Civic Health Innovation Labs

A civic partnership advancing health, social and economic wellbeing together through system-wide data and health technology research and innovation



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Tackling global health challenges with civic data and innovation



Civic Health Innovation Labs

Civic partnership of academia, local government and NHS mobilising data and technology to tackle wicked problems with and for our residents...

Launched December 2023

"Collaboration within the research sector is essential if we want to tackle some of the largest health and care problems facing the world today, and centres like this make that a reality"

Professor Lucy Chappell

Chief Scientific Adviser to DHSC and Chief Executive Officer of NIHR



Themes: global challenges; system data-action hungry

HEALTH & CARE SYSTEMS (pressure-resilience, equity, life-course, population health...) <u>C-GULL</u>, <u>PHIRST LiLaC</u>, <u>Data into Action</u>, <u>Round E're</u>, <u>SysteMatic</u>, <u>M-RIC</u>, <u>HDRC</u>, <u>GroundsWell</u>, <u>ARC NW Coast</u>

> MENTAL HEALTH (connected: digital, comorbidities, community/systems...) M-RIC, Data Action Accelerator, CHI-Zone, <u>4M</u>

INFECTION RESILIENCE (antimicrobial resistance, pandemic preparedness...) AMR-X, Data Action Accelerator, <u>CAMO-Net</u>, <u>FluVue</u>, <u>Pandemic Institute</u>, <u>BRIT</u>, CHI-Zone, <u>HPRU GI</u>

MEDICINES OPTIMISATION (*safety, genomics, companion-AI, polypharmacy, multimorbidity...*) <u>DynAIRx</u>, OLS Data Action Accelerator, CHI-Zone, <u>M-RIC</u>, <u>SysteMatic</u>

METHODS & INFRASTRUCTURE (*training, methodology, digital infrastructure...*) <u>CDC</u>, <u>M-RIC</u>, <u>HOD2</u>, ARISTOTELES, <u>CIPHA</u>/SDE, Data Action Accelerator

Optimising Healthcare Components vs Systems

Clinical Audit \rightarrow Governance (UK in 1980s/90s \rightarrow 00s) Learning Health Systems (US rebranding in 2010s)

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- Due to affect 68% of >65-year-olds in UK by 2035 *
- Multi-condition pressures arise at younger ages in deprived areas
- Combined mental-physical problems more in young and deprived
- Existing system pressures higher in deprived areas
- Health and social care interdependency more in deprived areas
- Fewer resources for prevention accelerates compound pressures
- Climate/conflict/other world pressures denude available funds
- Population health management Als trained/tested in affluent areas

Specialist registries/databases

Crude predictive models (baseline risk factor loaded)

1-way translation (trials evidence into practice) Integrated clinical records

Fuller longitudinal prediction (difficulty learning models from data)

2-way translation aim (+ practice-based evidence)



Multi-outcome prediction; complex interventions (system dynamics; causal machine learning)

Reverse-engineering actions to tackle escalating/compound pressures

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State of Health in the City: Liverpool 2040 from Liverpool's Director of Public Health...

Unless changes are made, the city's residents are facing:

- spending more than a quarter of their life (26.1%) in ill health
- a fall in women's life expectancy by one year and a fall in women's healthy life expectancy by four years
- an increase of up to 38,000 more people living with major illness, defined as at least two long-term conditions such as high blood pressure, cancer, diabetes, asthma and chronic kidney disease
- **double** the number of adults experiencing **depression**
- the health issues most common in children will be related to mental health, obesity and child poverty



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Civic Family

- University-hosted collaborative research centre with NHS-run secure data facility
- Civic purpose to catalyse health, social and economic impacts
- We look globally to the transferability of the technical solutions we build

Health & Care Challenges & Partnerships International beacon of civic & health innovation







Civic Data Cooperative Social License and Interdisciplinary Critical Mass to Mobilise Data into Action, Systematically

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Civic Data (& AI) Cooperative of Data Rightsholders





Building community-led wellbeing data hubs in Widnes UK

Team: Dr Emily Rempel, Emma Lord, Dr Gianfranco Polizzi and Professor Simeon Yates

Aim and Objectives

Build a community designed and governed wellbeing data hub using participatory research

- 1. Understanding what wellbeing means in Widnes
- Imagining better solutions with data
 Exploring this through the eyes of
- people who live in Widnes

What We Heard

 Hopeful community growth based in pride of the past

A place where people are able to stay through all life stages
Recognition in the role of agency in community opportunity and service provision





"widnes has been mighty; we've done great things."

