



September 2020 Research Update

MEMBERS RESEARCH INTERESTS:

The NCRHC members research interests survey is now [live](#) and responses have been coming in thick and fast, so a big thank you to those of you who have responded. Thank you also to those who have suggested examples of good practice or other information that can be shared across the membership. There is still time to complete the survey if you haven't already – it will only take 5 minutes of your time.

Of the responses submitted so far, the most commonly shared areas of interest are:

- Remote and Digital Health Service
- Isolation and Loneliness
- Evaluation of Service Delivery
- Cost of Rural Healthcare
- Accessibility of Services

If your organisation has not yet done so, please do respond to this short survey as it helps us, not only to understand our members, but to provide members with an enhanced level of service, such as making links between members with common interests, and helping us to focus the activities of the Centre. All membership organisations have been sent the link to the online survey, but it can also be accessed here: <https://form.jotform.com/201673885758067>.

Technology and Innovation

SPRINT – Gravity Challenge

SPace Research and Innovation Network for Technology (SPRINT), is a network of universities, businesses, government agencies, business support organisations and the investment community which works towards the expansion of the UK space sector, and economy as a whole, through the commercial application of space data and technologies.

They have recently launched their GRAVITY Challenge, which is a national technology innovation program for corporates, entrepreneurs and universities to design and build solutions to real industrial, social and environmental problems by using AWS and Deloitte space capabilities.

SPRINT supports SMEs and helps fund collaborative projects between companies and SPRINT university partner(s) to support the development of new products and services enabled through space.

The programme seeks to partner with the healthcare sector to explore the use of space data to answer questions such as:

“How can we use geospatial data to identify the outbreak of diseases as soon as they occur to prepare an appropriate response?”

And,

“How can space technologies assist in providing safety and security to people working in remote locations?”

For more information visit: [here](#)

Kinds Fund- Transforming Care with Digital Technology

A new publication by the Kings Fund explores the potential of digital technology to transform care through the use of four case studies which illustrate technologies which have the ability to empower patients, support stronger therapeutic relationships and effective teamworking across professional boundaries, and to create networks and communities to support patients.

Click to download the full [Report](#).

ORHCA - Apps to Support Mental Health

Whilst there are a growing number of apps that aim to provide digital solutions to tackle mental health problems, not all apps are created equal. Dr Tom Micklewright has reviewed the credentials so of various apps that are currently on the market and found that less than 30% of those reviewed met the ORHCA quality threshold. You can see the full review [here](#).

East Midlands Academic Health Science Network - Social Prescribing in the East Midlands

Social Prescribing continues to be of interest to many of our members. In 2019, EMAHSN commissioned a piece of research by the University of Leicester to investigate the landscape of Social Prescribing in the region. You can read their full report including case studies [here](#).