AAC Priorities
Chief Executive's Report

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The AAC priorities

The five priority areas for the AAC were agreed by the Board in November 2021 and describe our ambition:

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NHS as a platform for research and innovation

Research
Increase scale, diversity and speed

Research: increasing the diversity, scale, and speed of research, so that the NHS can have clinical evidence that better reflects our population and makes it easier to adopt innovations that will improve outcomes and address health inequalities

Innovation
Workforce championing

Innovation: supporting the NHS workforce to champion innovation on the front line, so that they are better able to both develop and rapidly evaluate solutions (such as remote home monitoring) and to drive local implementation of new innovations

NICE uptake
Supporting uptake from ideation to adoption

Uptake of medicines and MedTech: ensuring we have programmes to support the uptake of NICE-approved, proven innovation in the NHS. This supports work to improve the innovation pathway from ideation to adoption across medicines, diagnostics, medical devices, and digital products

Targeting buying power at biggest opportunities

DS/HS
Clearly articulate NHS needs and opportunities

Horizon Scanning and Demand Signalling: providing a clearer articulation of NHS needs (demand signalling) and matching this to a systematic search for solutions (horizon scanning), so that the NHS can plan and prepare for the next generation of innovations and stimulate innovation in the highest-priority areas

Deals
Delivering transformational commercial deals at scale

Deals and at scale solutions: continuing our collaborative approach to transforming patient care with our AAC partners, through transparent and at-scale commercial deals that link to our demand signalling and horizon scanning, and supporting innovators to navigate the NHS, through the launch of the NHS Innovation Service and working locally with AHSNs

X-cutting delivery — **Tackling health inequalities, Patient public participation, supporting NHSE clinical priorities, Life Sciences Vision, Net zero**

AAC Priorities: Portfolio Delivery Overview

Portfolio delivery has been refocused on the five priority areas, plus cross-cutting priorities. Plans are at differing levels of maturity, with updates provided throughout the Board agenda.

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	NHS as a platform for research and innovation			Targeting buying power at biggest opportunities		
	Research	**Innovation**	**NICE uptake**	**Demand Signalling / Horizon Scanning**	**Deals**	**Cross cutting**
Rating	Last Period / This Period	Last Period / This Period	Last Period / This Period	Last Period / This Period	Last Period / This Period	Last Period / This Period
Key updates	• **Embedding Research in the NHS:** NHS England's IRLS team are jointly leading Research reset programme • Publication of the RRGs. Implementation plan for phase 2 in June • **Increasing Scale and Pace:** Phase 1 of National Contract Value Review (NCVR) implementation began in April, Phase 1 of NCVR to go live in June • Embedding research within the NHS and ICSs 'pop up university' presentation at ConfedExpo	• Ten new **NIA Fellows** were welcomed by Amanda Pritchard, Tim Ferris and Bola Owolabi, • The £15m **SBRI Healthcare NHS Cancer Innovation competition** closed 24 May 2022. Competition 20 call for innovation for Health Inequalities in Maternity Care and Autism & Learning Disability innovations launched May 2022. • AHSN Relicensing with a renewed focus on Health Inequalities, linking proactively into ICSs and research infrastructure to increase impact. • Feature zone session in the Innovation zone (ConfedExpo) - Principles for the successful adoption and spread of innovations in health	• **Medicines pathway** mapping initiated, following AAC Board direction – to focus on uptake and addressing health inequalities • Announcement of the seven products to be supported from April 2022 by the next round of the **MTFM** (incl. spectra optia for sickle cell) • **MedTech pathway** has been updated following engagement sessions with AAC Partners, sessions have been led by ABHI, AHSNs, and others • The barriers and enablers of AI development, implementation and adoption: learnings from the AI Award presented at ConfedExpo, and Feature zone session in Data, digital and transformation zone (ConfedExpo) - MedTech Funding Mandate	• Development of an improved mechanism for integrated horizon scanning and demand signalling • Scoping of operational frameworks for pro-active HS. • AAC **Horizon Scanning Industry Partnership** event and development of a core-dataset for HS.	• Triage Board now established, with Terms of Reference agreed to allow for oversight of at-scale deals • **Innovation services** is due to move into public beta imminently. We have begun socialising the Innovation services ahead of public beta including a 'pop up university' presentation at NHS ConfedExpo	• Using digital innovation to deliver a net-zero NHS 'pop up university' presentation at ConfedExpo • Feature zone session in the Innovation zone (ConfedExpo) - Diversity • **PPI** Strategy launch • Process to refresh the **AAC Scorecard** undertaken with updated data mapping • Driving national impact through local insight: tackling health inequalities and improving care for excluded communities presentation at ConfedExpo
Next steps	• Publication of NHS England Research Roadmap • ICS research framework • Evidence for Research Review • Research Chapter in New Hospital Build Programme	• Innovation Adopting Training Programme scoping report review and delivery partner workshop June 2022 • NHS InSites report in Autumn 2022	• Announcement of round **3 AI Health and Care Award** winners • Publication of MedTech pathway outputs and proposed interventions	• Publication of **Demand Signaling** reports to identify high-priority areas for learning disability and autism research and mental health research. • Develop implementation plans for pro-active HS.	• Comprehensive communications campaign to support **Lipids management** role in tackling CVD	• Define **Net Zero** approach