

Data Science and AI: National Opportunities

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HDR UK: A new national Institute for health data science



Launched in April 2018, bringing together a UK team of experts to develop and apply cutting-edge data science approaches to clinical, biological, genomic and other multi-dimensional health data to address the most pressing health research challenges facing the public.

Our mission is to make game-changing improvements in the health of patients and populations through data intensive research and innovation.



Professor Andrew Morris CBE FRSE FMedSci
Director Health Data Research UK

We have 10 public and charitable funders:



Innovate UK

Why now? Complex environment

Establishing processes for large-scale health outcome phenotyping



Interoperability: to work across systems with no additional effort

A unique partnership

Our initial investment supports six Sites. Each has world-class expertise; a track record in using health data to derive new knowledge, scientific discovery and insight; and works in close partnership with NHS bodies, industry and the public to translate research findings into benefits for patients and populations.



1. Wales and Northern Ireland (Swansea and Queen's University Belfast)

2. Midlands (Birmingham, Leicester, Nottingham, Warwick)

3. Scotland (Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Strathclyde, St Andrews)

4. London (Imperial, Kings, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Queen Mary, UCL)

5. Oxford

6. Cambridge (EBI, Sanger, Cambridge University)



OXFORD



SCOTLAND



CAMBRIDGE



WALES



LONDON



MIDLANDS

“Breathing the Same Air”

Health Data Research (HDR) UK's vision

To create a thriving, high-energy UK-wide network of **inter-disciplinary research expertise** that will:

- Disrupt traditional science by enabling **new scientific discovery** from large multi-dimensional datasets
- Apply **cutting-edge technologies** to enhance **science, innovation and decision making**
- Improve healthcare for a **population of 65 million people**



The Alan Turing Institute

- “We will found The Alan Turing Institute to ensure Britain leads the way again in the use of big data and algorithm research”

– George Osborne, Chancellor of the Exchequer
Budget Speech, March 2014

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EPSRC

Engineering and Physical Sciences
Research Council

Network of industry,
charity, government
partners

Network of
university
members

Strategic
government
investment

The goals of the Alan Turing Institute

Innovate and develop world-class research in data science and artificial intelligence

Apply our data science research to real-world problems, supporting the creation of new products, services and jobs

Train the next generation of data science and artificial intelligence leaders

Thought leadership: advising policy-makers and shaping the public conversation around data

The Alan Turing Institute: the national institute for AI and data-science

- Located in the British Library
- Desk space for around 250 researchers
- Bringing together the UK's leading researchers in AI and affiliated disciplines {maths, stats, CS, inf-eng}
 - **145 Faculty Fellows**
 - **19 Research Fellows**
 - **47 PhD students**
 - **30 Interns** (12 week programme)
 - **50+ Visiting Researchers** from academia, industry, govt
 - **12 Research software team**



The Turing's University partners



The University of Manchester



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS



Things are moving at a pace...

Speech

My vision for a more tech-driven NHS

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Matt Hancock's speech at NHS Expo 2018.

Published 6 September 2018

From: [Department of Health and Social Care](#) and [The Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP](#)

Delivered on: **6 September 2018** (Transcript of the speech, exactly as it was delivered)



All around us, a new generation of technology is changing all of our lives. From the mundane but useful, like the ubiquity of satnavs that stop family arguments and warn us of traffic jams, to the profound and extraordinary, like the ability of aenomics to desian druas for each individual.



Digital, Culture,
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Closed consultation Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation Consultation

Published 13 June 2018

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Ministerial Foreword

I am thrilled to launch this consultation on the new Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation.

Advances in how data is used, and the technologies that lie behind it, are transforming the world as we know it. We have already seen some fantastic progress, including how we diagnose illness, deliver public services and tackle social challenges like climate change.

The Centre will make sure our society can keep pace with these dramatic changes and maximise the benefits they bring. From helping us deal with the novel ethical issues raised by rapidly-developing technologies such as artificial intelligence, agreeing best practice around data use to identifying potential new regulations, the Centre will set out the measures needed to build trust and enable innovation in data-driven technologies. Trust underpins a strong economy, and trust in data underpins a strong digital economy.



