

UK Health Data Research Alliance



Dear Alliance Member

Welcome to the latest edition of the Alliance community bulletin. Here we provide a selection of news from the Alliance and key updates from across the health data ecosystem. For more information or to be featured in the news, contact us anytime at ukalliance@hdruk.ac.uk.

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

UK Health Data Research Alliance welcomes two new members

Last month we were extremely pleased to welcome two new members to the Alliance;

[Grampian Data Safe Haven](#) – a secure, virtual trusted research environment (TRE) established by the University of Aberdeen and NHS Grampian to allow for the linking of health data for the Grampian and Scottish population.

[Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#) – an NHS foundation trust providing acute hospital services from two large district general hospitals, Cheltenham General Hospital and Gloucestershire Royal Hospital.

[>> Read full announcement](#)

New governance for the UK Health Data Research Alliance

Following both a full review of the Alliance governance by the Secretariat and an extensive consultation with Alliance members and partners, the Board approved the key changes, detailed [here](#).

The first Alliance Council meeting will take place online on 28 April 13:00 - 15:00.



Blog: How well is information on data access processes shared with the public? Introducing standards to inform good practice.

In this blog, Alan Holcroft, a member of [HDR UK's Public Advisory Board \(PAB\)](#), presents an analysis around how well data access processes are described and introduces a set of standards aimed at promoting clear communication of data access processes with members of the public. [Read blog here](#)

In other news

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

The Health Research Authority Shared Commitment First Anniversary

To mark one year from launch of the Shared Commitment to improve public involvement in health and social care, the HRA shares stories about the work done since the launch.

>> [Read more here](#)

AnalystX Observatory state of the nation survey 2023

The NHS England AnalystX Observatory in collaboration with the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities launched a survey to quantify and understand the data professional landscape within health and care organisations. More information here.

>> [Read more](#)

Standardised Architecture for Trusted Research Environments (SATRE)

SATRE, a project funded by [DARE UK](#), are building a reference TRE architecture, and accompanying implementation, to bridge gaps between current TRE provision and a more standardised approach to running, deploying and managing TREs.

Please fill in the [SATRE project contact form](#) if you want to be involved.

>> [Find out more about SATRE Project](#)

>> [Find out more about other DARE UK Driver Projects](#)

Funding opportunity: operationalising scaled production and sharing of synthetic data

Applications are now open, to apply for funding to evaluate the use of low-fidelity synthetic versions of datasets held securely within: UK Data Service, Office for National Statistics (ONS) Secure Research Service and other trusted research environments/Secure Data Environments (TREs/SDEs). **Applications close on 9 May 2023 4:00pm UK time.**

>> [Read more & apply](#)



Upcoming events

- **29 March (13:30 to 17:00) - The Research Software Engineers Trusted Research Environment (RSE TRE) community meeting - [Register here](#)**
- **25 April (10:00 to 16:30) - ECR workshop: Data Management in Mental Health Research** This DATAMIND and MQ Workshop provides a forum for early career researchers in the mental health data science community to come together and explore innovative data science approaches in the field. **[Find out more & register](#)**
- **27 April (10:00 to 11:30) - [Improving Access to Linked Data for Research](#)** This workshop will convene key stakeholders to address current barriers to linking consented data with routinely collected health data without undermining trust, accuracy, and collaboration. **[Find out more & register](#)**
- **24 May (10:00 to 16:00) - [Diversity in Data - Ethnicity coding working group](#)** This **in-person workshop** will be held at the College Court Conference Centre in Leicester. The purpose of this meeting is for us to share the overall outputs from this series of workshops and agree on a final set of recommendations. There will be presentations from individuals who have conducted their own research in this specialist field. **[Find out more & register](#)**

Reminder: [HDR UK Futures](#) are running three great events in April, which are **FREE for Alliance member to attend. Click on the links to find out more.**

- **[Health Information Engineering Workshop 2023](#) - 3 April, 27 & 28 April, 5 May**
- **[Data Engineering for Health Research Workshop](#) - 3 & 24 April**
- **[Introduction to R Workshop](#) - 20 & 27 April**

Contact us now at learn@hdrug.ac.uk to secure your place.

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@hdrug.ac.uk and we will look to include this in the next community bulletin.

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