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

Hello all and welcome to our latest newsletter.

We recently published our [Annual Report](#), which highlights our achievements in promoting health innovation across south London for 2021-22. This has included many exciting projects aligned to the strategic priorities of our members and partners. In particular, we've been pleased to share our work on improving mental health services, supporting care homes and enhancing care for people with long-term conditions such as diabetes and chronic musculoskeletal pain.

Last month I attended the NHS ConfedExpo in Liverpool. It was great to see so many people face to face again and for the AHSN Network stand to play a part in connecting so many people, services and innovations. Some of my personal highlights from the wider ConfedExpo programme were learning about a new model for development conversations for staff and an impressive talk on how Dorset ICB is tackling health inequalities.

Amanda Pritchard's keynote also highlighted her "four Rs" for the NHS in the years ahead; Recovering, Reforming, Resilience and Respect. Listening to her speech echo so many of our own priority areas emphasised to me the vital role we will play in helping our members and partners harness the power of innovation to tackle the many challenges currently facing the health and care system.

In this edition you can also find out about the [Digital First Primary Care Automation grants](#), the recent work of [DigitalHealth.London](#) and our [latest funding opportunities](#).

## Funding opportunities

Find out about the latest funding opportunities, including applications for a share of up to £30 million for affordable, adoptable and investable innovations in net zero and healthcare.

[Discover more opportunities](#)

## News and updates



### Our Annual Report 2021-22

We are pleased to have published our Annual Report, looking back at our achievements, new



projects, innovations and the real-world improvements to patient outcomes we've delivered.

Our wide-ranging work continues to address the challenges that have arisen from the pandemic, as well as our long-term priorities as an organisation. Our projects have included:

- working with partners to understand how Covid-19 has impacted mental health service users and what lessons can be learned for service models in the future;
- a rapid evaluation into the virtual ward at Croydon Health Services NHS Trust to understand the impact it had on patients and how patient care initiatives can be improved;
- supporting African and Caribbean communities at higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes, through Healthy Eating and Active Lifestyles for Diabetes (HEAL-D), a culturally tailored diabetes management programme;
- working with the wider AHSN Network to support mental health teams in delivering First Episode Rapid Early Intervention for Eating Disorders (FREED) for 16 to 25 year olds.

We've also helped people with knee, hip and back pain, worked on improving treatment for long-term dermatology conditions, and supported the next generation of NHS innovators.

[Find out more here.](#)



### Primary Care Automation Grants

Applications are open for the NHS England London Digital First Programme automation grants. The grants are up to £65k each to pilot automation solutions within primary care. By automating high-volume, repetitive, tasks, clinical and administrative staff can be freed up to devote more time to patients and improving outcomes.

Applications are open to:

- All primary care providers within London on standard GMS, PMS and APMS contracts
- Individual practices or practices working together (e.g. PCNs, federations)

Apply by 18 July. [Find out more and apply on our website.](#)



### Inclusive Innovation: LGBTQI+ Blog

To celebrate Pride 2022, we've teamed up with DigitalHealth.London NHS Navigator Brett Hatfield to look at some practical steps which anyone working in health and care can take to make health tech more accessible and inclusive to the LGBTQI+ community. [Read more here.](#)



### Rapid Uptake Products Programme

The Rapid Uptake Products (RUP) programme has been designed to support stronger adoption and spread of proven innovations. It identifies products with NICE approval that support the NHS Long Term Plan's key clinical priorities, but have lower than expected uptake to date. [Click here to read the technical notes.](#)

The HIN is supporting the adoption of the

following innovations on the RUP Programme from April 2021 to March 2023.

1. [Lipid Management](#) : High Intensity Statins, Ezetimibe and PCSK9 inhibitors
2. [Measuring fractional exhaled nitric oxide \(FeNO\) concentration in asthma](#): products NIOX VERO and NObreath
3. [Biologics for treating severe asthma](#): Reslizumab, Benralizumab, Mepolizumab and Omalizumab

[Find out more](#), and [contact the team](#) to take part in these programmes.



## DigitalHealth.London Accelerator

DigitalHealth.London hosted the second networking day for cohort six of the Accelerator programme in mid-May. The theme of the day was Our Healthier South East London (SEL ICS) and South West London Health and Care Partnership (SWL ICS).

The agenda included peer-led challenge sessions, knowledge exchanges and bookable networking slots which allowed the companies to connect with NHS stakeholders.

We also heard from key players in the south London ICSs including Ian Abbs, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Medical Officer of GSTT. Six Accelerator companies also presented short pitches:

- [WYSA](#)
- [LVNDR Health](#)
- [Isiacare](#)
- [Healthtech 1](#)
- [Fika](#)
- [Sapient Health](#)

## Meet the Innovator



**"Using creativity to problem-solve, and best of all, understanding the impact and difference our innovation can have in the eye care landscape, including improving patient safety and the patient experience - is the best part of the job."**

PocketEye is a cloud-based digital triage platform for eye care, enabling secure communication, seamless referrals and triage between primary and secondary eye care.

We spoke to Meera Radia, founder and CEO of [PocketEye](#), a platform which improves access to eye care.

[Find out more](#)

## Events

### Lunch and Learn: How to involve patients in developing your innovation

6 July 2022, 12-1pm

This webinar will provide practical advice to digital health companies

### Implementation Science Research Conference

14-15 July, 9am-5pm

Now in its fifth year, the 2022 conference will bring together online researchers, policymakers, clinicians, practitioners and service users from around the world. This

and innovators on how to involve patients in developing their product/service.

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users from around the world. This year's theme is: "Beyond trials: the rise of pragmatic approaches to implementation science in health and social care research."

[Find out more and register your interest.](#)

## Partner news

### Perioperative Digital Playbook

The NHS 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.](#)

### The Role of the CNIO

Last month Accelerator company [Compassly](#) interviewed nursing leaders who are investing in changes in healthcare technology – in particular, from Chief Nursing Information Officers (CNIO). With Ruth May recently announcing the ambition for a CNIO in every organisation, there has been high levels of interest in the role, but perhaps not as wide understanding of what the role actually involves. This article brings together the views from a range of CNIOs to help raise that level of understanding about the role of the CNIO itself. [Read more here.](#)