House of Commons
Science and Technology
Committee

Algorithms in decision-making: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report

Sixth Special Report of Session
2017-19

Ordered by the House of Commons
to be printed 5 September 2018

Infrastructure investment Digital Innovation Hub Programme

A UK-wide initiative to enable the safe and responsible use of health-related data at scale for research and innovation



Part of a Broader Strategy Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund

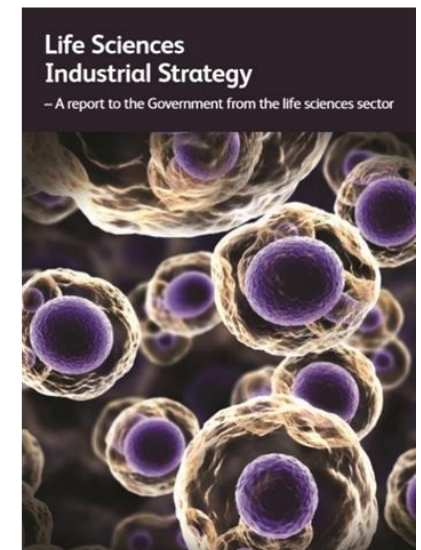
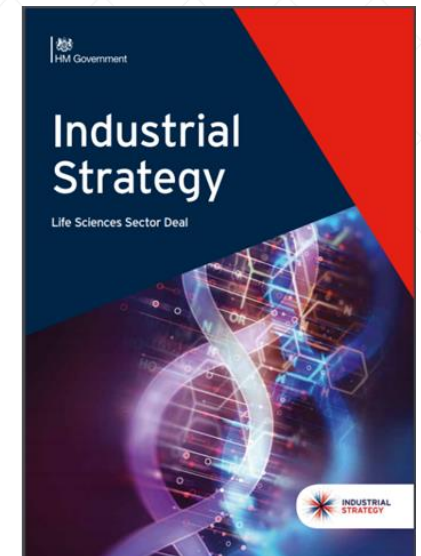
UK Research
and Innovation



Turning health data into early diagnostics and precision treatments

Three complementary strands:

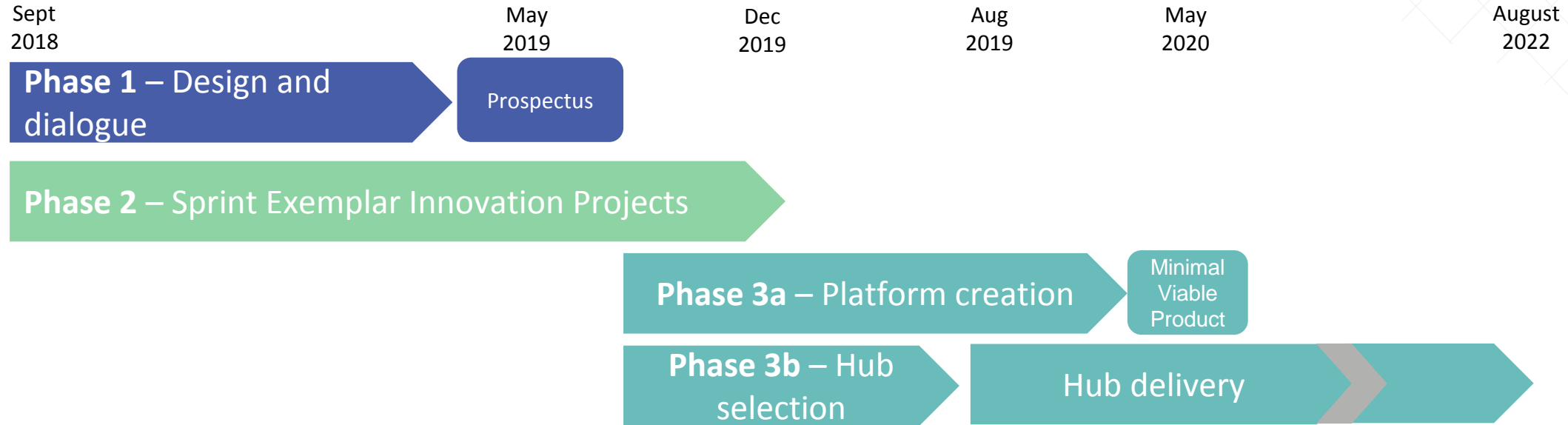
- **Genomics** - whole genome sequencing and associated informatics infrastructure, **£100m**
- **Digital Innovation Hubs** - linking routine NHS data with rich data from R&D programmes, providing analytic tools and informatics support for businesses alongside local access to integrated UK-wide data, **£38m**
- **Digital pathology, radiology/imaging and diagnosis— centres of excellence in digital pathology and radiology/imaging with AI and machine learning** and investment in CR&D to advance diagnostic tools for early diagnosis, **£72m (£50m for centres, £22m CR&D)**



