

# UK Health Data Research Alliance



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**Dear Alliance Member**

This month, we celebrate 5 years of the Digital Innovation Hubs (DIH) programme of which the Alliance was a key component. As we reach this final milestone, we look back on its impact across the health data research landscape. We share details on a number of funding calls which have recently been announced so make sure you check them out. We also have the Alliance Data Officer Group meeting coming up, and the quarterly Alliance Council meeting. Please get in touch if you would like to attend.

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

**A final milestone for the Digital Innovation Hub (DIH) Programme.**



In 2018 HDR UK set out on a journey to unite the UK's health data for public good. 5 years later, the Digital Innovation Hub (DIH) Programme has reshaped the health data research landscape, through the Alliance, the Innovation Gateway and the Health Data Research Hubs.

Read about its lasting legacy and setting a long-term vision for the future.

>> [Read full article](#)

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**Funding opportunity: improving transparency in health data access processes for research.**

Last month, we published the Alliance [Transparency Standards](#) which aim to improve transparency of processes for accessing health data for research. We're

pleased to announce that we are offering up to £15,000 to support data custodians in adopting these Standards. **Application deadline: Monday, 2 October 2023 (17:00).**

>> [Learn more](#)

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### Principles for analysis and use of health data by ABPI members.

ABPI recently published a new easy to read handbook for the Principles for analysis and use of health data, by ABPI members, which were published in 2022. The handbook sets out the principles ABPI members will adhere to when analysing and using NHS health data. These will complement the governance processes established by the data custodians

>> [Read Principles handbook](#)

>> [Read accompanying blog](#)

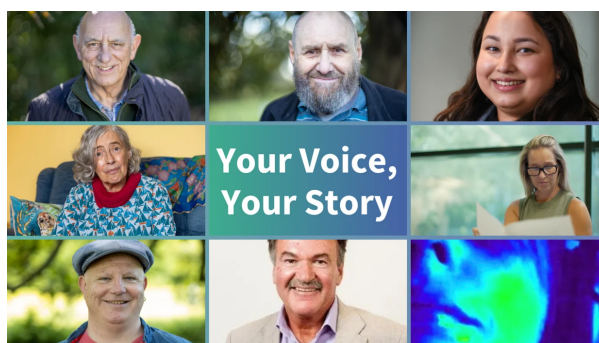
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### In other news

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

#### Celebrating the launch of HDR UK Stories.

HDR UK Stories is a campaign that was developed in response to public engagement strategy feedback, where we were asked to start sharing the stories of the people behind health data research.



This campaign aims to spread the word about [HDR UK Voices](#), inform the public about why involvement matters, and make the public aware of health data research.

>> [Learn more about HDR UK Stories](#)

>> [Browse HDR UK Stories on our YouTube playlist](#)

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#### Funding opportunity: DARE UK invites applications for funding from new and existing community groups.

With support from UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), DARE UK (Data and Analytics Research Environments UK) has launched an exciting new funding opportunity for new and existing DARE UK community groups working to advance sensitive data research in the UK. **Applications deadline: Thursday, 28 September 2023 (18:00).**

>> [Read more and apply](#)

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#### University of Sheffield explore regional variation in acute admissions

[Sue Mason](#), Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University led a driver use case exploring variations in acute hospital admissions, as part of the [Regional Linked Health Data Programme](#).

>> [Read full report and recommendations](#)

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## Funding opportunity from UKRI: Evaluating the benefits, costs and utility of synthetic data

Funding is available for three projects to explore benefits, costs and utility of low-fidelity synthetic data from the perspective of researchers, data managers or the public. **Applications deadline: Thursday, 26 October 2023 (16:00)**

>> [Find out more](#)

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## Researchers! Tell us your data discovery needs!

This survey is aimed at researchers currently using or interested in using health-related datasets for their work. HDR UK Technology Team would like to know what matters most to researchers when searching for datasets to use in their research. Feedback will be used to prioritise feature and service developments for the [HDR UK Innovation Gateway](#).

>> [Share your thoughts in our quick survey](#)

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## Upcoming Events

### 28.09.23 (13:00 - 14:30) Alliance Data Officer Group meeting

In this meeting we'll provide updates on items relating to data quality, data standards, provenance, ontology / terminology, federation and interoperability, and also discuss challenges and opportunity for better use of data of relevance to our data partners, community and ecosystem. We encourage Data Officers from your organisations to attend. Email [ukalliance@hdruk.ac.uk](mailto:ukalliance@hdruk.ac.uk) to join.

### 10.10.23 (10:00-12:00) Alliance Council Meeting

Senior representatives from all Alliance Member organisations meet on a quarterly basis to share developments across the landscape, discuss best practice in data use and evaluate outputs produced by current Alliance working groups. Email [ukalliance@hdruk.ac.uk](mailto:ukalliance@hdruk.ac.uk) to join.

### 18.10.23 (13:00-16:00) Health Inequalities and Diversity in Health Data Science

In this insights sharing webinar, [HDR UK Midlands](#) will lead discussions on key topics such as: Using big data to explore health inequalities, enabling datasets which are fit for purpose, tackling bias in genomic data, plus much more!

>> [Find out more and register](#)

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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](mailto:ukalliance@hdruk.ac.uk) and we will look to include this in the next community bulletin.

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