

Greater Manchester Connected Health Ecosystem

Background and Guidelines for Members

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Connected Health can be described as the deployment and/or application of mobile technology and services (including but not limited to mobile phones, tablets, laptops & many other mobile devices) to health or social care in healthcare facilities (hospitals or primary care facilities) and/or to patients at home.

The Greater Manchester Connected Health Ecosystem is a non-profit organisation administered by the University of Manchester Connected Health Innovation Centre on behalf of its members. Established to focus on the Manchester city region, it was the first of a group of ecosystems across Europe affiliated to the European Connected Health Alliance (ECHAlliance).

Aims of the Greater Manchester Connected Health Ecosystem

The purpose of the Greater Manchester Connected Health Ecosystem is to create long-term partnerships involving health and social care providers, companies, patient groups and research organisations, working together to realise the benefits of Connected Health. The aim is to overcome barriers to adoption by:

- **creating a multi-sector partnership of significant critical mass**, with a shared commitment to accelerate the adoption of Connected Health innovations to improve the quality and efficiency of healthcare delivery; bringing together partners with complementary expertise and objectives in order to understand healthcare needs, service delivery challenges and business models, and to co-develop innovative whole-system solutions;
- **providing a reliable route from innovation to routine service**, by co-developing realistic pilot-to-adoption business plans and demonstrating return on investment;
- **lowering the barriers to starting new pilots, trials and services** by developing effective standard working practices and by facilitating access to a large, well characterised study population.

Statement of Commitment

The members confirm their intention support the work of the Greater Manchester Connected Health Ecosystem by working with other similarly committed organisations to help develop the work of the Ecosystem. Members recognise that this will involve committing the time of appropriate staff to attending events, sharing experience and collaborating with other members of the Ecosystem to identify and co-develop cost-effective Connected Health interventions designed to lead directly to adoption at scale. Members will collaborate and co-operate to share learning with all members of the Ecosystem and the ECHAlliance.

Projects may require contractual arrangements between members and with other parties (such as healthcare commissioners and/or providers, and/or other public bodies). These may include agreed provisions for IPR (Intellectual Property Rights), if relevant or applicable to the project and will be negotiated in good faith as and when required.

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