Supported by:













This project has been approved by the University of Liverpool Research Ethics Committee, approval number: 12124



The key project aims:

Create space for a deep

understanding of the challenge

area, gathering intelligence

informed by sector experts.

on the wellbeing challenge as

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Support this network to develop

a viable and scalable solution

for LCR that can tackle the

challenges in Mental health

Let's look at the context

What's Your Problem 2023 is part of the wider strategic vision and aims of both CDC and LCR Combined Authority contributing towards:

Positioning CDC as connector and creator around using data to transform how we

Understanding what data and insights tell us and how these can be applied to

Influencing key stakeholders about using this way of working when designing services.

Engaging with SMEs across the

The Pitch (In person)

THE ROOM

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Participants are invited to a series of events which create space to pick apart the problems, gather people around them and light the spark for ideas that create new possibilities.

space.

Create and connect a network of

brilliant people with ideas about

how to solve the issues in this



Civic Public Support to Bridge the Data-Action Gap

2016 & **2022**: **Regional citizens' juries** asked, "should the NHS be allowed to create anonymised copies of patient records for secondary use?" saw major **shifts** from opt-in to **opt-out consent**

‡DATA IVES Quote from Jury member

Having listened to a number of presentations from esteemed professionals, we have collaborated as a 'Jury' to express our views on proposals to use and share personal data for the purposes of addressing this important area of public health. Put simply, it is to try and find solutions to the fact that antibiotics are becoming less effective and we need to research, fund and find new treatments and drugs for the benefit of us all. Our findings will help shape policy to address these issues.

2016 & 2022: Public discontent with national data-sharing initiatives, which is seldom seen locally; and patients now expect data-driven services





GP. Social Care Sources



Community, **Public Health Sources**



CIVIC DATA COOPERATIVE



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Programmable Equity Data into System-wide Actions to Tackle Inequalities as an Equity Learning System, Improving Continuously

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NIHR Health Determinants Research Collaboration Liverpool

Focus on wider determinants: the conditions in which we live, work and play, which have a huge influence on our health and wellbeing, including:

- employment and working conditions
- housing and homelessness
- income
- air and water pollution
- food security and diet
- access to green and blue space
- transport methods
- social inclusion
- climate change
- Taking a collaborative approach : LCC in partnership with the University of Liverpool, b-b Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool CVS and Healthwatch Liverpool
- A strong focus on co-designing, co-delivering, and co-disseminating research in partnership with our communities.
- £5 million over 5 years commencing from January 2024

January 2024 to December 2029

Liverpool City Council is the programme lead

- X NOT research funding (funds capacity and capability to enable research funding to be sought)
- A transformational change programme aim: to change the culture of LCC and embed evidence informed decision making
- To build evidence base on wider determinants of health with overall aim of improving health outcomes and reduce health inequalities







Tackling avoidable and

unfair differences in health



HELP Project tackling avoidable & unfair differences in health

- LSTM led project
- 4 Primary Care Networks (PCNs) working together with wider community stakeholders addressing low uptake of:
 - Childhood immunisation (MMR)
 - Cancer screening (breast & cervical)
- Research component
 - Sustainability of our community led model

Outreach and events

- PCN engagement event
- Training/formation of community innovation teams data analysis & quality improvement
- Creatives marketplace
- >30 community engagement events
- Personalised cervical screening clinics
- School coffee mornings
- Further spin off community events





Partners and Stakeholders

- Liverpool City Council
- ICB
 - Primary Care Networks
 - Community Organisations
- Community Champions
- Volunteers
- Secondary Care (Mersey Care)
- Nurseries, Schools, Family Hubs & Children's Centres
- Freelance Creatives and Artists

Award Winning Project



LCR Culture & Creativity Awards 2024: Winner of Health & Wellbeing Category

- Recognised for national influence by Head of UKHSA for national MMR campaign
- Official Selection in the WHO Health for All Film Festival -"Four X-rays could save your life"



- Educational Resources
- Visually engaging FAQs
- Illustrated children's book
- Mammogram bra poem
- Branding
- Benevolent Rumours campaign

Extending our Work

Exchange programme (2024) between Homa Bay, Kenya & Liverpool to strengthen the community health workforce
ReCITE (2024-27): research programme using the power of storytelling to tackle health equity













