

UK Health Data Research Alliance



Dear Alliance Member

Happy New Year to all our Alliance members, as we embark on another year of shared growth and success.

In this first community bulletin of 2024, we share the latest news from the Alliance including the announcement of seven new members, outputs from the Alliance/PEDRI (Public Engagement in Data Research Initiative) meeting and details of two funding opportunities from Research Data Scotland and the BHF Data Science Centre. Plus, there are lots of fantastic events coming up and further opportunities for collaboration.

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

UK Health Data Research Alliance welcomes 7 new Alliance Members

This month, the UK Health Data Research Alliance welcomes seven new members.

The new members are: Association of British HealthTech Industries (ABHI), techUK, Centre for Longitudinal Studies (CLS), Action Against Age-related Macular Degeneration (AAAMD), Administrative Data Research UK (ADR UK), MRC Regulatory Support Centre and The Professional Records Standards Body (PRSB).

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

>> [Read news announcement](#)

Round up from the inaugural PEDRI-Alliance Working Group Meeting

This newly-formed Public Involvement and Engagement working group, convened by the Alliance in partnership with PEDRI (Public Engagement in Data Research Initiative) met to discuss key considerations regarding the adoption of standards for public involvement and engagement in the context of data science.

>> [Read workshop report](#)

>> [To suggest topics for future meetings, complete this short survey.](#)

Genomics England map NHS cancer records to a common data model

In this article the team at Genomics England describe their journey with it, their plans to make it widely available, and the difference it will make for cancer researcher.

>> [Read more](#)

>> [GitHub - Public OMOP Mapping from Genomics England](#)

Research Data Scotland: New grant funding announced to support research in the public benefit

Research Data Scotland (RDS) have recently launched the Accelerator Awards - a £50,000 grant fund for non-commercial organisations to deliver research projects through the [Researcher Access Service](#).

>> [Read more](#)

GOSH collaborating in pioneering PHEMS project to revolutionise use of health data across Europe

This project aims to enhance healthcare for children while ensuring patient's rights and data privacy remain protected.

>> [Read more](#)

In other news

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

Consultation on Medical Research Council draft strategy for public partnerships

The Medical Research Council (MRC) is asking for your thoughts and feedback on how they work in partnership to shape and share research. This new draft strategy outlines the organisation's ambitions for creating effective collaboration and genuine partnerships. **The consultation closes on 29 January 2024**

>> [Read more](#)

>> [MRC Consultation on draft strategy for public partnerships](#)

COVID-19 funding opportunity launched by the BHF Data Science Centre

The BHF Data Science Centre has today launched a £50,000 rapid grant funding call to advance data-led research in cardiovascular disease, stroke, and the interaction with COVID-19, as part of the Stroke Data Science Catalyst, in partnership with Stroke Association.

>> [Find out more](#)

First whole UK population study reveals impact of COVID-19 under-vaccination

The first UK-wide study of 67 million people reveals gaps in COVID-19 vaccine uptake. Led by HDR UK and the University of Edinburgh, this groundbreaking research highlights the value of whole-population studies in COVID-19 research and to address other diseases in future.

>> [Learn more](#)

Upcoming Events

30.01.24 (13:30 - 15:00) Alliance Data Officers Group meeting

Topics covered in this meeting will include data curation, the GA4GH Beacon v2 standard, and the new HDR UK Driver Programmes Data Design Authority.

>> Email ukalliance@hdrug.ac.uk to join

06.02.24 (14:00 - 15:00) Data Access and Discovery webinar

Join us for the first Data Access and Discovery webinar of 2024 as we explore some of the data services and expertise on offer from two health data research hubs:

[Alleviate](#) and [DATAMIND](#).

>> [Register here](#)

08.02.24 (13:30 - 15:00) PEDRI-Alliance Working Group Meeting

This second meeting, aims to provide an opportunity to discuss public involvement and engagement (PIE) priorities of Alliance members, explore ways to reduce complexities and drive adoption of best practice in PIE, and gain insight into PEDRI's strategic objectives.

>> [Register here](#)

09.02.24 (14:00 - 16:00) Alliance OMOP Special Interest Group Meeting #3

Outcomes of last year's OHDSI UK Study-a-thon will be discussed. Along with presentations covering the results of studies on the use of fluoroquinolones and rectopexy, and the experience of data partners participating in the event.

>> [Register here](#)

21.02.24 & 22.02.24 HDR UK x Hardian Health: Bringing Software as a Medical Device to Market

The aim of this two-day in-person workshop is to equip early-stage innovators with the confidence and knowledge needed for proper healthtech market entry, including strategic decision-making, streamlined regulatory processes, robust clinical and economic evidence, and intellectual property protection. **A limited number of tickets are available to Alliance Members at 50% off.**

>> [Find out more](#)

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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