30 August 2017

Current timeline

Our three phase delivery plan



Phase 1: DESIGN AND DIALOGUE PHASE September 2018-April 2019

Creating a UK Health Data Research Alliance: Prospectus to define the specification for the architecture; data and technical standards and governance frameworks required to build a UK-wide health research data platform

Phase 2: DIGITAL INNOVATION HUB PILOTS: SPRINT EXEMPLAR INNOVATION PROJECTS September 2018 - December 2019

Proof of readiness for industry uses: Delivery of approx. 6 industry relevant partnership demonstrator projects within 12 months

Phase 3: DELIVERY AND IMPLEMENTATION May 2019-June 2022

UK Health Research Data Platform Delivery: 3-5 hubs with complementary research and innovation use cases, industry partnerships and clear benefits to the health and social care system, within an interoperable, trusted and secure governance framework

Phase 2

£3M Sprint Exemplar Innovation Projects

- **Closing date 5th December**
- **Panel 14th December**
- **Build upon best practice** to develop the processes, technical solutions, knowledge and skills needed to deliver robust, secure and scalable solutions.
- Projects to demonstrate **confidence of concept** of both the functions of an interoperable infrastructure and research and innovation relevant use cases.
- Successful projects **£100k-£400k** - last approximately 6 to 10 months
- Must be delivered by **industry/academic and NHS consortia**
- Each Sprint Exemplar Innovation Project must have:
 - Close working partnerships with their regional NHS organisations
 - Advanced health data science capabilities
 - Clinical knowhow needed to deliver novel and scalable sprint projects
- This is an **open competition** judged by **independent expert panel** on behalf of the UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund

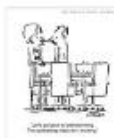
NOTE: Receipt of funding for a Sprint Exemplar Innovation Project will NOT be a requirement for future involvement in the Digital Innovation Hub delivery programme



HDRUK-Turing: helping to learn faster, fail quickly

Key opportunities for working together

- How can we **create a federated learning base at scale** across the UK?
 - Capturing real-world heterogeneity
 - Interoperable across major resources
 - Adhering to the highest levels of data governance and ethics
 - Linking medical imaging with other modalities
 - Promoting robust, reproducible, analytics
 - Faster learning, quickly failing: preempt barriers, and promote acceleration
- How can we reward collaboration?
- How can we tap into and engage with the UK talent pool of AI researchers, and SME innovation?



OPINION

Pepper...and Salt



WORLD NEWS

Science-Fiction
Writer Ursula K. Le Guin
Dies at 88



WORLD NEWS

The Internet Is Filling
Up Because Indians Are
Sending Millions of ...



Leadership can be learned.
See you in class.



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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD,
THE COCA-COLA COMPANY



LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP

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LIFE

The New Einsteins Will Be Scientists Who Share

From cancer to cosmology, researchers could race ahead by working together—online and in the open

By Michael Nielsen

October 29, 2011