CHILDREN GROWING UP in Liverpool

- FIRST DEDICATED BIRTH COHORT in Liverpool •
- Targets high infant mortality, low healthy life expectancy, • poor mental health
- 4M : Milk, Microbiome, Mental Health and Me •
- Nested in region-wide linked data system to follow • the digital twin of the child's journey



children thequideliverpool.com

347 women 163 babies 96 Partners 5 Twins so far born

Liverpool Women's

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HR Clinical Research Network

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-68735094









- Longitudinal birth cohort study
- Focus: trajectories of inequality
- First pregnancy
- Triad design •

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- 10,000 babies ٠
- 30,000 residents •
- Linked longitudinal real-world data ۰
- Instrument e.g. toxic stress •
- 'City Lab' \leftarrow <u>www.cipha.nhs.uk</u> (SDE) ۲
- 10,000 digital twins growing up •
- Child-friendly city & (civic) AI •
- Multi-modal data sources





'A birth cohort for a connected world'

Integrated Care Board Data into Action Programme Examples



Fuel Poverty



Challenge

How to **identify vulnerable patients** who are most at risk of 'cold homes' due to the fuel poverty crisis.

Data

Developed the Fuel Poverty dashboard to enable segmentation/ stratification of patients at risk of a 'cold home' (NICE definition). *Available in identifiable format for direct care*

Action

Used by GPs & respiratory teams to contact patients at greatest risk. Referrals to health and social care services.

Elective Recovery



Challenge

Creating a system view of patients waiting for elective treatment to understand if there is equity in access and waiting times, to support more effective prioritisation.

Data

Developed the Waiting List Insights dashboard that enables segmentation/ stratification of patients with ability to drill down to patient level. *Available in identifiable format for direct care*

Action

Used by providers, elective recovery & health inequalities teams to identify high risk patients and inform strategic direction.

Mental Health



Challenge

Understanding the **prevalence**, **demographic insights and epidemiological make up** of mental health cohorts.

Data

Developed the Mental Health Explorer dashboard that visualises the demographic insights and comorbidity profile for patients diagnosed with mental health conditions.

Action

Used by mental health services to inform strategy and mitigate health inequalities relating to service access and use.



Enhanced Case Finding GP-led System-wide Actions



Data

Into



Telehealth

Supporting people to stay well at home, regularly checking key observations, supported by clinicians when required

1 Aged 18 +

2 COPD, Diabetes, HF

37% + Admission Risk 12 mths



Co-ordinated care around the

individual where they have a

range of issues including

broader determinant factors

Aged 65+ & IMD 1

High GP & A&E usage

50% + Admission Risk 6

F&D & 3+ LTCS

mths

Multimorbidity MDT

Supporting people with a range of complex and interdependent longterm conditions which require crossspecialty management



Identifying Households with Children with the Most Complex Needs



Citizens Advice on Prescription Does it improve mental health?

Health Foundation

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Number of people / 1000 population - 2022 Large number of high need patients seen 65,000 people between 2018 and 2022 Routine linked-data cohort • 70% living in poverty 40% with at least 1 mental health problem 60% with multimorbidity • Average 30 GP consultations per 100 clients in the 3 months before intervention Mental health care utilization: Instrument Referral to Antidepressant prescribing (provider **Citizens Advice** A&E attendances on Prescription preference) GP consultations Adults Admissions Cost per client was £141 Impacts - Reduction in Antidepressant prescribing by 73 Patient reported outcomes: ADQs per person per quarter (95% Cl 25-121) EQ-5D, SWEMWBS - 7 fewer A&E attendances per 100 clients per quarter (2-11) denression substance disability (incl. autism Assessm month month ent S S ſhe National Institute for Health Research - Reduced anxiety and depression HR

- Improved wellbeing

Return on investment: For every £1 invested in the CAP service, £6.50 of value was generated



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Economies for Healthier Lives

Improving employment outcomes in Liverpool City Region



Heseltine Institute for Public Policy, Practice and Place

Aim: better link the aims of employment support and public health across LCR, leading to a coordinated approach allowing the economy to adapt to the health needs of our population and promote good health

Logic Model	Data	
Stakeholder Engagement	Review Work	

Service Redesign and Improvements

Utilise learning from each area of work to identify recommendations to improve the service offer and better meet population needs

