

# NHS Innovation Accelerator

The NHS Innovation Accelerator (NIA) aims to help create conditions and cultural change to enable proven innovations to be adopted faster and more systematically, delivering practical examples for patient and population benefit. 17 Fellows in the NIA's first year cohort received support to scale innovations across the NHS.



## Overcoming barriers

### NHS financial environment

#### Solutions:

- Diversification strategy
- Cross-subsidise business through other revenue streams
- Further marketing at specific target audiences
- Reduce sales price



### Capacity and capability constraints

#### Solutions:

- 'Land and expand': engage individual clinicians in small pilots which address immediate needs, to spark appetite for wider scaling
- Bring in specialist IT support to address compatibility and information governance (IG) concerns



### Identifying and involving patients

#### Solutions:

- Present digital solutions as one - of many - channels
- Engage via patient advocates and patient networks



### Navigating NHS commissioning

#### Solutions:

- Diversification strategy
- Focus on most promising activities
- Model benefits that are prioritised by commissioners
- Build data capture and analytics into your innovation



## Users' views



*'A lady [...] signed up to JDR, was matched to a trial, and three days later was down in London getting a very exciting experimental drug.'*

Clinician, Join Dementia Research (JDR)



*'...it's excellent for facilitating patient/clinician interaction making it more efficient and less stressful for both parties.'*

Clinician, OWise



*'...before we had this app we were in the wilderness, no control.'*

Patient, myCOPD



*'...my liver has repaired. It has changed my life.'*

Patient, Scarred Liver Pathway



*'...it has completely revolutionised my life...'*

Patient, AliveCor Kardia mobile ECG



## NIA in numbers

### First year cohort by May 2017...

469

additional NHS providers and purchasers using NIA innovations

£28.4m

additional funding secured for NIA innovations

29

new contracts secured

45

full-time equivalent jobs created

8

papers published

31

research trials underway

This infographic presents the findings of an evaluation of the NHS Innovation Accelerator, conducted by the Institute for Employment Studies, York Health Economics Consortium and the University of Liverpool Department of Health Sciences. The evaluation was funded by The Health Foundation and covered the first cohort of the NIA (launched in July 2015), which was funded by NHS England, the Health Foundation and five Academic Health Science Networks. The core NIA programme is hosted at UCLPartners. The NIA is an NHS England initiative delivered in partnership with the Country's 15 Academic Health Science Networks (AHSNs).

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