

Our aims

2017-2018



South West
Academic Health
Science Network

Working together to achieve
better health and wellbeing





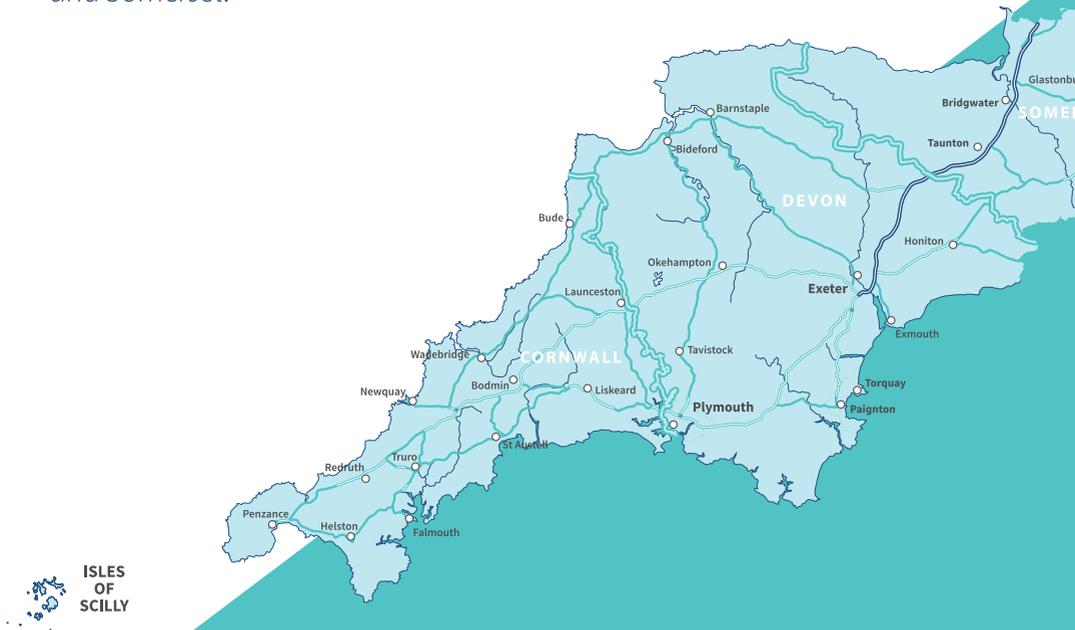
Our mission is to improve the health and patient experience of people in the South West by supporting and accelerating innovation and quality improvement

Better wellbeing

This is a summary of our three objectives for 2017-18, as set out in our business plan. We are guided by our licence objectives from NHS England, the NHS Five Year Forward View, and feedback from our members. We also link closely with the three health and care Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs) in our area to align our work with their strategic priorities.

...in the South West

The South West Academic Health Science Network (SW AHSN) is one of 15 AHSNs set up by NHS England to spread health and care innovation across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, Devon and Somerset.



The South West is a region which faces particular challenges when it comes to delivering health and care services:

- An ageing population, with 6.4 per cent of residents over the age of 80, compared to the England average of 4.8 per cent. In 20 years, this is expected to rise to 11.7 per cent.
- A largely rural and dispersed population with few major towns and cities, meaning longer travel times for patients and more costly community services.

Here are just a few ways we're planning to meet our three core objectives:

1. Assist with access to innovation

117 
Q FELLOWS TO BE SUPPORTED
across the region

6 **MARKET ACCESS CLINICS**
to be delivered 


£500k
TO BE INVESTED IN SOUTH WEST INNOVATORS including investment in **8 SW VCSE** organisations

2. Support system transformation and sustainability


DEVELOP LINKED DATASETS ACROSS THE SOUTH WEST


250 people to be trained in **SAFETY CULTURE IMPROVEMENT AWARENESS**


400 CASE STUDIES
200 REGULAR USERS
on online Models of Care portal by October 2017

80 people to be trained in **IMPROVEMENT SKILLS** across STPs

3. Contribute to the economic growth of the region


£150k
TO BE PROVIDED IN MATCHED FUNDING to support organisations and other regional projects

SUPPORT
10 
SUCCESSFUL INVESTMENTS
of £100k through SBRI

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Assist with access to innovation

What does this mean?