Economy and Health Integration Toolkit







Equity Audit Compare the demographic breakdown of clients with census







Multimorbidity & Medicines

Data into Optimisation of Pathways and Medicines to Address Multimorbidity and Overprescribing









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Anticholinergic Medications Index - ACMI



Anticholinergic medications (ACM): broad group used for several conditions. Painkillers, antidepressants, heart medications, stroke medications, antipsychotics, antihistamines

ACMI predicts increased risk of hospital admission with delirium or fall attributable to ACM burden

Comparing patterns of medicine reviews with ACMI, using whole population linked data

Inequality identified: Patients in deprived areas – with high ACMI, less likely to be reviewed than patients in less deprived areas with similar ACMI





DynAIRX National Institute for Health and Care Research

Bringing patients, clinicians, data, artificial intelligence (AI) and public engagement experts together to address the major problem of medication burden

Identification of Barriers to Medicines Optimisation

Qualitative work with stakeholders and patients to identify barriers to facilitation of medicines reviews in three key multimorbidity groups with problematic polypharmacy : 1. Older people with frailty

2. People living with mental and physical health problems

3. People with four or more long-term health conditions taking ten or more medicines

Data Curation

- Structured clinical data from integrated care records (general practice, hospital, and social care)
- Natural Language Processing (NLP) of unstructured clinical text

Development of New Tools for Medicines Optimisation

- Al systems trained to identify patterns of conditions, medications, tests, and clinical contacts preceding adverse events in order to identify individuals who might benefit most from an SMR
- New visualisations to support medicines optimisation
- Piloted in prescribing audit and feedback systems that clinicians are using in research and clinical practice
- PPIE integration at all stages

Medications treat and cause multiple conditions

Example: Many common drugs prescribed for a wide range of reasons have **anticholinergic** side effects

 especially problematic for older people, but often overlooked by clinicians leading to harmful side effects such as delirium, falls and dementia





Hard problem: accumulation of medicines risks

contextual understanding

and

data

Better participation,

Escalating anticholinergic burden over long periods of time not easily seen in records



DynAIRx: Als for dynamic prescribing optimisation and care integration in multimorbidity





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SEISMIC Systematic: Prevention, Precision and Equity by Design for People Living with Multiple Long-Term Conditions



- NIHR + EPSRC Systems Engineering Innovation Hub for People with MLTC - Liverpool & Glasgow (socioeconomic disadvantage)
- 18-month development phase (2023-2024)
- Bringing together PPIE, stakeholders and data to co-identify, co-prioritise and co-design a programme of work focused on key challenges to systemic health & care across the lifecourse
- Clinical and health intelligence, design-led methodologies and social science approaches
- Developing the interdisciplinary design-led ICER framework for advanced PPIE
- 3 orders of systems science for health & social care systems







Connected Mental Health

UK Mental Health Mission's Mental Health Research for Innovation Centre: M-RIC







Mental Health Research for Innovation Centre



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Public and Patient Involvement and Engagement at M-RIC

PPIE Achievements to May 2024

- Establish an expert group of service-users and public advisors

- PPIE strategy established to complement existing Liverpool and TRC structures with the first phase of engagement

 Monitor local community representation and engagement by increased numbers of service-users trained and attending co-production activities and assess performance against our EDI commitments.
 Take a multi-experience, life-course approach to

reflect place-based clusters of mental health risks and experiences across age groups.

- Invest in civic, system-wide communications (cocreated with service-users) to highlight M-RIC's ambitions and activities.

Coproduction Activities

Introductory workshop for Service Users & Carer Representatives (Jun 23) 7 Coproduction Workshops (Oct 23 – Apr 24) Welcome Event for public members (Mar 24)

Public Advisor Group

Participants: 31 members

Members of the public were recruited through Mersey Care and third sector networks to become M-RIC Public Advisors. They are from a range of backgrounds, with different experiences of mental health, and include service users, carers, health professionals and strategic partner representatives.





Public Advisors Group

Development and Outreach Activities

 Engagement with local third sector organisations with diverse populations such as Mary Seacole House African Caribbean Centre, the Black Women's Health Network
 Engagement with third sector organisations and groups active in the health and wellbeing sector: Walton, Bootle and Southport Life Rooms, Sefton CVS, Sefton in Mind, the Brink, Kensington Vision, Knowsley Health Watch Liaison with regional and national PPIE Community including ARC-NW, CoREN, NIHR Mission
 PPIE Activities for International Women's Day

 Developing annual calendar of Partner and Third sector events and Annual General Meetings to attend and brief members on M-RIC progress.

