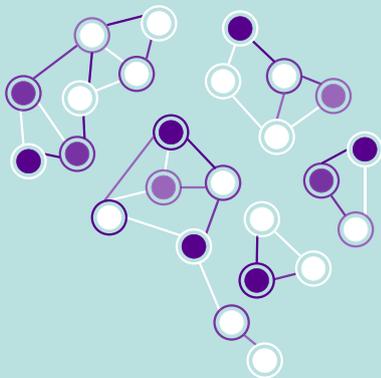


# Patient Inspired Innovation

**Welcome** to this issue 7 of the NIHR Brain Injury Healthcare Technology Co-operative newsletter. In this edition, you can read all about our new online Register for Healthcare Involvement and Technology Evaluation (RHITE) and a report of what happened at the BRAINFest!

## About us

The HTC is one of eight national Healthcare Technology Co-operatives (HTCs) funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR).



The NIHR Brain Injury HTC works with patients, carers, academics, clinicians and industry to develop new medical devices, healthcare technologies and technology-dependent interventions to improve treatment and quality of life for patients with brain injuries.

## Get Involved!

The HTC has developed a volunteer register for patients and carers to assist in the advance of healthcare technologies. For more information, please visit our website:

<https://brainhtc.org/rhite/>

## Cambridge BRAINFest

BRAINFest generated an enthusiastic audience across the weeked, importantly providing the HTC an opportunity to launch RHITE; thank you very much to all those that took the time to visit our set, for taking the time to tell their stories on brain injury, their recovery, interest or expertise. We shall be in touch with those who registered with future newsletters, workshops and many other brain related events we hope will be as informing and exciting as those staging the Corn Exchange interactive showcase.



We are very grateful to all those that took part, who brought their knowledge and skills, contributing in dynamic exciting ways.

James Piercy very generously shared his recovery pathway with an interactive presentation engaging a diverse audience and creating some interesting conversations. See our photographs for the wider set, and specifically those we shared our space with on brain monitoring, which was very popular.

Thank you to Andrew Bateman for representing The Oliver Zangwill Centre for Neuropsychological Rehabilitation and Linda Atterton from BrainCurve for their time and knowledge shared. To support self-management of mood difficulties Andrew Bateman from Cambridge Neuroscience, and the NHS CPFT have endorsed an online platform called "silvercloud" as a safe and secure online space offering personalised wellbeing programmes, although not yet tested systematically or adapted for those living with mood or emotion difficulties after brain injury. They are exploring the potential of such a system to help for those either on a waiting list or as an adjunct to support individuals between therapy sessions. One strength of the system is there is always a clinician in the background. You can find out more from your GP, in Cambridgeshire the wellbeing service website (<http://www.cpft.nhs.uk/services/pws/psychological-wellbeing-service.htm>) or local charities such as Headway who can advise how to be referred for access to support like this.



Visit our website for live tweets (@NIHRBrainHTC) throughout the event, our blog and links for the Oliver Zangwill Centre & Headway.

## Register for Healthcare Involvement and Technology Evaluation (RHITE)

The HTC Patient and Carer Register has been a great success, providing a gateway amongst the whole brain injury community – linking patients, carers and families to clinicians, researchers and technology providers. However, in order to better describe both the purpose and the audience of the register, we have come up with a new acronym (well, we are in the NHS...) and are relaunching the register as the 'NIHR Brain Injury HTC - Register for Healthcare Involvement and Technology Evaluation (RHITE)'. This way we do not exclude families or general public with an interest in brain injury and healthcare technologies.

### Join today!

If you would like to help in advancing brain injury healthcare research and technologies, please join our register by visiting: <https://orioncloud.org/rhite>

If you prefer to complete the registration form using either an electronic PDF or in hard copy, please contact us: [involve@brainhtc.org](mailto:involve@brainhtc.org) or 01223 336 936

## Seedcorn Funding Competition 2016-2017 Winners Announcement

The NIHR Brain Injury HTC is pleased to announce the winners of the Seedcorn Funding Competition 2016-17. Since the competition opened in May 2016 we received 31 applications and out of those 13 have been awarded.

The furthest organisation to be awarded, University of Edinburgh, thank you for your application Aimun Jamjoom, we look forward to hearing of all future research through the app you produce. Much closer to home, Dr Susan Giorgi-Coll, University of Cambridge, we wish you every success in your study for Measuring Interleukin at the bedside and look forward to hearing of your findings.

Please visit our website <https://brainhtc.org/category/news/> to find out more about the projects that have been awarded across the country.



## Public Involvement Standards Development Consultation Open until 01 September 2017

Six draft indicators are in place to finalise six core standards for Public Involvement in Research. Together they provide a framework for improving the quality and consistency of public involvement in research.

The NIHR invite Professionals, Organisations, Interested groups and individuals to review and contribute in a final consultation.

To contribute visit the website link below; take part in an online survey, join consultation events and conversations, core documents referenced are available:

<https://sites.google.com/nihr.ac.uk/pi-standards/consultation>



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