

The benefits of SDO Network membership

The SDO Network is a group of NHS organisations committed to supporting research, evaluation and innovation. The SDO Network supports managers to improve and develop the services they manage by facilitating their access to and use of the latest health services research, leading to the development of improved healthcare services.

What's in it for NHS organisations?

The SDO Network provides a range of services for members, customised to meet the needs of senior, operational and new NHS managers, aimed at improving their use and understanding of health services research. Our activities support managers to work and reflect with their colleagues, peers, academics and leaders from the private sector on the best ways of using research knowledge to improve the services they manage.

Whatever your organisation's involvement with research; whether you host an NIHR research unit, are involved with a Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC), are an Academic Health Science Centre (AHSC) or Health Innovation and Education Centre Cluster (HIEC) partner, or simply wish to keep up to date with the latest thinking in evidence-based healthcare management, you will benefit from becoming part of the SDO Network.

Services for members

Themed workshops and seminars, and publications

- Leading academics present their latest research on key issues facing the NHS, focusing on the implications of their findings for healthcare managers. Researchers will highlight clinical outcomes, patient satisfaction and cost savings, as well as looking at the key hazards to avoid for managers implementing similar service improvements.
- Events will involve NHS managers who have implemented these changes successfully and offer an opportunity for service users to provide their perspective on change.
- Our workshops provide a space for managers to discuss with peers how they can best use the research to practically improve health services in their own organisations and create action plans for initiating changes.
- Our research digest series of publications will draw on a number of published studies to address NHS service delivery priorities including promoting self care in chronic care management and building effective clinical networks.

Action learning sets

- Facilitated action learning sets create supportive learning environments that allow NHS managers to develop the skills they need to access and use health services research more effectively.
- Working in collaboration with academic partners at the leading edge of healthcare management research, the SDO Network provides dedicated support to members to form local and regional action learning sets for managers at every level.

Chief executives dinner forums

- The SDO Network hosts two regional forums for chief executives, each looking at how current research evidence can support them in delivering on their business priorities.
- Each forum meets on two evenings per year, inviting researchers to present and discuss their research findings on a current issue, and provides an opportunity to influence future research commissioning plans.

Academic placement fellowships

- We work with the Economic Social Research Council and NIHR SDO to support senior to mid-level academics to spend time with NHS teams, bringing an academic perspective to service improvement and organisational change projects.
- SDO Network members get access to part-funding for placements and benefit from expert guidance on creating their project and funding proposals and ongoing support on the recruitment, induction and knowledge transfer activity of your academic fellow.

Connecting the NHS management and research communities

- The SDO Network brokers communication and relationships between NHS organisations and health service researchers to:
 - improve the quality and relevance of health service research for the NHS
 - develop capacity in the NHS managerial community to access, appraise and use research evidence to inform decision making
 - encourage greater engagement, linkage and exchange between research and healthcare management.
- We provide a 'matchmaking' service between network members and SDO project teams, finding the right NHS organisations to take part in and inform academic research.

- Our annual research conference, run in partnership with the Health Services Research Network, brings together NHS managers and health service researchers to examine and discuss leading edge evidence in health service management.

Influencing future research priorities

- Members benefit from the opportunity to influence the future NIHR SDO research commissioning programme through engagements with SDO researchers and managers at workshops and seminars, discussing their priorities with programme directors at chief executives forums and through periodic opportunities to join research commissioning panels.

Keeping you up to date on current research

- Quarterly newsletters will highlight recently published research project reports and peer reviewed articles of interest to our members, alongside details of our planned events, publications programme and opportunities to get more involved in SDO research projects.

Joining the SDO Network

The SDO Network is a part of the NHS Confederation and is funded by the National Institute of Health Research Service Delivery and Organisation research programme (NIHR SDO). We sit alongside the NHS Confederation's Health Services Research Network, which represents the health services research community, providing a national voice for all those involved in this specialised research area. These relationships enable us to forge strong ties between the NHS management and research communities.

Membership of the SDO Network is free to NHS organisations. To join, please complete the attached application form, providing contact details of the key people in your organisation who you would like us to keep in touch with.

Your chief executive or chair will need to authorise membership and sign the attached form to signal your organisation's senior level commitment to become involved in the work of the SDO Network.

Further information

For further information, or to discuss the benefits of joining the SDO Network, please contact The SDO Network at SDONetwork@nhsconfed.org or call us on **020 7074 3438**

Application form

Fields marked with * are mandatory.

How we will use your data

The NHS Confederation will not pass any information onto third parties. I allow the NHS Confederation to store and analyse this survey data and to use any results, including my data, anonymously.

Please confirm your acceptance of this data use*

I agree (signature) _____ Print name _____

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Our organisation is particularly interested in the following SDO Network services:*

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Where did you hear about the SDO Network?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attended an SDO Network event | <input type="checkbox"/> NIHR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDO Network publication | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred by a colleague |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NHS Confederation website or bulletin | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state) |
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Contact details 3

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Declaration

To be signed by the chief executive or chair of your organisation.
I confirm that we wish to join the SDO Network.

Signature* _____ Email address* _____
Print name* _____ Job title* _____
Date* _____

The NHS Confederation may from time to time wish to share your information with other organisations.

- I am happy for my information to be shared with other organisations
- Please do not share my information with other organisations

The NHS Confederation may from time to time wish to contact you with details of publications or events or with general information which we feel will be of interest to you.

- Send me information on publications and events
- Do not send me info on publications and events

Please return the completed form to
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