	Table1 – Public Advisor perspectives					
		Total	Service users	Carers	Health professionals	Strategic partner reps.
Γ		31	24	3	2	2
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Recruitment of 10 Service User Carer Reps

- Recruited 10 dedicated Service Users and carer Representatives to work alongside research leads

- Training in PPIE commenced for Service User Carer Reps and Public Advisors.

- Training includes, Introduction to Research, Strategic Reviews, Qualitative and Quantitative Methods, Health Economics and Coproduction.



CIX: Combined Intelligence for Transitional Health Research: A Trusted Research Environment for M-RIC

- Open-source Trustworthy Research Environment co-developed with Microsoft and PA Consulting
- Provision of 1M patient structured and unstructured records
- Developed new, open-source tools for anonymization of the data, including clinical notes
- Improving automation for data request and provisioning
- Developing generative AI tools for interaction with the data
- Platform interaction with other, 3rd party research systems, including SDE, Holmusk and Quantexa









M-RIC Natural Language Processing



Patient / Clinician Co-Produced Micro-Instruments



The User Interface for Health Avatars

Health Avatar



Health & Social Care

- Actionable information
- Personalised pathways
- Multi-agency coordination
- Move to self-service model
 across public services

Patient & HealthTech

- Data "gifted" to healthcare
- Self-management / autonomy

Care

Records

• Tapping into rhythms of life



Innovative Therapies for Mood Disorders Aligning NLP-AI with Clinical Practice & Services



Leveraging Large Language Models for NLP-based Phenotype Capture ...

- · Innovate on "end-to-end" categorical diagnostics from ingesting unstructured EHR data
- Define finer-grained, evidence-based phenotypes such as difficult to treat depression (DTD)
- Collect routine clinical data using an abductive annotation schema

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- Use the same schema for expert curation & annotation of existing EHR data
- Train LLMs on the DTD phenotype to extract **signatures** to identify and stratify patients for trials

MC² Mersey Care Mood Clinic

Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust



Technology-Supported Measurement-Based Care

Immune Profiling, Psychosis, Drug Repositioning



A novel immune mechanism of psychosis

Impaired regulatory T lymphocytes (Tregs) 🛛 🍾 🍆

IL-12 IFN-y

STATI; STAI

IL-2

IFN-Y, TNF

Blood

Low grade peripheral inflammation

1.4

Th₂

IL-4, IL-5

IL-3. IL-13

Activated white cells and Increased blood cytokines

CRP, IL6, IFN, TNF

Diabetes, atherosclerosis... shorter life

Th17

IL-17, IL-21, IL-22

IL-26 THE CM-CS

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Figure 1

Figure 2

Astrocytes 1

Glutamate/GABA

Dopamine

dysfunction

Psychosis

Brain

Glial dysregulation

Microglia ↓

↓ PET TSPO

Excessive pruning

Synapse loss

Cognitive impairment

Blood markers of inflammation (cytokines) are increased in schizophrenia. Two competing implications are:

- Figure 1: increased cytokines cause brain neuroinflammation which causes symptoms
 - Figure 2: Increased cytokines indicate weakened control of peripheral immune responses by Treg cells which also fail in their function of regulating the development of neurons and their support cells called astroglia and microglia
- We have developed a prospective biomarker feasibility study (& gualitative sub-study) to measure Tregs, and blood markers of immunity, astroglia and neurons in patients with first episode psychosis, treatmentresistant schizophrenia and healthy controls.
- Proposed clinical trial to determine: Can low-dose methotrexate restore the apparent TReg control of glia and so normalise the neurotransmitter changes associated with psychosis?









Public Mental Health Innovations



- Co-producing a Meaningful Involvement Assessment Toolkit with PPIE colleagues
- Examine the psychological impacts of meaningful involvement in mental health research (hope and mattering)
- NIHR Pump-priming application to build research capacity in our PPIE group
- Liverpool City Region Adverse Childhood Experiences
 Alliance. With LJMU Profs. Bellis and Quigg
- To bring together LCR work on ACES, their prevention and trauma informed practices
- To make LCR an ACE aware, trauma informed region and to lead a prevention-focussed, collaborative public mental health research agenda



Propensity scores to represent likelihood of accessing The Life Rooms

Random Forest

Matching on propensity scores to produce case and control groups

MatchIt: nearest, caliper=0.001, without replacement



Emergency care attendances

Propensity scores generated using various features including IMD score, age, sex, ethnic origin, social care utilisation, mental health care utilisation, physical and mental health diagnoses, mental health prescriptions, GP utilisation, emergency care utilisation, and mental health ward stays.