We will broker partnerships between innovators and health and care organisations in the South West.

What will we do?

Increase the investment available for innovators

- Through the new Health and Wellbeing Challenge Fund, invest £500k in South West innovators from the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector.
 - Find new ways of supporting people in later life as a partner in the Transform Ageing programme, supported by £3.65m from the Big Lottery Fund.
 - Work with the Small Business Research Initiative Healthcare programme to connect small businesses with NHS organisations to develop new innovations.
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Create the right conditions for innovation

- Bring industry, the NHS and other partners together at events and workshops, including 'Leadership Exchanges', and 'hackathons' on specific topics such as diabetes or patient transport.
 - Support quality improvement by creating a framework for STPs and our members, and expanding 'Q', The Health Foundation's national community of people passionate about quality improvement.
 - Deliver a national medicines optimisation project on atrial fibrillation, to improve how people use medicines to prevent strokes.
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Accelerate the number of innovations taken up in the South West

- Connect people by signposting innovators and delivering NHS Market Insight Surgeries to advise innovators about the NHS marketplace.
- Support the roll-out of innovations through the national NHS Innovation Accelerator programme.
- Promote the innovations available through the NHS England Innovation and Technology Tariff, supporting NHS organisations to adopt them where appropriate.

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Support system transformation and sustainability

What does this mean?

By analysing data held across the region and working together in different ways, we can provide a better understanding of people's needs, assess whether new models of care are effective, and improve patient safety.

What will we do?

Measure the impact of new models of care

- With our academic partners, evaluate new ways of working, and help turn learning into action through events and creating new resources.
 - Publish a practical, online toolkit for organisations to evaluate their own services.
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Host the South West Patient Safety Collaborative

- Spearhead the national safety culture strategy and deliver our own patient safety capability strategy.
- Provide training in culture and improvement skills, including Institute for Healthcare Improvement training for coaches.
- Support the South of England Mental Health Collaborative.
- Support national priority improvement programmes, such as the implementation of Emergency Department safety checklists and quality improvement in maternity units.

Produce information and data about the population

- Deliver analyses for STP priorities such as urgent care from linked datasets of information held by different organisations.
 - Following the success of a new system to share patient information in Somerset, support other areas to do the same.
 - Develop the skills and capacity of health and care staff through a new network and training events.
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Work towards sustainable models of care

- Host the South West Regional Partnership Board for Primary Care Workforce Sustainability and deliver the GP Workforce Analysis Tool, addressing the staffing crisis facing primary care.
- Develop Community Education Provider Networks (CEPNs) in each STP area to co-ordinate education, training and workforce planning in primary care.
- Create an online Models of Care Portal, a website where we can share case studies of new ideas and what works.

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Contribute to the economic growth of the region

What does this mean?

We will bring in additional investment to support the wider health and care system and innovators in the South West.

What will we do?

Support the commercial sector

- Work with Small Business Research Initiative Healthcare to make investments of £100k with ten companies.
 - Set up a South West Digital Health Fund.
 - Support the roll-out of innovations in the national NHS Innovation Accelerator programme.
 - Support small to medium-sized enterprises in Cornwall and Devon by being a partner on three projects: Healthy Ageing with Devon County Council, Smartline with the University of Exeter and E-Health Productivity and Innovation in Cornwall (EPIC) with Plymouth University.
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Support the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector

- Invest between £50k and £100k in individual voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations in the South West through the new Health and Wellbeing Challenge Fund.
 - Engage the VCSE sector to support the delivery of Transform Ageing projects across Cornwall, Devon and Somerset.
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Support regional investment

- Support bids for funding opportunities that bring additional income into the South West.
- Provide £150k of match-funding to support projects in the region.
- Host a South West Regional Strategic Group for Research, Innovation and Improvement to increase research investment in the South West.

Get in touch



The SW AHSN is a membership organisation. We welcome involvement from organisations across the health, care, industry and voluntary, community and social enterprise sectors, who provide health and care services.

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