



**nhsa**  
Northern Health Science Alliance

*A Health Partnership for Northern England*

The **Northern Health Science Alliance** is the North of England's health partnership, across a population of 16 million people, with a membership of leading research-intensive NHS trusts and universities.

## Our mandate

Our unique strength is the mandate we have from the NHS trusts and the universities which are our member organisations.

### This gives us:

- The ability to act, and add value, across the North on behalf of our members.
- Scale to offer solutions that other parts of the system cannot.

### It requires that we:

- Continually provide value for our members and communicate that value.
- Navigate, and develop collaborative opportunities within, the complex landscape of academia, industry and the NHS.



## Our purpose

### Our mission

To unlock the combined potential of the North's health research and innovation assets for the benefit of the people and the economy.

### Our vision

A healthy and prosperous North, powered by excellence in research and innovation across healthcare and academia with industry engagement and citizen involvement as key drivers.

## Our core capabilities

The NHSA adds value for our members, industry, and Government, to mobilise the North's health and life science assets for the benefit of the people and the economy. We broker research collaborations, build expert networks, attract investment, and provide a unified voice for the region's health research system by:

- Effective advocacy on behalf of the North of England's health and life science cluster
- Expertise in understanding health inequalities and promoting place-based solutions
- Mobilising investment opportunities and international partnerships
- Connecting northern excellence in Health Technologies and Evaluation with industry need
- Facilitating cluster development through our programmes and networks, with bespoke corporate engagement

## Our convening function

The NHSA convenes networks in areas of strength and need. These NHSA networks bring together experts and practitioners from across our membership and their strategic partners

\*The NHSA co-leads Health Equity North (HEN), a virtual institute focused on place-based solutions to public health problems and health inequalities. Our members have a unique understanding of their regional communities, creating research and policy solutions of local benefit, but also with the potential for national and international translation. Health Equity North is a key resource for political and civil stakeholders.

**HEALTH  
EQUITY  
NORTH**



# Our public affairs and advocacy function

The NHS continues to be a leading voice in advocating for:

- Increasing research funding and investment into the North of England
- The need to tackle health inequalities and social disparity in our region
- Highlighting the excellence of the North in health research and innovation



## Our enablers

### A skilled, motivated team

- Credible, respected and professional staff
- Navigating, adding value and celebrating success
- Effective advocates, visible and trusted within the cluster

### Good governance

- Effective corporate governance and leadership at each level - Board, Council, Executive Team
- Ensuring probity, value for money and delivery against expectation
- Always accountable to Members

### Sound values and behaviours

We support and adhere to the Nolan Principles for public service:

- Selflessness
- Integrity
- Objectivity
- Accountability
- Openness
- Honesty
- Leadership

We endeavour to adhere to these principles in own behaviour. We will also actively promote the principles and challenge poor behaviour when we encounter it.

## Our board



Professor David Burn



Professor Phil Wood



Professor Louise Kenny



Professor Sir John Tooke



Dr Jonathan Sheffield OBE



Dr Kath Mackay



Dr Séamus O'Neill

# Our members