People who first accessed The Life Rooms in 2021 matched to eligible controls (people with no record of Life Rooms access) matched on propensity score.

Samples of 1,419 case and control subjects used in most instances, with subsamples taken for specific use cases.

Difference-in-differences analyses conducted across a range of healthcare settings to quantify the impact of accessing The Life Rooms, and the impact of only being prescribed Life Rooms Learning interventions.

First accessing The Life Rooms in 2021 resulted in:

- 184 fewer contacts with the Early Intervention for Psychosis (EIP) service in the first year following access,
- ☆ 246 fewer contacts with the EIP service in the second year following access,
- ☆ 71 fewer contacts with the Psychiatric Liaison service in the first year following Life Rooms access,
- ☆ 171 fewer CMHT contacts in the second year following Life Rooms access,
- ☆ 417 fewer GP encounters in the second year following Life Rooms access,

than if individuals had not used The Life Rooms.

First accessing The Life Rooms in 2021 and only being prescribed Life Rooms Learning interventions resulted in greater impacts for:

- ☆ EIP service in the first- and second-years following Life Rooms access,
- * Crisis resolution treatment team/home treatment service in the first year following Life Rooms access,
- * Psychiatric Liaison service in the first- and second-years following Life Rooms access,
- \Rightarrow General Psychiatry in the second year following Life Rooms access,
- Emergency care attendances in the first year following Life Rooms access,

than for service users prescribed a combination of interventions funded and not funded by The Life Rooms.





Civic Health Protection

Health Protection Data Science and Civic Action for Pandemic Preparedness and Antimicrobial Progress







City Council



AMR-X: LIVERPOOL ANTIMICROBIAL LEARNING SYSTEM: AI for Sustainable Healthcare



- DATA LINKAGE
 - Regional secure data environment •

DATA SCIENCE

- Healthcare simulation
- AMR prediction models
- Antimicrobial & diagnostic utility functions

INCLUSIVE DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION

- Translational expertise & co-design •
- **Dynamic Formularies & policymaking**
- Personalised diagnostics •

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HEALTH PROTECTION RESEARCH UNIT IN GASTROINTESTINAL INFECTIONS

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People and Places

Exploring socio-economic, environment and behavioural factors in gastrointestinal infections

Data and Informatics

Developing methods for surveillance and outbreak control

Pathogens and Microbiomes

Combating gastrointestinal infections with genome sequencing

Predict and Prevent

Epidemiological prediction to guide disease prevention

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<u>About Us:</u>

One in four of the population in the UK suffers from gastroenteritis each year. The NIHR Health Protection Research Unit in Gastrointestinal Infections brings together leading researchers from the University of Liverpool, UK Health Security Agency and the University of Warwick. Through collaboration and knowledge sharing, this integrated, multidisciplinary research programme will generate new strategies to protect the UK population from diarrhoeal diseases, and will play a pivotal role in maintaining and growing the UK Health Security Agency's scientific expertise and future workforce.

<u>Our Aims:</u>

- 1. Improve methods for the surveillance and control of gastrointestinal infections, including among underserved communities in whom the disease burden is greatest.
- 2. Enhance detection and tracking of microbes that cause gastroenteritis to prevent disease outbreaks.
- 3. Through high quality, multidisciplinary training, equip health protection scientists with the necessary knowledge and skills to help reduce the population burden of gastrointestinal infections.
- 4. Engage strongly with patients and the public in our research and with wider stakeholders to support knowledge mobilisation.

Examples of our Impact:

- Application of whole genome sequencing to identify outbreaks of Salmonella gastroenteritis
- Genetic profiling has transformed the epidemiological surveillance of Cryptosporidium infection
- Revolutionising gastrointestinal infection diagnostics at clinical and public health frontlines using molecular methods

"Gastrointestinal infections continue to place a major burden on the UK population. By developing new methods for disease surveillance and pathogen detection across all groups in society, we will develop new approaches to control diarrhoeal diseases and contribute to reducing health inequalities".

