

UK Health Data Research Alliance



Dear Alliance Member

July is the month for celebrations! Firstly, we are delighted to welcome 10 new organisations to the Alliance community which takes us to 86 members! The NHS has also reached a key milestone, and on 5th July 2023 celebrated its 75th Birthday. We would like to take this opportunity to thank NHS workers for your continued service.

This month we also share outputs from the recent Diversity in Data working group meeting, updates on the HDR UK dementia/brain health collaboration, and reflections from NHS England on the Data Saves Lives strategy. Plus much more.

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

UK Health Data Research Alliance diversifies its membership to enhance innovation and gain insights.

This month we were delighted to welcome the following organisations to the Alliance:

- [Association of Medical Research Charities](#)
- [BioIndustry Association \(BIA\)](#)
- [Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry \(ABPI\)](#)
- [Dementia Platform UK \(DPUK\)](#)
- [IBD Registry Ltd](#)
- [Optimum Patient Care](#)
- [Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust](#)

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Outputs from the Diversity in Data working group meeting

The interactive discussions across the series of ethnicity coding standards working group sessions have demonstrated a broad interest in improving the collection of data on ethnicity. Most participants recognised that high quality data collection can benefit people through data-driven research, innovation, and policy decisions. A report highlighting the main discussion points from the fourth meeting can be [viewed here](#).

As the NHS turns 75, and Genomics England 10, a data driven golden age for health is possible

As the NHS marks its 75th anniversary, and [Genomics England](#) turns 10, [Professor Tim Hubbard](#) explores how the convergence of genomics, medicine, research and infrastructure is framing a data driven future for healthcare.

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Data Saves Lives – one year on

June 2023 marked one year on from the publication of the [Data saves lives strategy](#) and this blog post written by [Ming Tang](#) and [Louise Greenrod](#) of NHS England reflect on the progress made so far, and the priorities for the year ahead.

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In other news

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

Health Data Research UK responds to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) Data access policy consultation

The DHSC published their [draft data access policy update](#) in May 2023, opening a period of consultation (now closed) to gather feedback to inform the final version and longer-term priorities and actions for data access policy. [David Seymour](#), Director of Infrastructure and Services at HDR UK highlights a number of key areas of feedback in [this recent article](#).

New collaboration tackling dementia research challenges through health data and AI

It is estimated that more than 55 million people are currently living with dementia around the world, a number expected to grow rapidly.

Launched on 29th June 2023, the NEURii collaboration aims to translate healthcare data and digital sciences into projects that can enhance the quality of life of people living with dementia and contribute to a national data infrastructure in the UK.

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Renowned sociologist and Black Voices Quintet inspire 2023 cohort at Black Internship Programme Opening Ceremony.



The 2023 [Black Internship Programme](#) launched on 21st June 2023 with the opening ceremony held at Birmingham City University. This year's cohort heard from a series of inspirational figures from the world of science, including Professor [Jason Arday](#), who talk about pursuing your passions, challenging convention, and striving for excellence.

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Upcoming Events

04.09.23 – UK TRE Community September Meeting

The UK TRE community is thrilled to announce what is hoped to be the UK's largest in-person meeting on Trusted Research Environments (TREs) to be held in Swansea on Monday 4th September 2023. The day will bring together stakeholders from all sectors and disciplines to discuss the current state of TREs, look at existing barriers, and define the future provision of TREs in the UK.

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18.10.23 – TechBio UK: Data-driven discovery

Working at the interface between biotechnology and technology – [TechBio companies](#) combine cutting-edge techniques to draw insights from a wealth of data - informing and transforming drug discovery and R&D challenges more widely in bio-, agri- and industrial technologies.

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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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