

The Swindon and Wiltshire Health and Life Science Innovation Hub

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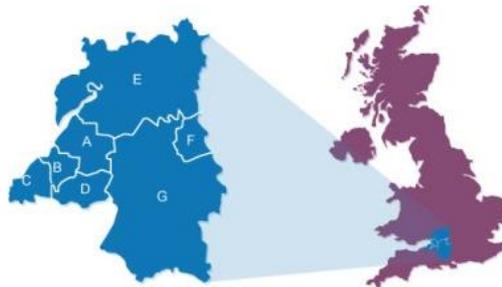
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Academic Health Science Networks

As the only bodies that connect NHS and academic organisations, the third sector and industry, we are catalysts that create the right conditions to facilitate change across whole health and social care economies, with a clear focus on improving outcomes for citizens.

West of England Academic Health Science Network Map

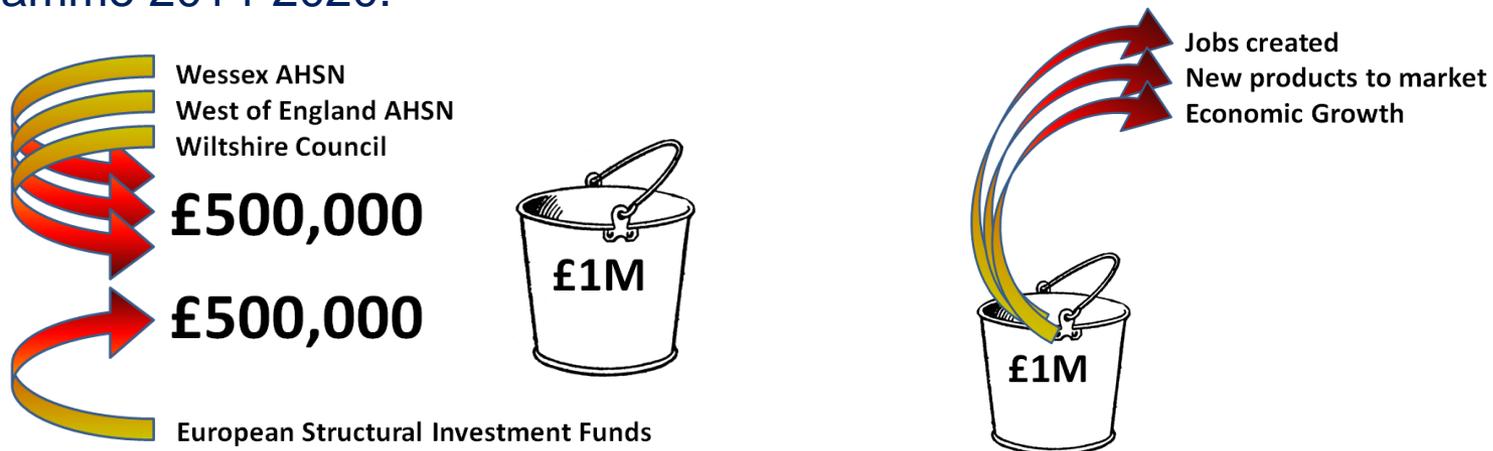
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The West of England AHSN has partnered with Wessex AHSN and Wiltshire Council to bring an Innovation Accelerator Programme for small and medium-sized enterprises in the Health and Life Sciences sector. The programme aims to support businesses through research, development and innovation activities.

The programme has received £500,000 funding from the European Regional Development Fund as part of the European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014-2020.



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Who can join the Innovation Hub? SME's working in the health and life science sector that are based in or will provide benefit to, the Swindon and Wiltshire area.

What can the Innovation Hub offer? Members of the Innovation Hub can apply to access a range of business development resources:

- In house AHSN business support for example: identifying needs, brokering introductions and providing funding advice.
- The Healthcare Innovation Programme: A four day boot camp with experienced mentors to get entrepreneurs started on the right track.
- Time with a selection of experts that make up a business support framework: accountancy and financial advice, intellectual property advice, product design and launch and compliance and technical assistance.
- Match funded innovation grants of up to £10,000.

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Journey so far...

- Agreement of services provided through the Innovation Hub
- Service Level Agreement between West of England AHSN, Wessex AHSN and Wiltshire Council
- Development of application process and documentation
- Procurement of professional services for the business support framework and HIP
- Development of communications plan and website material

Next steps...

- Procurement for business mentor and funding support services
- Innovation Hub launch through communication channels

Lessons learned...

- Time-lines: procurement

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Look out for news of the launch on social media and in our AHSN newsletters. The Innovation Hub application form and further details will be available from the AHSNs websites.

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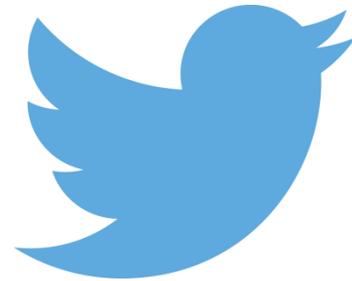


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