

ACCELERATED ACCESS COLLABORATIVE (AAC) BOARD

Meeting date: 22 March 2023
Paper Title: Healthtech Innovation Pathway Mapping Update
Agenda item: N/A – for noting
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AAC Priority Area:

Research	<input type="checkbox"/>	Building innovation capacity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Demand signalling and horizon scanning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Innovator support	<input type="checkbox"/>
Uptake of proven innovation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cross-cutting (Health Inequalities, Net Zero, Life Sciences Vision)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (statutory, governance)	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Ask of the AAC Board:

Note the final Healthtech Innovation Pathway Map and our future plans for its integration into the Innovation Service.

Executive summary:

IRLS and ABHI have finalised the recommendations for Healthtech Innovation Pathway map commissioned by the AAC March 22 Board (see annex 1). We will integrate the map into the Innovation Service (IS) in Summer 23.

Background

1. At the March 2022 Board, the AAC committed to run a series of workshops with partners over Summer 22 to
 - (a) Map the existing Healthtech innovation pathway.
 - (b) Understand the challenges innovators currently face along it.
 - (c) Develop a set of recommendations for future AAC-partner work that would address the key barriers identified.
2. The Board requested that we expand this work to include medicines and ensure we have a consistent approach to supporting the medicines and MedTech/digital pathways. We have developed an aligned medicines and Medtech/digital approach reflecting this ask.
3. In addition to individual subject matter expert discussions, we ran multiple sessions across Summer, with each focussing on a part of the pathway, or a particular group of stakeholders relevant to the hosting organisation. These were:
 - **Regulation and Approvals Workshop** – co-led by NICE and MHRA
 - **Industry Workshop** – co-led by ABHI and BIVDA

- **Venture Capital Workshop** – co-led by Hoxton Ventures
- **National Adoption and Procurement Workshop** – co-led by NHS England and NHS Supply Chain.
- **Local Adoption and Spread** – multiple individual sessions with AHSNs and local commissioners.

Next steps

4. We presented the AAC Steering Group in October 2022 with the revised Medtech innovation pathway map, which explored the discrete steps an innovator would take to bring an innovation from ideation through to widespread adoption and scale.
5. The document has now been finalised (see Appendix 1) and we plan to build the document into the Innovation Service in Summer 2023 as per the Innovation Service Product Roadmap. This will help drive traffic to the Innovation Service and further position it as the key source for life sciences innovation in UK.

Board members are asked to:

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