

Dear colleague

I am writing to you as Chief Executive of the Eastern Academic Health Science Network. We have been requested by our regional NHS team and our local authorities/ local government to identify any helpful innovations and transformations in health and social care which have come into place as a direct result of the Covid-19 pandemic. On their behalf, we are seeking to collect your insights into such innovations that have come to your attention during this time. We are keen to understand what has worked, what the benefits are, what has not worked, what the barriers and enablers are to the adoption of innovation, and the support that you need to embed and accelerate the innovation we need.

I am asking you to complete the attached survey as someone who works in the health and/or care sector in the East of England. This exercise is entirely anonymous and does not collect any data that could identify you or your organisation; all data is managed according to the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and will not be retained for any purpose. We have partnered with RAND Europe in Cambridge to analyse the data and will make our report available to each STP/ICS for wider dissemination across the region.

As we move from managing Covid-19 to the planning for the recovery and transformation of our services, we are seeking your input to guide us in what should form part of our recovery and future programme. We want to understand what has been happening across the region over the past few months, identify best practice that can be shared, and understand how we can best support you and your organisations in maintaining innovations and transformations that enable you to deliver a better service to our local population across the East of England.

Please consider completing the attached survey and letting us know about your thoughts and experiences. Please pass this letter and attached survey on to anyone else that you think may be interested in submitting a response. Thank you for your time.



Piers Ricketts (Chief Executive of Eastern AHSN & Chair of the AHSN Network)

on behalf of East of England local authorities/local government and regional NHS working together in partnership