Getting the best new treatments to patients faster than ever
NOW, MORE THAN EVER, IS THE TIME FOR THE ACCELERATED ACCESS COLLABORATIVE (AAC)

Formed in response to the Accelerated Access Review, published Oct 2016, the AAC brings together industry, government and the NHS in order to deliver the world-leading innovation that will be transformational for patient outcomes - removing barriers to the uptake of the very best new solutions, so that NHS patients have faster than ever access to innovations.

The core role of the AAC is to accelerate highly impactful and cost-effective products through regulatory approvals and uptake in a way that hasn’t happened before.

In April 2018, the Secretary of State expanded the remit of the AAC to tackle fundamental changes in the innovation ecosystem.

The AAC will help the NHS to become one of the most pro-innovation healthcare systems in the world, by speeding up access for clinicians to the best technologies and products – leading to better care for our patients.

We are excited to be charged with this challenge, and are incredibly proud to have such a prestigious and wide reaching number of member organisations working with us in this collaboration.

Lord Ara Darzi, Chair
Accelerated Access Collaborative

Dr Sam Roberts, Chief Executive
Accelerated Access Collaborative
>>> SINGLE FRONT DOOR FOR INNOVATORS
Creating a ‘front door’ to the innovation ecosystem, with information, support and signposting to partners all in one place.

>>> DEMAND SIGNALLING
Helping innovators to understand the kinds of innovations the NHS really needs in order to meet its challenges.

>>> SINGLE HORIZON SCANNING
Making it easier for NHS teams to have clear sight of the best new innovations, so that health systems are prepared and ready to support them.
WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

>>> WORLD-LEADING TESTING INFRASTRUCTURE
Creating a testing infrastructure that has vital opportunities for innovators to develop and improve their products and establish high-quality evidence for adoption and spread.

>>> STRONGER ADOPTION AND SPREAD
Helping the NHS to become stronger in its adoption of innovations and its support for spread of the best new solutions to get them into the hands of clinicians much quicker.

>>> AGREED FUNDING STRATEGY
Creating more practical funding for innovation support, that aligns with the Government’s health innovation funding and the work of charities, research organisations and investors.
WHAT’S HAPPENING NOW

The AAC operates at many levels, with opportunities to get involved from all parts of the health and care ecosystem.

The AAC Board
Has now agreed its expanded remit and set its priorities for the next year. In the autumn, they will finalise a detailed plan that describes support for early-stage products, how patients will be involved in making decisions across all levels of the AAC, and consider the plan for supporting the Prime Minister’s ambitions on Artificial Intelligence.

The AAC Steering Group
Chaired by Dr Sam Roberts, and reporting to the board, the steering group oversees the AAC’s programmes of work. It ensures consistency with the AAC Board’s vision by directing and coordinating AAC task-and-finish and oversight groups (such as the NHS adoption products group, and the Early Access to Medicines Scheme) that bring together senior-level representatives from government, regulatory bodies, patient/charity groups and industry.

Task and finish groups
These undertake specific work. Such groups focus on individual priorities, such as establishing a funding mandate, and bringing together horizon-scanning infrastructure. These groups frequently reach out to patients, clinicians, innovators/industry groups and regulatory teams, both formally and informally.
BENEFITS FOR EVERYONE

>> CLINICIANS
Clinicians will benefit from faster than ever access to new technologies and interventions that will help them to deliver excellent patient care. Their needs will be communicated to industry and innovators, so they can address the most pressing healthcare problems.

>> PATIENTS
Patients will have access to new technologies and treatments, faster than ever. Understanding the needs of patients will be critical as these will be communicated to industry to help develop solutions.
INDUSTRY/INNOVATORS

The AAC will drive a new depth of collaboration between industry, Government and the NHS, bringing them closer together to get the best new health innovations through the regulatory system and to patients, faster than ever. It will encourage industry-NHS partnerships, as we’ve seen in the Test Beds programme.

INVESTORS

The AAC will be the guardian of a more joined-up oversight of UK health innovation, including an effective regulatory environment and more opportunities for flexible and mutually beneficial funding arrangements - helping to increase the confidence of investors, faster than ever.
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CONTACT US

There are many ways to get involved and to be supported by the AAC and its partners.

To find out more, have a look at: www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/innovation/accel-access/ where you can find details to contact the AAC or one of our members.

Questions can be directed to the AAC secretariat at AAC@nice.org.uk