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?**

Understand, as precisely as possible the needs of the clinicians and staff in the NHS, articulate those needs to potential solution-providers and don’t neglect the role of industry, especially SMEs who are experts at problem solving.

**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?**

Ideas:
- have targets in staff reporting which measure innovation activity in some way
- adopt software to capture and share innovative ideas and ensure that this is available to all and is used by ‘carrot and stick’
- offer share in licence fees/royalties when innovative ideas result in commercial income and/or savings
- offer more SBRI awards to engage industry in problem solving contracts
- easier access to markets in the NHS
- closer engagement with all parties around specific problems
- innovation vouchers - small amount of money awarded to industry or university to develop collaborative projects with the NHS

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

We need joined up thinking and budgets in the NHS which are patent centred. Innovation which saves money down the supply chain but costs another budget centre will not be adopted.

**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?**
see above