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# National Mental Health Intelligence Network (NMHIN) Analytical Network Meeting

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# Chief Knowledge Officer priorities

To  
understand,  
collaborate  
and meet the  
needs  
of  
local  
government,  
local NHS and  
National  
stakeholders

Develop a web portal to report and provide access to information

## **Build and develop health intelligence networks**

Build and manage linked datasets that are safe and available for use

Bridge the gap in the translation of knowledge into action

## **Connect people to share experience**

Improve the use of surveillance to focus resources

Assess priorities for public health research, support and conduct it



# What makes a Network, a Network?

e.g. National Cancer Intelligence Network:

- Operated by Public Health England
- Not just Public Health England
- Spans multiple agencies and stakeholders
- Funded by multiple stakeholders, with multiple accountability
- Enables coordinated focus for stakeholder resources
- Demand innovation



## Quotations: external review of the NCIN:

### **Evaluating and Influencing Policy:**

‘has been really powerful to have analyses to back up and allow us to monitor cancer policies.’

### **Rare and less common cancer groups:**

“has given strategic access at a national level for the first time”

‘The NCIN has really helped us (the sarcoma community) understand the number and variety of sarcomas, who treats them and how and what the outcomes are. They have highlighted major areas of uncertainty, for example gynaecological sarcomas, that are now able to be addressed’



## **Clinical teams:**

“There are now two hundred senior clinicians with a level of understanding of cancer data that is way beyond average. We shouldn’t underestimate the importance of this.”

“The real power is being able to use population level data to analyse service performance. It is a level of evidence which so-called ‘evidence-based’ medicine has never been able to enjoy before.”



## **Charities and Patient Groups:**

- “identifies ‘matters for concern’ which we can explore with clinicians, identifying in at least two cases to date a serious ‘campaigning’ issue’.
- ‘NCIN is the most valuable money spent on cancer and the only way we can understand what is and needs to happen.’



# National Cancer Intelligence Network

## What makes a successful network:

- Vision of its leaders, and belief in its potential
- Multi-agency partnership – span traditional divides
- Enabling access to data
- Focus on exposing variation
- Integration of the charities and patients
- Involvement of clinicians
- Integration with national strategy is absolutely crucial
- Being lean and responsive, not bogged down in bureaucracy



# We will be pulling together the indicators which are gathered across all the networks

- The scale of the problem
- Projections
- Prevention
- Early diagnosis
- Treatment
- Experience
- Rehab
- Outcomes
- End of Life Care
- Preventing crisis
- Mental health comorbidity
- Transition to adult care for any chronic disease that affects children
- Produce the suite of indicators
- Modelling.....!!





# What should you and I expect?

- PHE Commitment
  - Health and Wellbeing Directorate
  - Chief Knowledge Officer Directorate
- NHS England
- Health and Social Care Information Centre
- High level support will bring
  - Resource, Prioritisation, Funding



# What should you and I expect?

- I expect
  - Collaboration
  - Ideas
  - Innovation
- I also expect that we will
  - Make mistakes
  - Tread on toes
  - Feel a bit threatened



## So what next.....?

- We have many of the component parts
- We have the mandate and top-level support
- Our stakeholders want/expect us to do it
- We will not get this opportunity again



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# Questions: