

NHS Health and Care Innovation Expo 2015

Innovation from, and by the Frontline

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Aims of the workshop

At the end of the workshop delegates will have:

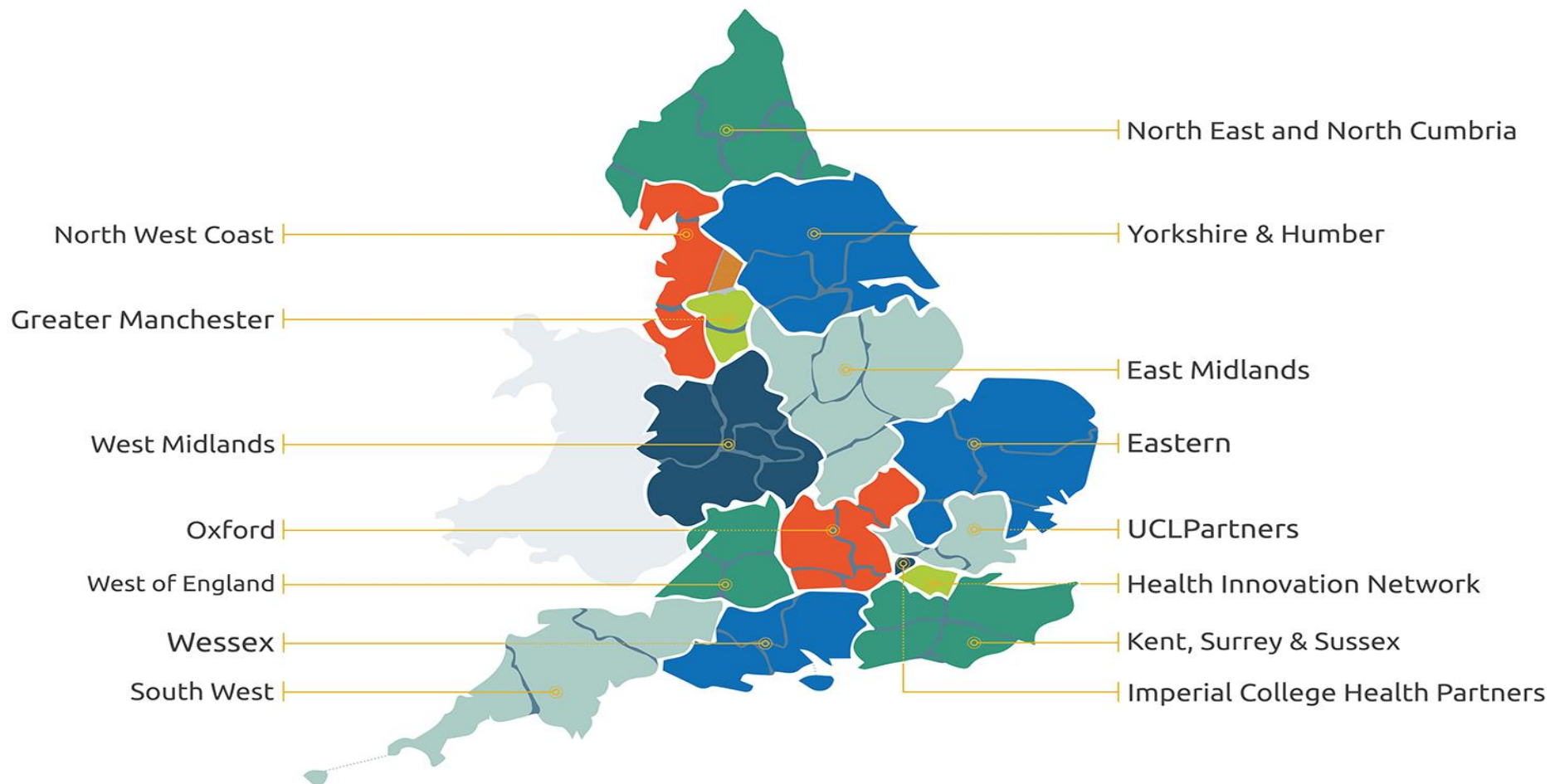
- ✦ Discussed and agreed definitions of innovation
- ✦ Outlined potential barriers and enablers to adoption and spread of innovation
- ✦ Debated the importance of patient and front line staff led innovation
- ✦ Been reminded of, or introduced to the Public Sector Equality Duty and its relevance to this agenda
- ✦ Made a commitment to act on their learning in their own workplace

Background to Academic Health Science Networks

“We need a stronger relationship between scientific and academic communities and industry to develop solutions to health care problems, get existing solutions spread at pace and scale, develop stronger knowledge exchange networks to share best practice”.

