work together to implement the ESCAPE-pain programme to help offer patients the timely, effective, evidence-based care that they want.

The event:

- brings together leisure, community and clinical commissioners and providers interested in forming collaborative partnerships to deliver ESCAPE-pain in their communities;
- presents the results of a Sport England-funded project delivering ESCAPE-pain in leisure and community centres;
- includes presentations from UKActive, the NHS MSK National Clinical Director, Sport England, UK Research and Innovation;
- provides the opportunity to connect with professionals from your local region.

[Register to attend the virtual event here.](#)

## Partner news

### New DigitalHealth.London Programme Director

Sara Nelson has recently been appointed as Programme Director for DigitalHealth.London, reflects on her journey in the NHS and the digital health sector, and shares her vision for the future. [Read her reflections here.](#)

### Is technology a game-changer for staff experience?

Karen West, Head of Transformation for Mental Health at DigitalHealth.London Accelerator alumnus company [Oxehealth](#), reflects on how technology could help tackle the current NHS workforce crisis. [Read more here.](#)

### Design should include everyone

Jessica Chiu, NHS Navigator at DigitalHealth.London, shares insights into the importance of inclusive design and her top tips on how to achieve this in digital health. [Find out more here.](#)



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