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CAN ITS LONG-TERM FUTURE BE SECURED?

REDRESS THE BALANCE THE NORTH NEEDS INVESTMENT



To address UK inequality, to grow the North of England's economy, create jobs and improve the health outcomes of the North's population, Health Innovation as one of the Northern Powerhouse's four prime sectors must be given the opportunity to succeed.

Growing the UK post-Brexit requires targeted government intervention and investment in the region through its great businesses, research-intensive universities and NHS hospital Trusts.

The Northern Health Science Alliance (NHSA), an alliance of the top Universities, NHS hospital teaching Trusts and Academic Health Science Networks across the North of England, has been named in the Industrial Strategy White paper, and in the Life Sciences Industrial Strategy, as a key partner for delivering the North's sector deal in life sciences.

This commitment must be followed through with action and support. For six years the NHSA has been working with health innovators across the North of England, mapping expertise in areas including health data, precision-medicine, population health, cancer and active and healthy ageing. As an alliance we have set up new research partnerships delivering real results to patients in constituencies across the North as well as support the inflow of new business and jobs to help grow the North's already £17bn strong health innovation economy.

If there is a health innovation specialism or expertise from Cumbria to Sheffield we know about it.

And we deliver for the North. The NHSA's £20m Connected Health Cities (CHC) programme ties together health and social care data for the benefit of people at a local level, with patients placed firmly in control of the project and their own data.

CHC works with local communities and the NHS helping to connect information from nationally leading studies such as the Born in Bradford team, Devo Health in Greater Manchester, connected GPs across Newcastle, and community alcohol services in Liverpool among many others to help improve NHS services across the North.

It is a pioneering world-class programme already attracting international attention for its effectiveness tying together health and social care.

As a way to deliver investment into the North's health innovation sector, the Life Sciences Industrial Strategy Sector Deal can make a huge difference across the North of England. It can be used to tackle health issues on the ground, to support large scale industry, and enable SMES and to create many more jobs and opportunities in the region.

To make this happen we need to make sure the backing is given to the North to grow its already excellent health innovation system and to keep health innovation at the top of the Government's agenda. The Connected Health Cities programme has the opportunity to impact even more lives through grassroots



connections between health and care organisations. We are doing this through a campaign led by Connected Health Cities called #DataSavesLives. You can find out more from following the #DataSavesLives hashtag or by engaging with any one of our teams on the ground in your constituencies across the North.

The Life Sciences Industrial Strategy sector deal is a huge opportunity to make a difference to the North's 15million population so we're working with MPs, ministers, the Northern Powerhouse APPG and beyond on health innovation for a healthier, wealthier region.

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