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# AAC Priorities Chief Executive's Report March 2024

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# Our five priorities



## Research

Increase the speed, scale and diversity of research in the NHS.



## Demand signalling and horizon scanning

Clearly identifying and articulating NHS needs and systematically searching for solutions.



## Uptake of proven innovation

Supporting the uptake of medicines, medical devices, diagnostics and digital products.



## Building innovation capacity

Supporting NHS organisations and workforce to develop, test and implement innovative solutions.



## Innovator support

Making it easier to navigate the innovation ecosystem and deliver transformational commercial deals at scale.

# AAC Priorities: Highlights

## Chief Executive's highlights:

- **Research:** Over 1,000 studies have now gone through the National Contract Value Review (NCVR) process. The first year NCVR data has demonstrated that the NCVR process has significantly reduced trial set-up times for commercial studies in the NHS, which are now over 30% (100 days) quicker. In addition, registrations for *Be Part of Research* (BPoR) have passed the 400,000 mark, with approximately 90% via the NHS App.
- **Demand signalling and horizon scanning:** Rapid Research Needs Assessment (RRNA) for Alzheimer's Disease Modifying Treatments (DMTs) complete and result being finalised.
- **Uptake of proven innovation:** The Innovation to address health inequalities programme (InHIP) has been featured in the media, with an article in the Pharmaceutical Journal and The Guardian
- **Building innovation capacity:** First Patient Entrepreneur Programme (PEP) launched with 40 applications, resulting in 12 applications successfully receiving support during 2024/25.
- **Innovator support:** The NHS Innovation Service is now supporting over 500 innovators, with 300 new innovations added and passing through Needs Assessment in 2023/24.

# Data Spotlight: Sustainable delivery on healthcare inequalities

Through the Innovation for Healthcare Inequalities Programme (InHIP), we funded 39 projects to reduce healthcare inequalities, through improved access to NICE-approved innovations



