

UK Health Data Research Alliance



Dear Alliance Members

Happy New Year! I hope you had some time to relax and unwind after the challenges of 2022, and you're feeling refreshed and ready to take on 2023! To those in essential services who spent the festive period working, thank you.

The start of the new year sees the launch of our new Alliance community bulletin. These bulletins will be shared with all Alliance members and will include news about Alliance related activities, opportunities and events, and relevant news from the wider health data ecosystem. There will also be an opportunity for member organisations to share their news, with the Alliance community (see details at the bottom of the page). We hope you find it useful and please share your suggestions.

So without further ado here's the January edition of the Alliance community bulletin.....

News from the [UK Health Data Research Alliance](#)

Alliance members secure funding for data harmonisation as part of Europe-wide initiative

In October 2022, the European Health Data & Evidence Network held its seventh and final open call for Data Partners in collaboration with HDR UK and the Alliance. We are delighted to announce five successful UK applicants.

>> [Read news announcement](#)

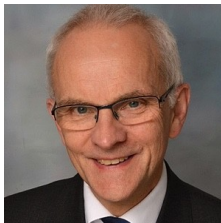
Record number of applications to Black internship programme - secure your opportunity to be a host organisation



661 applications have been received from potential interns and the window of opportunity to become a host organisation closes soon.

If you would like to register your interest in becoming a host organisation, please [complete the pledge form](#). Forms must be submitted by **16 January 2023**.

This year's Black Internship Programme internships will run from **3 July - 25 August 2023**. >> [Find out more](#)



Congratulations to Professor David Crossman who was awarded a CBE for services to Public Health in Scotland in the UK's New Years Honours list. Professor Crossman is Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of St Andrews, and between 2017 and 2022 served as Chief Scientist (Health) for the Scottish Government.

>> [See the full New Years Honours list here](#)

In other news

What's been happening across the ecosystem....

NHS England Data for R&D programme - investing in the future of health research: secure, accessible and life saving

This blog by Dr Claire Bloomfield looks at the recent progress towards delivering the Data saves lives strategy through investment in sub-national Secure Data Environments.

>> [Read the full blog post here](#)

Guidance to enable better public benefit evaluations when data is to be used in planning, research and innovation

The National Data Guardian has published new guidance to help organisations carry out better public benefit evaluations when they are planning to use, or allow access to, data collected during the delivery of care for planning, research, and innovation projects.

>> [Read full press release](#)

Report recommends establishing Northern Ireland's first public panel on data use

A report from a pilot initiative recently published has recommended establishing a public panel to consider how data is used in research, innovation and decision-making in

Northern Ireland, dedicated to considering questions from their unique national contexts, and comparatively across international perspectives.

>> [Read full news article](#)

How the ICO enforces: a new strategic approach to regulatory action

>> [John Edwards' keynote speech at the National Association of Data Protection Officers \(NADPO\) annual conference, delivered on 22 November 2022](#)

Upcoming events

18th Jan (1-2pm) - Diversity in Data working group [learn more](#)

26th Jan (1-3pm) - Alliance Board Meeting [see past board meeting minutes here](#)

Sign up for free to our upcoming Health Information Engineering workshop

This three-day expert-led workshop allows you to discover and use the latest Health Information Engineering tools. Attendees of the workshop will gain experience managing data and get to grips with relevant software engineering techniques. A limited number of free tickets have been set aside for Alliance members so contact us now at learn@hdruk.ac.uk to secure your place. View the agenda and timetable on our [website](#).

Thank you for reading!

If you have any news or updates from across your organisation, that you'd like us to share with other Alliance Members please send details to ukalliance@hdruk.ac.uk and we will look to include this in the next community bulletin.

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