

UK Health Data Research Alliance



Dear Alliance Member

This month, we explore reactions to the news that NHS England has awarded its Federated Data Platform (FDP) contract, including a joint-blog from several Alliance members. Additionally, we share updates on numerous funding opportunities available within the Alliance and the wider ecosystem.

We're also celebrating remarkable milestones, including Our Future Health's achievement of reaching one million volunteers and the launch of the Health Data Science Black Internship Programme for 2024.

As always, there are many great upcoming webinars and conferences that we encourage you to register for and share.

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

Reaction to news that NHS England has awarded £480m Federated Data Platform (FDP) contract to Palantir

Health data science experts have shared their [reactions](#) to the news that NHS England has awarded its £480m Federated Data Platform contract to data analytics giant Palantir, alongside joint bidders Accenture. Meanwhile, the AMRC, National Voices, National Data Guardian, and Understanding Patient Data have jointly published a [blog](#) addressing public concerns on the matter.

[>>Read the NHS England announcement](#)

[>>Read the AMRC response](#)

[>>Read the HDR UK response](#)

19 Alliance members awarded funding to improve transparency of Health Data Access processes for researchers and public

The 19 projects awarded will implement the Alliance Transparency Standards, which were co-developed by the Pan-UK Data Governance Steering Group and HDR UK's

Public Advisory Board (PAB)

[>> Find out more about the award and projects](#)

DataLoch further extends research and service development opportunities.

The DataLoch team has added valuable new data, and expanded the DataLoch Respiratory Registry to increase novel research possibilities. Beyond hosting data, the DataLoch team improves data quality to speed up research.

[>>Discover how DataLoch supports research and development](#)

Our Future Health- 1 million volunteers join UK's largest health research programme

Our Future Health, the UK's largest health research programme is celebrating its one millionth volunteer, which brings the organisation closer to its goal of reaching 5 million volunteers.

[>>Learn more](#)

In other news

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

tech UK and HDR UK hold joint roundtable on the use of OMOP CDM in SDEs

Senior stakeholders convened by tech UK and HDR UK explored the use of OMOP CDM during a joint roundtable.

[>>Read the report of the joint roundtable](#)

ICO opens consultation on the draft transparency in health and social care guidance

This Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) is producing guidance on transparency in the health and social care sector. The draft of this guidance is now published for public consultation. The consultation will close on 7 January 2024.

[>> Learn more about this consultation](#)

Call for host organisations in launch of 2024 Black Internship programme

The Health Data Science Black Internship Programme for 2024 is now open to applicants from across the UK who are interested in learning about health data science and careers available to them.

[>>Learn more about being a host organisation here or contact the team at \[blackinternprog@hdruk.ac.uk\]\(mailto:blackinternprog@hdruk.ac.uk\)](#)

DARE UK announces funding and launch of four community groups

DARE UK welcomes four dynamic community groups funded to deliver diverse projects spanning public engagement, community management, AI risk evaluation, and automated output checking between November 2023 and March 2024.

[>>Read more about the community groups funded](#)

Upcoming Events

Introduction to R for health data research

This three-part workshop will provide a complete introduction for anyone looking to get started in R in a health data setting. Alliance members receive 50% discount using the code ALLIANCE_HDRUK23. [>>Register here](#)

Cancer Research UK: Maximising the impact of data webinar series

Join Cancer Research UK at 1-2pm on Monday, 27 November for Maximising the impact of data webinar series. The webinar will be covering how to ensure your data is findable, accessible, interoperable and reproducible (FAIR). [>>Register here](#)

27th-28th February-Data Driven Cancer Driver Research

Cancer Research UK is launching an inaugural data-driven cancer research conference, which aims to celebrate the potential of cancer research data to drive discovery and innovation. [>>Register here](#)

5 - 6 March 2024, Health Data Research UK Conference 2024: The Grand Challenges in Health Data.

Join us at this free two-day hybrid event to celebrate the latest advances in health data science that are improving people's lives.

5 - 6th March 2024, Royal Armouries Museum, Leeds, from 09:15 - 16:30.

[>>Register here](#)

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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