

UK Health Data Research Alliance



Dear Alliance Member

As we enter the final quarter of 2023, a lot has been happening within the Alliance and across the wider ecosystem.

We were delighted to welcome seven new members at the recent Alliance Council Meeting and below we link to the new member announcement. You can also read more about the recently published standardised Data Access Agreements (DAA) by the Pan-UK Data Governance Steering Group. Finally, there are lots of great workshops coming up in November so make sure you register!

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

UK Health Data Research Alliance welcomes patient and public groups to its membership

This month, the UK Health Data Research Alliance welcomes seven new members and for the first time, two patient and public representative bodies.

The new members are: Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, NHS Education for Scotland, The Generation Study (ICR), Understanding Patient Data (UPD), University Hospitals Southampton NHS Foundation Trust, University of Sheffield and use MY data.

Our recent news announcement provides more information about the work of each of these member organisations.

>> [New Member Announcement](#)

Innovation through collaboration: Standout moments from the Digital Innovation Hub Programme 2018-2023

The Digital Innovation Hub (DIH) Programme has reshaped the health data research landscape and created lasting impact. In this post, we hear the reflections

and memorable moments from two key figures, Kay Snowley and David Seymour, who played a crucial role in the DIH Programme's success.

>> [Read full article](#)

Towards a standardised cross-sectoral data access agreement template for research: a core set of principles for data access within trusted research environments

The Pan-UK Data Governance Steering Group, a sub-group of the UK Health Data Research Alliance, led the development of a core set of data access principles to underpin a standardised template Data Access Agreement (DAA) optimised for data science in TREs and based around the Five Safes framework. These principles are now published in the International Journal of Population Data Science (IJPDS)

>> [Read full article](#)

DATAMIND Data Literacy Short Course

McPin and DATAMIND, with the help of the DATAMIND Super Research Advisory Group have created this short course to help people understand how the NHS uses and stores healthcare data. This course is for anyone interested in data, particularly those who have used NHS services and wish to learn how their health data is stored and used.

>> [Learn more](#)

In other news

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

Ada Lovelace Institute: Access denied?

In this report, the Ada Lovelace Institute explore how people who have lived experience of poverty and ongoing health concerns are impacted by health inequalities when interacting with patient-facing digital health services. This study uncovers gaps that need to be bridged if healthcare policy and practice in the UK are to provide benefits for everyone.

>> [Read article](#)

Using NHS data to improve healthcare

Professor Sir Chris Whitty has written an article about how using data effectively and safely can improve patient care and bolster research. Professor Whitty highlights three purposes of data, which if done properly, can improve healthcare now or in the future. 1) Sharing of data across the NHS network 2) Improve the effectiveness of the NHS 3) Collate data for medical research.

>> [Read more here](#)

AMRC publishes Life Sciences Manifesto and Election Hub

AMRC recently published a manifesto that calls for strong government support for life sciences to tackle the UK's health crisis. It provides a framework for the next government, to accelerate access to innovation, improve health outcomes for everyone, reduce the burden on the NHS and cement the UK's position as a world-leader in R&D.

>> [Read the Manifesto](#)

NHS DigiTrials recruitment service pilot opportunities

Do you have an upcoming clinical trial for which you need support in recruiting volunteers? This could be your opportunity to access individuals suitable for your trial using routine datasets held by NHS England. There are four pilot slots available. Complete an [expression of interest form](#) by **31 October 2023**.

>> [Find out more](#)

Upcoming Events

30.10.23 (11:45 - 12:30) Digital Health AI & Data Conference

Delve into case studies that reveal the collaboration between different data platforms and research initiatives and the NHS.

>> [Register here](#)

27.11.23 (09:30 - 13:00) Introduction to R for Health Data Research Workshop

This virtual three-day workshop, taking place 27 - 29 November at 9:30 – 13:00, will provide a complete introduction for anyone looking to get started in R in a health data setting. Use code **ALLIANCE_HDRUK23** for 50% off your three-day ticket.

>> For more information and to register, visit the [Eventbrite page](#).

08.11.23 (13:00 - 14:30) The Alliance - OMOP Special Interest Group Meeting

This second OMOP Common Data Model special interest group meeting will be co-chaired by [Daniel Prieto-Alhambra](#) and [Geoff Hall](#).

>> For more information and to register, visit the [Eventbrite page](#).

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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