Response to NHS Chief Executive’s Open Call for Evidence and Ideas

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What can the NHS and NHS Commissioning Board learn from national and international best practice to accelerate the pace and scale of adoption of innovations throughout the NHS?

NHS Innovations London (NHSIL) has encouraged and nurtured innovation at Homerton: NHSIL has evaluated 41 innovations for Homerton in 5 years. Of these, further work has been put into the following projects:

1. Laparoscopic tool: prototyped and tested by potential partners. There are issues with sizing.
2. PFO Closure Device: CAD drawings and IP protection. Regulatory bodies are still considering new markets. NHSIL continues to present to prospective licensees internationally.
4. Radioactive double J stent: presented to potential partners. This was also nominated for the 2008 NHSIL Innovators Award in the Medical Devices category. However, potential partners had concerns regarding the safety of the product.
5. Laparoscopic Liver Retractor: NHSIL continues to monitor the market for interest from commercial partners.

NHSIL support to innovations marketing and communications activities in the Trust:

1. Partner Liaison Manager
Bharti Ranavaya or a member of NHSIL staff visited Homerton and held meetings with clinical staff regularly until March 2011.


Speakers at the event included NHSIL staff, Nancy Hallett, Dr Vinod Nargund and Dr Ajay Jain (from Barts).

3. Homerton R&D Day “April 2010

Two NHSIL staff attended the R&D day to give a talk and man an exhibition stand throughout the day.

4. POC call out

Homerton have been contacted by NHSIL for (1) Summer 2010 Targeted POC call out, (2) Autumn 2010 Targeted POC call out and (3) Christmas 2010 generic POC call out.

What specific actions do you think national NHS bodies, such as the NHS National Commissioning Board, need to take to encourage and stimulate the successful and rapid adoption and spread of innovations throughout the NHS?

Do you have any further comments about accelerating the adoption and spread of innovation in healthcare?

We would like to be able to follow up interesting comments and case studies. Can we contact you for this purpose?

Yes

Do you want to be kept in touch with the next steps in this process?

Yes

Do you want to be included in a wider community of interest?

Yes
What specific actions do you think local NHS bodies, such as providers and Clinical Commissioning Groups, need to take to encourage and stimulate the successful and rapid adoption and spread of innovations throughout the NHS?