Nigel Cunliffe, Director, and Roberto Vivancos, UK Health Security Agency Lead, NIHR Health Protection Research Unit in Gastrointestinal Infections.

Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement

We will embed active forms of patient and public involvement and community engagement across the HPRU to ensure patients and the public are involved in co-producing public health knowledge of importance and relevance to them.

Knowledge Mobilisation

Using targeted and diverse dissemination strategies to share our findings, our research will catalyse change to reduce morbidity associated with gastrointestinal infections.

Research Capacity Development

Through education and training we will develop staff capacity and capability in gastrointestinal infections, thus growing the human resource that will help develop and apply enhanced infection prevention and control strategies to protect the health of the population now and in the future.

The research was funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research Health Protection Research Unit (NIHR HPRU) in Gastrointestinal Infections at University of Liverpool in partnership with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), in collaboration with University of Warwick. The views expressed are those of the author(s) and not necessarily the NIHR, the Department of Health and Social Care or the UK Health Security Agency.

Vaccine Evaluations and Inequalities: Real-world Data Informing Vaccine Policy

- Direct and indirect benefits across a healthcare system
- Greatest benefit in most deprived populations despite lower uptake
- Novel methods for evaluations long term rotavirus vaccine impact

COVID-19 Pandemic: C&M Responsive work

- Modelling covid-19 vaccine
 effectiveness
- Understanding inequalities in SARS-CoV-2 infection/vaccination
- Paediatric vaccinations since covid-19 equity gap widening with

MMR and measles: collaborative public health research

Investigating the off-target effects of vaccines: driven by PPIE

- Impact of rotavirus vaccination on T1 diabetes & coeliac disease
- Shingles, pneumococcal re-vaccination and influenza in adults

Impact and Legacy

- Informed JCVI recommendations COVID-19 vaccine rollout
- University impact case study on rotavirus vaccines
- Informed rotavirus vaccine introduction in France
- Targeted measles catch-up campaigns
- Funding with industry, UKRI, Wellcome Trust & NIHR

 Winners: Delivering Research in Collaboration (NWC Research and Innovation Awards and PHE Science and Research Awards)

The Centre for Global Vaccine Research

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Liverpool Mid-October 2020

- COVID-19 deaths surge
- One of most **deprived** parts of UK Third of children born in poverty
- Job-losses surge from COVID-19 restrictions
- Visitors, hospitality and events form half of Liverpool's economy
- Lockdowns a public health hazard as well as SARS-CoV-2

Liverpool End-October 2020

- UK Government offers Liverpool military assistance to screen around 75% of the population weekly for SARS-CoV-2 antigen with a new test
- Liverpool considers unpublished (from Porton Down) biological evidence on lateral flow test performance and the proposed testing approach by Liverpool
- Liverpool accepts the Government offer on three conditions:
 - University of Liverpool leads an **independent evaluation** of test device and end-to-end testing performance
 - Unrealistic goal of testing 75% of a City weekly changed to Liverpool-defined SMART (Systematic, Meaningful, Asymptomatic, Repeated Testing) protocol
 - Liverpool receives a **real-time** feed of test result **data** from NHS Test & Trace

Liverpool November 2020: Rapid Testing Pilot

- World's first city-wide pilot of testing for people without COVID symptoms to save lives and livelihoods
- **Quarter** of population **volunteered** in a month despite external media negativity
- Case detection increased by a fifth
- Known case rate fell by a fifth
- Hospitalisation fell by a quarter

www.bmj.com/content/379/bmj-2022-071374

www.liverpool.ac.uk/coronavirus/research-and-analysis/covid-smart-pilot/

Impact of 'Mass Testing' Pilot on Covid-19 Hospitalisations

- **Synthetic control** analysis making neighbourhoods similar in terms of background risks, epidemic and control measures
- Initial mass testing with military: 43% (29% to 57%) reduction in COVID-19 hospital admissions
- Overall community testing pilot with handover to local services
 25% (11% to 35%) reduction

- Results: <u>https://www.bmj.com/content/379/bmj-2022-071374</u>
- Methodology: https://www.bmj.com/content/379/bmj.o2712
- Policy impacts: www.liverpool.ac.uk/coronavirus/research-and-analysis/covid-smart-pilot/

Digital Poverty → Low Test Uptake: Need Universal Access

Liverpool pilot demonstrated **lower uptake** of testing and higher infection rates among the most **deprived** and the **digitally excluded** (Internet User Classification of neighbourhoods)

