

VSM Protocol 2

Purpose: to prompt reflections on AHSN development, KMob strategy and leadership challenges since T1.

AHSN PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENTS

1. Can you tell us about the major developments at this AHSN over the past 12 months?
2. Have there been projects/streams of activity that have been particularly successful?
3. How have you progressed metrics for measuring your AHSN's impact?
 - Wealth vs health?
4. Has your strategy for adopting and spreading innovations been as successful as you'd hoped?
 - Can you give any examples?
 - And have you modified this approach?
5. Thinking about the regional health economy, have there been any notable developments in the last year?
 - i.e. related to NHS Trusts, central policy, new initiatives, finances, business growth/decline.
6. Has your AHSN attracted new forms of capital investment or funding to support the spread of health care innovations?
 - Examples?
7. How do you think this AHSN compares to other AHSNs in terms of the following opportunities?
 - a. stimulating economic growth or clusters
 - b. creating jobs
 - c. attracting inward investment
 - d. supporting the adoption of innovations across the NHS
 - e. population health improvement

TRACERS

8. We picked up on the following X tracer(s) supported by this AHSN. Can you talk me through any recent developments and your view on their overall contribution?

AHSN LEADERSHIP

9. Upon reflection, what do you consider the main challenges of leading AHSNs?
10. What has been your greatest leadership challenge to date?
11. In your experience what leadership styles have worked and which have not in the AHSN context?

NETWORKING

12. Do you think your network of key knowledge sharing contacts has developed over time because of your role in the AHSN?
 - Prompt: new wealth / industry / business contacts?

NATIONAL POLICY AND CLOSING REMARKS

13. We have heard in the course of our research that NHS policy can appear “crowded” in this field, with a number of innovation initiatives running in parallel. This may be confusing for industry and those less familiar with the NHS. Do you have any comments/observations about this given your experience?
14. Do you have any thoughts about how to report the successes of AHSNs nationally – as a collective body?
15. What do you see as the future model of AHSNs in terms of sustainability?
 - e.g. self-financing through membership contributions.
16. What are the main lessons you have taken from working in an AHSN?
17. Do you have any other comments?

THANK FOR PARTICIPATION IN STUDY AND CLOSE.