

## ABHI Welcomes Enhanced Funding for Accelerated Access Review Implementation



ABHI welcomes the announcement of four new funding initiatives as an important start towards full implementation of the Accelerated Access Review (AAR). This takes us further towards the goal of making the UK a global “powerhouse” for MedTech innovation and an attractive market for inward investment.

The measures announced include:

- A welcome step to provide tangible support for small businesses through grants for clinical evidence generation
- Additional support for the Academic Health Science Networks (AHSNs). This backing, alongside the process changes already implemented by the AHSNs, will make a concrete difference to innovation adoption
- A Pathway Transformation Fund that provides an opportunity for MedTech solutions that re-engineer pathways and improve system efficiency. This is currently a critical barrier to technology adoption
- Investment in a digital catalyst, providing the opportunity to develop, test and drive the use of proven digital technology. This is still in its infancy when applied to health.

Commenting on the announcement, Peter Ellingworth, ABHI Chief executive, said: “These additional funding initiatives will complement work already in place on Innovation Tariff, NICE processes and horizon scanning. MedTech has the potential to improve the efficiency of treatment pathways and deliver better healthcare outcomes. This overall package will benefit patients, the health system and the wider economy.”

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### About ABHI

The Association of British Healthcare Industries (ABHI) is the industry association for the medical technology sector in the UK. ABHI’s mission is to champion the benefits and use of safe and effective medical technologies to deliver high quality patient outcomes. With over 260 members, ABHI leads the advocacy of the industry in order to advance access to medical technology. Our membership includes some of the leading multinational businesses in the sector in the UK right the way through to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs).

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