Time period (communications campaign "")
6th Nov- 26th Apr (total study period)
6th Nov- 2nd Dec ("Let's all get tested")
3rd Dec 5th Jan ("Test before you go")
6th Jan 26th Apr ("Testing our front line")

- Community testing roll-out advised to focus more on interactions of **biology**, **behaviour** and **environment** (end-to-end testing)
- Need to reduce digital complexity
- Isolation payments needed for those who can't afford to isolate

London December 2020: Community Testing Policy Made

- End-to-end testing evaluation considered by UK Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies and Universal Access Community Testing policy made
- Media debate over 40% lateral flow sensitivity vs PCR, confusing clinical test of having been infected with public health test of being ~infectious
- Public health utility function to optimise:
 1/time to % appropriate action (e.g., isolation)
 30 min lateral flow vs 48h PCR
 consider 'actionable accuracy'

→ Coronavi	rus (COVID-19) Latest updates and guidance
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Paper by Iain Buchan, Callum Semple and other academics on the <u>Liverpool</u> <u>Covid-SMART pilot evaluation</u>. It was considered at <u>SAGE 72</u> on 10 December 2020.

Using Mobile Vaccination Units to Increase COVID-19 Vaccination Uptake

Outcome: a 25% (95% CI 21% to 28%) increase in uptake within 3 weeks after first deployment

https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/13/10/e071852.long

CHIL Civic Health Innovation Labs

Covid-risk-mitigated, Data-driven Reopening of Mass Events

- **12,256 people** from Liverpool City Region attended business, nightclub and music events in Liverpool 28 Apr to 2 May 2021
- Largely positive sentiment among public and despite threats to organisers, and high enjoyment of participants
- Supervised pre-event negative test required
- Live linkage of NHS-wide and study test results to tickets, with consent, and contact tracing ahead of events
- Prospective whole population design; randomisation request refused
- 15 linked cases: ~background rates;
 >50 linked cases from leisure facility nearby without risk-mitigation

- <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/events-research-programme-phase-i-findings/events-research-programme-phase-i-findings</u>
- https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/01410768231182389

Covid-19 Wakeup Call for Action Ready Data

Data available up to: 25/1/2029 10:40. Run by: buchan@liverpool.ac.uk on 8/12/2022 08:11; V1.9.0

NIHR Health Protection Research Unit (HPRU) in Emerging and Zoonotic Infections (EZI)

Prof Lance Turtle (Deputy Director) (2014-2025; Dir. Tom Solomon;£10M from NIHR, £160M external funding)

Ebola

Zika

Covid-19

NIHR National Institute for Health Research

HPRU-EZI-III (work in progress)

	Theme 1: Predict and Prevent	Theme 2: Clinical Characterisation	Theme 3: Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions	Theme 4: Medical Countermeasures
	Vector SURVEILLANCE and Control PhD superviser: Grant Hughes, LSTM	ARBO-UK Pls: Lance Turtle (UoL) and Tom Fletcher (LSTM) Lyme-UK (+Urban Lyme	Acceptability and feasibility of NPI interventions PhD supervisor: Christl Donnelly, Oxford	Diagnostics PhD supervisor: Michael Marks, LSHTM Vaccine Equity and Access
	Biosentinel surveillance in birds PhD superviser: Maya Holding. UKSHA Matthew Baylis, UoL	Pls: Sylviane Defres (LSTM), Christina Petridou (UKHSA) Transmission study PhD supervisor: Jake Dunning, Oxford	¹ Behavioural project with Kings and Bristol on Avian influenza PhD supervisor: Roberto Vivancos, UKHSA	PhD supervisor: Miriam Taegtmeyer, LSTM Phipseq PDRA: Emma Thomson, LSHTM
Theme 5: Data, Analysis, Modelling & Al		Outbreak-UK Pls: Calum Semple, UoL	Prepare for NPI intervention: Modelling Health vs Economic Impact PhD supervisor: Brendan Collins, UoL	² Modelling of diagnostics use early in pandemic PhD supervisor: Emily Nixon, UoL
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Science Strategy: End to End Approach

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NIHR Clinical Research Facility Phase 1 "first in humans"

Accelerator Research Clinic Phase 2/3

Micro-Physiological Systems "Body on a Chip" Technologies

Human Challenge Facility

Access & Inequalities Unit

UK Pandemic Sciences Network

