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9AM - 4PM

**WYAAT'S
LEADING RESEARCH AND
INNOVATION THROUGH
COLLABORATION
CONFERENCE**

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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR PHIL WOOD

Following the publication of the West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trust's (WYAAT) Five Year Strategy earlier this year, and in support of the research, innovation and improvement pillar, we are proud to be hosting our first 'Leading Research and Innovation through Collaboration' conference. I hope today will give you the opportunity to network, share best practice and learning from successful research and innovation initiatives taking place across WYAAT, as well as support our thinking on how we can work more collaboratively in the future.

The conference will be the first in a series and will explore how we embed research, innovation, and improvement into our work.

I hope you thoroughly enjoy the day and that it inspires you to take learning and suggestions from your colleagues back into your own organisations, as well as ideas about how we can collaborate effectively across our trusts to have a positive impact for our patients.



Professor Phil Wood
Senior Responsible Owner for WYAAT Research and Innovation
Chief Executive, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

AFTER THE EVENT

Your feedback is really important to us, as it will help us to ensure that future WYAAT events are tailored to your interests and preferences.

Please scan the QR code or use the link below to provide feedback about today's conference:

[FEEDBACK FORM](#)



9:00 - 9:30 am **Registration**
Reception

9:30 - 9:40am **Welcome and opening address**
Lecture Theatre Professor Phil Wood, Senior Responsible Owner for WYAAT Research and Innovation; Chief Executive, LTHT

9:40 - 10:20 am **Keynote session**
Lecture Theatre Richard Stubbs, Chair, Health Innovation Network; Chief Executive, Health Innovation Yorkshire & Humber

10:30 - 11:10 am **Panel sessions (attend pre-allocated session)**

11:20 - 12:00 pm **Panel sessions (attend pre-allocated session)**
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12:00 - 1:00 pm **Lunch**

1:00 - 1:40 pm **Keynote session**
Lecture Theatre Steve Russell, Chief Delivery Officer, NHS England

1:50 - 2:30 pm **Panel sessions (attend pre-allocated session)**

2:40 - 3:20 pm **Panel sessions (attend pre-allocated session)**
More information on pages 6-7

3:30 - 4:00 pm **Closing panel**
Lecture Theatre Professor Phil Wood, Senior Responsible Owner for WYAAT Research and Innovation; Chief Executive, LTHT & panel session chairs

ROOM 1: Redefining innovation in relation to research and quality improvement in the context of day-to-day clinical practice

This session will explore the relationship between innovation, research, and quality improvement. Is there a common strategic and practical approach to these areas of work? How can we harness all three to improve outcomes for our patients?

Chair: Mr Neeraj Bhasin, Medical Director & Consultant Vascular Surgeon, CHFT

Panellists:

- Michael McCooe, Clinical Director, The Improvement Academy; Associate Medical Director & Consultant in Anaesthetics and Intensive Care Medicine, BTHFT
- Dr Ai Lyn Tan, Associate Medical Director in Research and Innovation & Consultant Rheumatologist, LTHT; Associate Professor, Leeds Institute of Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Medicine, University of Leeds
- Mr Graham Walsh, Medical Director, Health Innovation Yorkshire and Humber

ROOM 2: Collaborative research – what are the practical steps to enable the wider uptake of research across West Yorkshire and Harrogate (WY&H)?

Across WYAAT patients are being seen across multiple services and sites by staff from multiple specialties. What practical steps do we as healthcare providers need to take to enable a wider uptake of research across our organisations. How do we ensure our research has the most impact for our patients?

Chair: Rabina Tindale, Chief Nurse, LTHT

Panellists:

- Sally Bridges, Programme Manager NIHR Yorkshire & Humber Applied Research Collaboration; BaBi Network Director, Bradford Institute for Health Research
- Mechele Couch-Upite, Head of Research Development and Innovation, ANHSFT
- Dr Sal Uka, Medical Lead, WYAAT; Paediatric Consultant, CHFT

ROOM 3: Influencing research and innovation – who and how can we engage wider stakeholders including industry?

There is a strong commitment from WYAAT members to collaborate in research and innovation to benefit our population. To do this, who are our key partners in the health and care sectors, academia and within industry and how can we work together more effectively?

Chair: Dr Richard J Robinson, Chief Medical Officer & Consultant Radiologist, MYTT

Panellists:

- Nathan Berry, Head of Collaboration and Health Tech Lead, NEXUS
- Professor Alison Layton, Professor of Dermatology Hull York Medical School; Associate Medical Director for Research and Innovation, HDFT
- Amy Lochtie, West Yorkshire Innovation Hub Director, WYICB & Health Innovation Yorkshire & Humber

ROOM 1: Inclusive research – how do we improve participation in research of underrepresented community groups?

This session will explore the imperative to ensure currently underrepresented groups are included within research opportunities. What can we, as WYAAT, do to ensure our research encompasses people from all our communities across WY&H?

Chair: Emma Nunez, Executive Director for Nursing, Midwifery & Allied Health Professionals; Deputy Chief Executive, HDFT

Panellists:

- Professor Dinesh Saralaya, Clinical Director, NIHR Patient Recruitment Centre Bradford; Consultant Respiratory Physician, BTHFT
- Duncan Courtney, Project Manager, NIHR & Abi Wilson, Ethnic Minorities Research Inclusion Hub Lead, West Yorkshire
- Amy Rebane & Sharanjit Boughan, Patient and Public Involvement, Engagement, and Participation, Biomedical Research Centre, NIHR

ROOM 2: Inclusive research – how do we improve participation in research and innovation for all healthcare professionals?

Across WYAAT, healthcare professionals are committed to leading and engaging in research and innovation. This session will explore strategic and practical ways to ensure that research and innovation opportunities are available to all healthcare professionals and the benefits to our workforce and population.

Chair: Lianne Robinson, Chief Nurse, ANHSFT

Panellists:

- Suzanne Hill, Pharmacist Embedded Researcher, LTHT; Assistant Professor University of Bradford
- Professor Anne-Maree Keenan OBE, ProDean for Research and Innovation, University of Leeds
- Tracy Wood, Interim Research & Development Lead, CHFT

ROOM 3: Embedding research, innovation, and improvement into day-to-day clinical practice

There are growing numbers of patients enrolling into research, more opportunities for innovation, with a greater emphasis on quality improvement. That said, research and innovation remain a relatively small aspect of clinical practice. This session will explore ways to bring research, innovation, and improvement more into day-to-day clinical practice.

Chair: Dr Jacqueline Andrews, Medical Director, HDFT

Panellists:

- Dr John Ashcroft, Consultant Haematologist MYTT; Vice President British Society for Haematology
- Dr Neal Larkman, Clinical Lead Imaging Services, HDFT
- Denise Ross, Head Of Healthcare Professionals Academic Development, LTHT