Innovation Health and Wealth (IHW 2011)

*The***AHSN***Network*



About AHSNs

The diversity of AHSN priorities reflects the many challenges of improving health and wealth in each region.

However **all 15** share a focus on:

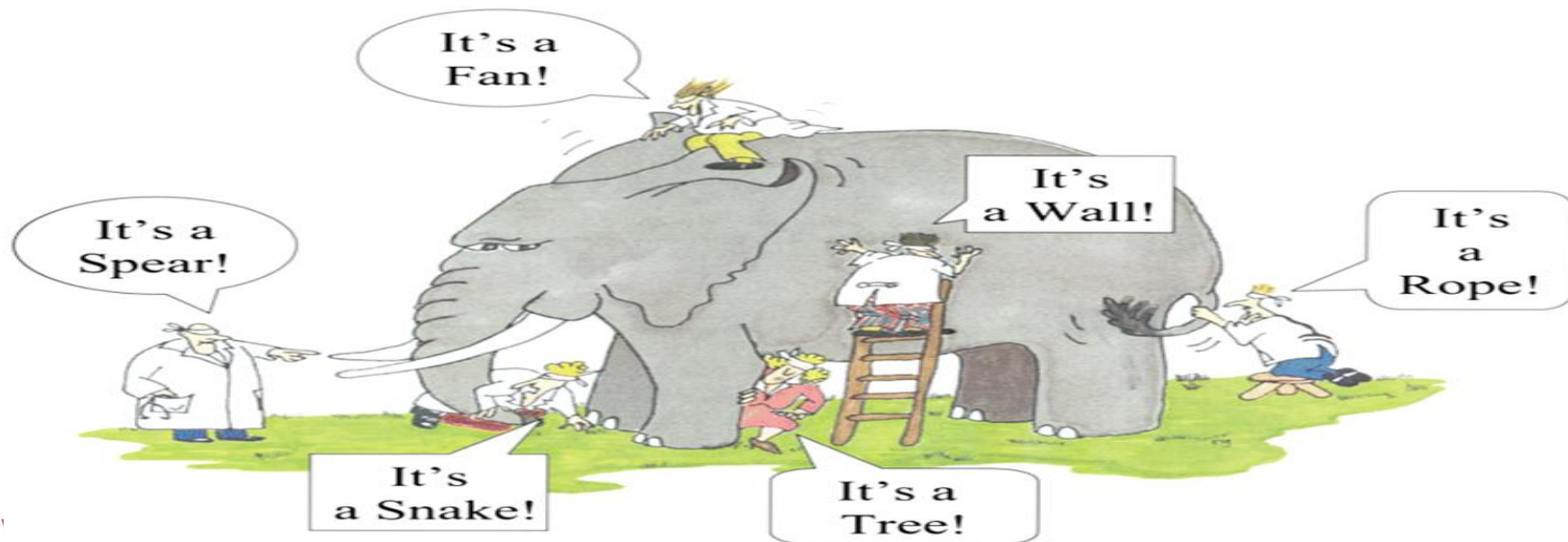
- ✦ Promoting economic growth [e.g. SBRI programme]
- ✦ Diffusing innovation and putting proven research into practice
- ✦ Improving patient safety
- ✦ Improving quality and reducing variation
- ✦ Optimising medicine use
- ✦ Health analytics

How we make a difference

- ✦ **We connect:** bringing together academics, NHS, researchers and industry to accelerate innovation and facilitate the adoption and spread of proven ideas.
- ✦ **We are catalysts:** helping facilitate change across whole health and social care economies - with a focus on improving outcomes for patients.
- ✦ **We create:** the right environment for relevant industries to work with the NHS and other parts of the healthcare sector.

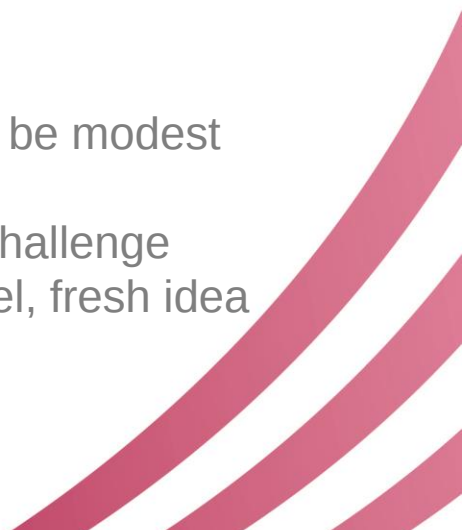
“What is healthcare innovation?”

