Update on DHC activity

WIRED Health opportunity
- We're pleased to announce that the DHC are partnering with [WIRED Health](#) for their upcoming conference in London on the 21st March
- We are able to obtain 10% off tickets to the conference through this partnership, so if any members are interested in this opportunity please let Helena know

Mediaplanet opportunity
- Additionally, the DHC are partnering with Mediaplanet for their upcoming feature on The Future of Healthcare at the end of March (some members were involved in the Future of AI and Robotics campaign linked [here](#))
- Mediaplanet are looking for innovative companies to contribute to the feature, if any members are interested in contributing an editorial to the piece, please get in touch with jessica.steward@mediaplanet.com

Meeting with the Prime Minister's office
- Thanks very much to everyone who has contributed to our briefing for our meeting with the Prime Minister's office
- The meeting has been postponed until the 21st February, if anyone has anything further they would like to contribute please get in touch. Helena will circulate the final version of our briefing note for members to sign off prior to the meeting

Next members meeting
- We're currently planning for our next members meeting which will take place towards the end of February. The meeting will be held online and the exact date is TBC, so please keep an eye out for the invite

Member updates
Ada and Pfizer partner to create digital COVID-19 platform
- Congratulations to DHC members Ada who recently announced their COVID-19 Care Journey platform, developed in partnership with Pfizer, to provide more timely access to treatment for Americans at high risk of developing severe COVID-19
- You can read more about the project [here](#)

Contract opportunities

- **Provision of a Digital Communication Platform for the Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC)**
  - Queen Victoria NHS Foundation Trust is looking for help in the delivery of a digital communication platform, including providing continued maintenance and support for two years (with the possibility of an extension)
  - The platform should be able to deliver flexible care over a distance – aiding more informed clinical decisions across its services
  - Read more about the opportunity [here](#)

- **NHS England blog: Online access to GP records: realising opportunities and overcoming challenges**
  - o Over 600 GP practices have switched-on access to new GP record entries, meaning an additional 2.3 million patients can read new entries in their health records
  - o This initiative is providing patients with more information about their health, and is hoped to benefit practices by providing patients with appointment information, reducing the need for them to contact their GP surgery
  - o Read more here

- **NHS England and NHS Digital complete merger**
  - o Following parliamentary approval, on the 1st of February NHS England and NHS Digital legally merged. This establishment of a single NHS organisation in England aims to transform the NHS through focusing on data, digital and technology while delivering more cohesive decision making
  - o Read more here

- **NHS England Urgent and Emergency care plan**
  - o This week NHS England published their delivery plan for recovering urgent and emergency care services, prioritising innovative digital care as a key part of this solution
  - o Some relevant points for digital providers include improvements to be made to data collection during discharge, the scaling up of virtual wards as an alternative to hospital care and increased support for patients using digital technology to manage health
  - o Read the full report here and read our summary here

- **Shaping the future of technology in general practice**
  - o Associated Director of GP IT, Dan Wintercross, highlights the advantages of the early adopter programme which is providing GP practices with the ability to shape the future of data, digital and technology across primary care
  - o Read more **here**

- **CQC to adjust regulatory approach to respond to winter pressures**
  - o Following higher than anticipated winter pressures the CQC have announced that they will adjust their regulatory activity till the end of March 2023
  - o While maintaining high safety for patients using these services remains a key priority, they have highlighted that it is important to appreciate the unique context providers are currently operating in
  - o Read more **here**

- **Technology and reform: the NHS desperately needs both**
  - o The Telegraph highlights that despite continued increases in staffing and funding across the NHS it is struggling to cope as A&E services remain continuously overwhelmed
  - o They argue that the NHS requires a structural reform with increased technological innovation, something which could come in the form of a Royal Commission

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- o The article concludes that by assessing what other nations with hybrid healthcare systems are currently doing and evaluating what is working we can provide improved health outcomes
  - o Read more here

- **'Virtual wards no substitute for real people' – Sky news story**
  - o Following NHS England's plans to increase the scope of Virtual wards, retired teacher Carlo Zamboni discusses his experience of being discharged from hospital following a fall
  - o He highlights that a hospital at home plan (achieved through virtual wards) could help people like him who are struggling to cope at home alone but is not a replacement for having real people. He urges the NHS to honour their commitment of cradle-to-grave care.
  - o Read more **here**

- **Health Secretary Steve Barclay gave evidence at Health and Social Care committee meeting about key NHS pressures**
  - o During the meeting Steve Barclay was questioned about the key issues currently facing the NHS, he highlighted that addressing NHS staff retention remained a key issue alongside increased action to ensure that only those who need emergency services are accessing them – an approach which he hopes will free up beds
  - o Read more here

- **Unanswered questions following the Hewitt review**
  - o Following the independent review of the NHS's integrated care systems by Patricia Hewitt, several unanswered questions remain for ICSs regarding balancing priorities, clarifying accountabilities, measuring process, and ensuring broader policy supports success
  - o Read more here

CQC partners with Microsoft for new data platform
  - o The CQC has partnered with Microsoft to launch new data platforms: Microsoft Dynamics 365 Customer Service alongside a Microsoft Azure data platform
  - o Through introducing this new platform, the CQC strives to target improvements for the providers they assess alongside increasing their overall efficiency
  - o Read more here

- **Healthcare leaders update**
  - o The latest healthcare leaders update is available **here**. The update includes:
  - o Industrial action updates
  - o Plan to minimise 62 day cancer backlog
  - o Guidance for reducing DNAs
  - o New digital playbooks with evidence of how digital technologies can address systemwide challenges
  - o NIHR rapid research projects to ease winter pressures

- **NHS Transformation bulletin**
  - o The latest NHS transformation bulletin is available **here**. The update includes:

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- o An announment from Ming Tang about the federated data platform
- o Accelerated Access Collaborative funding
- o Digitising proxy access
- o Free video consultation training for clinicians
- o Digital ICS programme development sessions

Upcoming events

- **Tech Innovation Framework Expo**
  - o The Tech Innovation Framework Expo (2023) invites those working across GP practices and primary care to meet with suppliers developing new clinical GP systems
  - o This event aims to equip primary care organisations with the understanding of how suppliers will build their systems and support them
  - o Session 1: 14th February 2023 - 28th February 2023 (1:00pm – 2:00pm)
  - o Session 2: 14th February 2023 – 28th February 2023 (6:00pm – 7:00pm)
  - o Book here

- **Spine Futures webinar**
  - o Spine are supporters of the IT infrastructure for health and social care in England. During this session they will focus on how they are currently working with social care software providers on discharge events and will explore the latest developments from Nation Record Locator
  - o 23rd February 2023 (3:30pm)
  - o Book here

- **National Innovation Collaborative for digital health: virtual workshop**
  - o This workshop explores potential ways that technology-enabled remote monitoring could help support more inclusive care, including reducing digital poverty and address existing health inequalities
  - o 15 February 2023 (1:00pm -3:00pm)
  - o Reserve a spot here

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