**5** major partners

**5** therapeutic areas

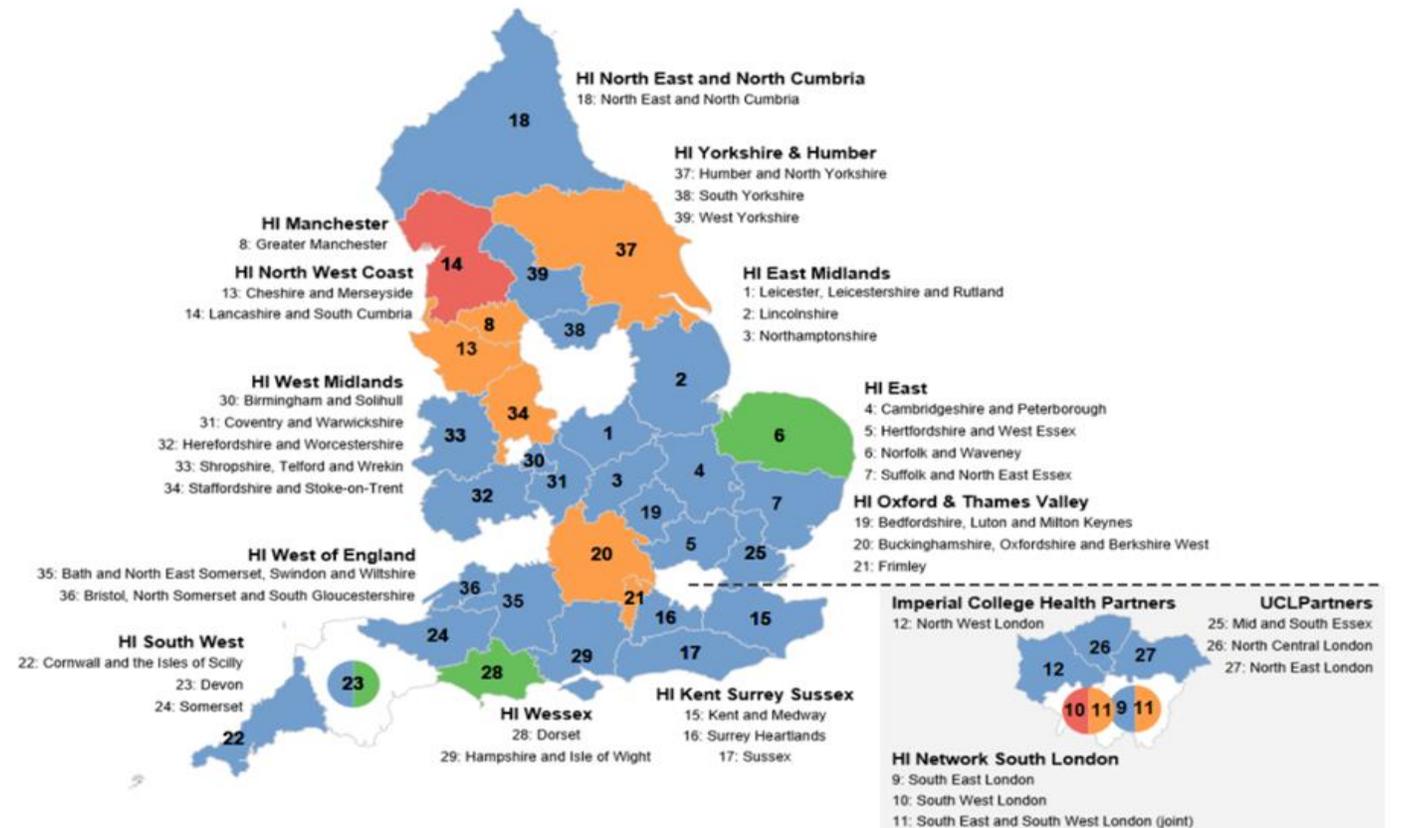
**39** funded projects

**£3.8m** of funding awarded

**18** Core20PLUS patient cohorts

Spread of projects, by Health Innovation Network and ICB

● Cardiovascular disease ● Respiratory ● Cancer ● Maternity ● No project



# Data Spotlight: Sustainable delivery on healthcare inequalities

We have developed a suite of measures to track progress towards our objectives, including accessibility of supported pathways, product adoption, **patient uptake**, and experience (data to 31/12/2023)

## National programme delivery

### Development Series

and

### Development Toolkit

632 attendees



891 views



We've facilitated **6 Development Sessions**, which have been attended **632** times, and our online **Development Toolkit** has been viewed **891** times



### Community of Practice

23 sessions



We've facilitated **10 main Community of Practice sessions**, and **13 sub-groups**, to enable cross-project learning and problem solving



### Status of overall project delivery (target: 100% green)

73% green



29 of 40 projects are rated green (including joint projects)  
37 of 40 projects are in the delivery phase (including joint projects)

## Local project activity

### Status of key project activities (target: 100% on track)

89% on track



451 of 506 key project activities to improve access for Core20PLUS populations are already complete, closed, or on schedule



### Accessibility of the clinical pathways (ambition: 100% by project close)

61% agreement



52 of 85 Core20PLUS populations can access the clinical pathways targeted and adapted by InHIP projects (opinion-based)



### Adoption of NICE-approved products (ambition: 70% by project close)

76% adopted



702 of 928 eligible sites have adopted or are implementing the supported NICE-approved products

## Patient benefit

### Uptake of NICE-approved products (ambition: 100% by project close)

36% of expected

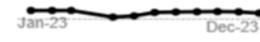


23,153 of an expected 64,755 patients from the targeted Core20PLUS populations have accessed a supported NICE-approved product



### Experience of the clinical pathways (ambition: 80% positive)

94% positive



"I feel that I am valued in a small way and I have a voice"

281 of 300 surveyed patients from Core20PLUS populations have reported a positive experience

## Data quality

### Completeness of the dataset (ambition: 100%)

79% of records present and complete

Of the templates received for the latest central data collection, 2,830 of an expected 3,591 records are complete

# Sustainable delivery on healthcare inequalities

A key objective of InHIP was to improve the skills, learning and capabilities of ICBs to sustainably take work forward on a larger scale