Like the story of the blind men touching different sides of an elephant and each describing something separate, you will hear a wide variety of answers to this question based on whom you ask.



Your turn

- In the patient's or carer's interest
- New approaches, ideas or suggestions of whatever size, large or small, and from anyone irrespective of their role or seniority
- Not always doing things as they have been done before
- Often small ideas that staff think about in their everyday work
- Very often original ideas that go unrecognised as the innovator may be modest about the change
- Accepting challenge about current practice and responding to that challenge
- Taking risks - something new or altering existing practice e.g. a novel, fresh idea
- Improving something that's already good and sharing it with others
- Ordinary things done in new or modified ways - a go-head approach
- Never too small or too insignificant to share; never too large or ambitious to be considered!

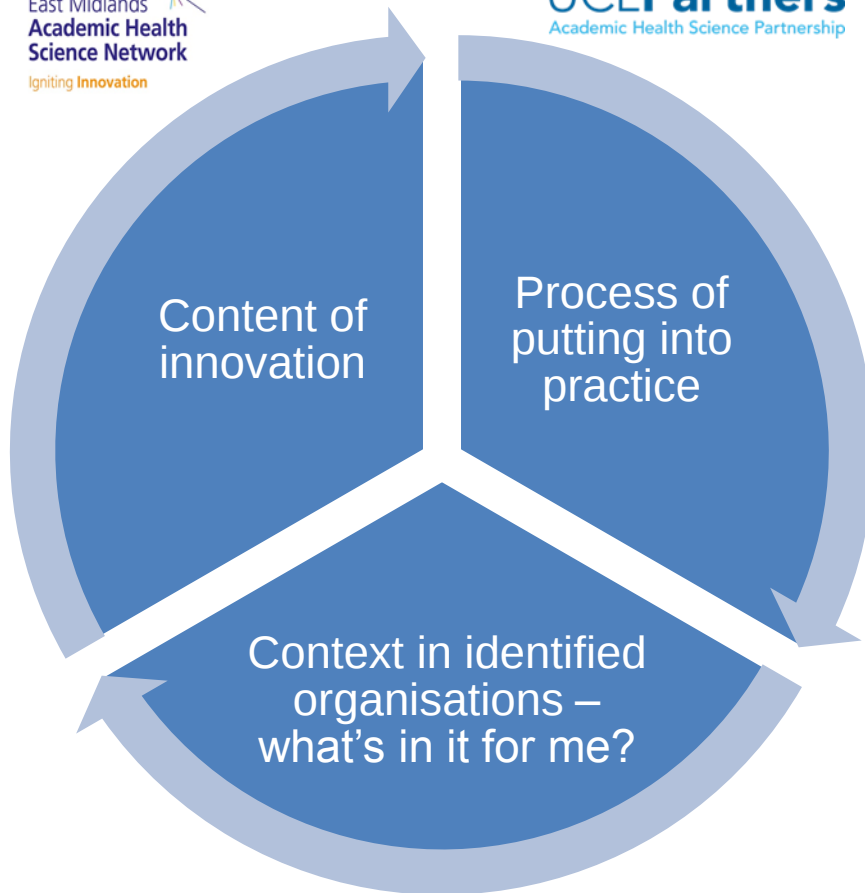


“What is healthcare innovation?”

“Intentional introduction and application within a role, group or organization of ideas, processes, products or procedures, new to the relevant unit of adoption, designed to significantly benefit the individual, the group, the organization or wider society” (West and Farr, 1990 p.9).

“Innovation is anything that creates new opportunities for improvement or development. As such, innovation can happen anywhere, at any time. It can come from any source and it can take any form. The key is that it has, at its heart, an opportunity to do things better” (Keogh, 2013)

✦ It's not just about new breakthrough ideas, but more importantly about how those ideas are used e.g. technologies can be quite simple, but the accompanying changes they create in the workforce and how they are used are responsible for transformative changes.



Enablers and inhibitors of putting innovation into practice

Putting into Practice

- ✧ Supporting the spread of proven intervention, not original research
- ✧ Helping translate scientific language so it is more accessible for providers and commissioners
- ✧ Providing information about the commissioning world to the researchers
- ✧ Aiding consideration of the practicalities of implementation - moving from project status to business as usual
- ✧ Supporting them to develop robust methods of evaluation

Public and patient leadership and Public Sector Equality Duty

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