

Getting started

WELCOME TO MERIDIAN, AN INTERACTIVE
ONLINE HEALTH INNOVATION EXCHANGE FOR
THE WEST MIDLANDS

Introduction

The WMAHSN is supporting industry to overcome historic barriers to adopting innovation by forming closer links between the NHS, industry and academia and by developing the infrastructure to improve the scale and speed of adoption across the West Midlands.

Meridian has been specifically designed to support the West Midlands' innovation ecosystem, assisting NHS, academic, commercial and industrial stakeholders, and supporting a collaborative approach to resolving clinical and service challenges to build a region-wide innovation culture.



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Why get involved?

Your participation will help identify and strengthen innovations from across the health and social sector.

- ◆ Share your needs, innovations and ideas
- ◆ Submit innovations to identified needs and help put into action effective solutions
- ◆ Get your innovation in front of commissioners and clinicians/health professionals
- ◆ Grow your network and make contact with people whose innovations could change healthcare delivery as we know it
- ◆ Help resolve healthcare challenges and create a healthier, wealthier region



DO YOU HAVE AN INNOVATIVE PRODUCT OR SERVICE AVAILABLE THAT HAS SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL TO BENEFIT BOTH PATIENTS AND THE HEALTH SERVICE?



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WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE BEST SOLUTIONS TO TRANSFORM CARE ...

About Meridian

Meridian is a pioneering interactive innovation health exchange for anyone to share their innovations and ideas, build groups and networks and make contact with people whose innovations could change healthcare in the West Midlands. The platform will support the adoption of good practice in health and social care and share lessons learned from across the sector.

WMAHSN stakeholders are able to submit their ideas so that others can comment, feedback, suggest ways in which they may be improved and vote for innovations that are good for the region. Alternatively, users can respond to campaigns, where a specific healthcare need in the West Midlands has been identified which may be solved through a new or existing solution.

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Submissions

When you submit an idea, Meridian will notify you if other similar innovations have been submitted - you can either get in touch with them to partner up or go ahead and get your innovation published!

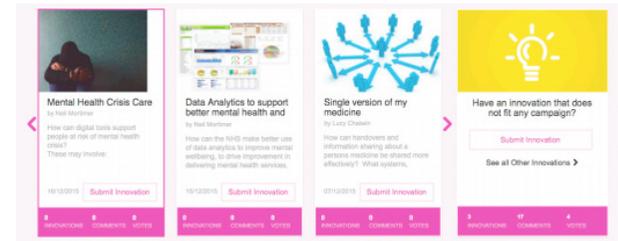
Your initial innovation submission will be visible to the entire community of users once the Meridian team has reviewed it. Once complete, it will be moved into the 'Publish' stage for all to see, vote on and feedback. At this stage, we will ask you to provide a more detailed overview of your innovation and your aspirations to assist with wider adoption and further development if necessary.

There are Meridian moderators (WMAHSN, Medilink WM and MidTECH members) who are active in the innovation space. They are able to see any content marked 'Confidential' to assess your innovation more effectively and practically in order to support its development without giving away too much information on the open innovation exchange.



The West Midlands' health sector is looking for the best solutions to transform care and treatment, and they will be using the Meridian online health innovation exchange to identify and find those solutions.

Active campaigns



We are working to accelerate the take up of known best practice and to identify gaps in current provision. For industry, we provide a front door to the health service to accelerate adoption.





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How to submit

Registration

Registration with the Meridian online health innovation exchange is free and simple, so go to meridian.wmahsn.org and click on Log in/Register.

Once registered, you can submit your innovation in two different places on the Home page:

Campaigns or Open campaigns:

> Campaigns

These are specific themes where a need has been identified by WMAHSN in line with our priorities, requiring an understanding of innovations that are already out there and what could be created through collaboration.

- These may be time limited or be open ended to support the regional themes and clinical priorities.

> Open campaigns

If you have an innovation that doesn't fit into a campaign, you can submit it at any time under the 'Have an innovation that doesn't fit any campaign?' category on the Home page.

What happens next?

When you submit an innovation:

- ◆ **Notification** - Meridian will notify you if other similar innovations have been submitted
 - This gives you the option to partner up with others with similar insight
 - You can either comment on and get in touch with the suggested innovation(s) or
 - You can carry on and submit your own
- ◆ **Innovation Champion** - Once you have submitted your innovation you become its Innovation Champion
- ◆ **Review** - Your initial submission becomes visible to the entire community of users once it has been reviewed by the Meridian team for completeness
- ◆ **Visibility** - Once reviewed, your innovation will move to the 'Publish' stage
- ◆ **Feedback** - Once published, others will be able to give feedback and vote or comment on your submission

Keep track . . .

- > Keep up to date with what is happening with your innovations: visit the 'My Activities' tab on the homepage.

Priorities



Long-term conditions: a whole system, person-centred approach



Wellness and prevention of illness



Advanced diagnostics, genomics and precision medicine



Mental health crisis care





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Extra features

Follow

While looking at certain innovations, Meridian allows you to follow their progress, email them to your colleagues to see if they want to contribute or learn more, email the innovators themselves or send as a pdf attachment. You are able to manage your subscriptions in your profile.

Voting and commenting

When you review a new innovation, you can join the conversation by commenting and suggesting improvements. The ability to post anonymously or reply to existing comments enhances this process. In addition to writing comments, you can vote for innovations that you think are good for the region to support and worthy of further development.



Innovation Warehouse

Meridian lets you share the changes you have made to the way you operate that have resulted in improved health outcomes for patients, a more effective way of delivering more for less, an increase in productivity, or just a different way of doing things. Please use this space to upload the innovations that you wish to share and from which others may benefit.

Innovator Points

Whenever you take action in Meridian you earn Innovator Points. Points are awarded for submitting innovations, commenting on innovations, voting, receiving votes and submitting stories into the Innovation Warehouse. As you accrue points, you attain a certain Innovator status. This status is an indicator of your activity in the community and your entrepreneurial insights. In addition to listing your Innovator status on your profile, it is also shown on the homepage under 'Active Contributors'.



News and useful tools

If you have something that you wish to share with the community, such as an event or new clinical guidance that you think is relevant, please get in touch so we can share this information on our News and useful tools pages. The success of Meridian health innovation exchange is based on the principle of a "return on involvement" and we hope you like what you see and get involved so that we can consistently deliver great healthcare for our population across the West Midlands.

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Creating a campaign

If you want to establish your own campaign, please get in touch with us!

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