A survey of 38 ICBs with 39 InHIP projects found –

- **23** projects will continue beyond the NHSE funded wave of the programme
- **7** ICBs have been successful in securing additional funding worth £1.7m\*
- **2** projects have pending requests for additional funding worth £450K
- **5** projects are awaiting the outcome of requests for funding (amounts unspecified)
- **16** ICBs have confirmed that the best practice approaches and learning identified from InHIP will be rolled out more widely and applied to other programmes of work locally

*\*This total is subject to change as several projects have funding requests pending and have not yet specified the amounts requested*



# Portfolio Delivery Overview

Delivery against AAC priorities has continued, alongside scoping the next set of programmes and actions

	 Research		 Demand signalling & horizon scanning		 Uptake of proven innovation		 Building innovation capacity		 Innovator support		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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registrations on BPoR pass the 400,000 mark, with approximately 90% via the NHS App.</li> <li>1,000 studies have gone through National Contract Value Review (NCVR) process to date.</li> <li>NCVR programme for primary care launched, and over 100 primary care practices have signed up</li> <li>Developing guidance to support NHS to maximise financial benefits of research (commitment under the O'Shaughnessy review).</li> <li>Research Engagement Network (REN) £7.2M programme in delivery phase.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rapid Research Needs Assessment (RRNA) for Alzheimer's Disease Modifying Treatments complete and result being finalised.</li> <li>Research Needs Prioritisation phase 1 completed, pending move into phase 2</li> <li>Implementation of the core dataset into the NHS Innovation Service, with supporting analysis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>42 successful HTAAF bids notified. MOUs in place. Funding transferred and delivery progressing..</li> <li>InHIP - 39/40 projects underway across ICSs with the majority entering the evaluation phase.</li> <li>InHIP – sustainability survey identified 23 ICSs will continue and / or extend current projects with £1.7M funding secured.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Patient Entrepreneur Programme (PEP) launched with 40 applications, resulting in 12 applications being supported during 2024/25.</li> <li>Clinical Entrepreneur Programme (CEP) 'Big Pitch' event held on 6 March, with over 600 attendees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The NHS Innovation Service is now supporting over 500 innovators, with 300 new innovations added and passing through Needs Assessment in 2023/24.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PPI involvement across various programme areas, including REN, HS/DS, CEP and PEP.</li> <li>Data Harmonisation project Discovery Phases 1 and 2 completed. Initial options appraisal delivered.</li> </ul>						
Next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued implementation of NCVR –exploring the transition of stage 2 elements to Business as Usual. (BAU).</li> <li>Identify key challenges facing the NHS workforce around research, identify opportunities for WTE to help address the challenges and agree next steps</li> <li>Complete development of guidance to support NHS maximise financial benefits of research.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced Horizon Scanning, Demand Signalling and Innovation Business Development capability to support the NHS in development.</li> <li>Improved data for Horizon Scanning and Demand Signalling for MedTech will enable the NHS identify new technologies with the highest impact on productivity and efficiency.</li> <li>Developing proactive scanning capability.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete evaluation of InHIP projects during Q1 24/25.</li> <li>Finalisation of the Medicines programme of work in FY24/25, potential areas of work currently include migraine, MASH, obesity and scoping/design support for VPAG deliverables.</li> <li>Ongoing programme management of HTAAF, including supporting evaluation and HMT reporting.</li> <li>Developing and delivering a policy on Digital Health Therapeutics.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate and then support successful Patient Entrepreneur Programme (PEP) applications.</li> <li>Continue to support Clinical Entrepreneurs Programme (CEP) – Cohort 8.</li> <li>Implementing refreshed Health Innovation Network oversight and assurance approach.</li> <li>Agreeing approach for Innovation Adoption Champions programme delivery.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued innovator 'acquisition' through national channels (primarily events, including Digital Health ReWired, HETT, ConfedExpo) and international (via DBIT and Expos).</li> <li>Enhanced search functionality within NHS Innovation Service launches, alongside enhanced multi-factor authentication.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data Harmonisation Phase 3 in delivery (including standards setting and maturity assessment).</li> </ul>						