

Digital Innovation Hubs Call - Question and Answers

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Question	Answer	Date Response Posted
<p>1</p> <p>I would like to check if 'nationwide' refers to the UK's 66m population, and, if so, regional bids, such as from Wales, would be out of scope?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Innovation Hubs will have at least one physical location, which may be based anywhere in the UK. • The datasets and associated services of a Digital Innovation Hub should be available to users from all areas of the UK. • The DIH Programme aims to increase the speed and scale at which research and innovation can take place, which will be supported by the datasets brought by hub applicants • These datasets should fit into one or both categories of disease-focused or clinical trials and/or real world evidence, and applicants will be required to demonstrate why these are particularly valuable for near term research and development work in industry and / or not-for-profit research • Applicants are required to describe the modes of data and the size and quality of the dataset(s) they will be contributing as a Digital Innovation Hub as part of their application, and this will be evaluated through the selection process. A compelling bid will set out how the data resources you are bringing (immediately and over the course of the award) address needs for access to aligned data at scale 	<p>10/05/2019</p>
<p>2</p> <p>How was the list of highlighted disease areas generated, and why is mental health not on it, given MRC and HMG's stated commitment to mental health?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The disease areas provided in the Guidance Notes for Applicants are based on engagement that took place over the Design and Dialogue phase of the programme, in which over 2,700 people were consulted. • The list of disease areas is non-exclusive, and we welcome applications in all disease areas. • As outlined in the Guidance Notes for Applicants document, Section 6, 2.1: Applicants are expected to make datasets available which are "valuable for near term research and development work in industry and / or not-for-profit research" 	<p>10/05/2019</p>

3	<p>We are LMIC based research institution located [outside of the UK]. Are we eligible to participate in this call as partner organization or lead. Please confirm.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The competition is hosted within the context of UKRI's over-arching eligibility criteria i.e. Higher Education Institutions and Research Organisations must also be based in the UK to be supported, whether as leads or as partners. As such, your organisation is not eligible to apply for funding from this call. 	10/05/2019
4	<p>There is a clear requirement for the Hubs to be disease focused (and I note the list of areas of interest stated in the programme prospectus) however we wondered if the each Hub would need to specialise in a single disease or could hold expertise across a number of key disease areas?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •As outlined in the Guidance Notes for Applicants document, Section 6, applicants will be required to demonstrate the value of the datasets and services they will provide. •These datasets and services may be specific to a single area of expertise, or may be focused on several areas which provide a combined and compelling value to users. 	10/05/2019
5	<p>I notice in your guidance it says that an FAQ document will be released regularly, however I couldn't find one. Has this been released yet? How do we sign up for a webinar or the info event on 21 May?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Questions and Answers will be published during the call period in a generic format and will be available here https://www.hdruk.ac.uk/digital-innovation-hubs/ •The link for the Networking Event is: https://www.hdruk.ac.uk/events/digital-innovation-hub-networking-meeting/ •The link to register for the webinar is https://www.hdruk.ac.uk/events/register-for-our-upcoming-digital-innovation-hub-webinars/ 	10/05/2019