

Healthtech Strategy: Building health & wealth through innovation



Our Vision

We will be the **number one place for Healthtech entrepreneurs, innovators and industry.**

Our Healthtech ecosystem will be the best-connected and most innovation-driven in the country, providing unrivalled prospects to partner, locate and grow.

We will be the national engine of ideation, development and adoption of proven healthtech innovation. Through connectivity and synergy in our systems, we will drive levelling up – in economic and health terms.

The positive impact of our Healthtech ecosystem will be felt by citizens and communities across the region, the country and the world.

Priorities

- 01 Needs-led innovation**
We will utilise the new West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership 'Innovation and Improvement Hub' as the mechanism to signal the needs of the health system and drive a cultural shift.
- 02 Collaborative approach to support**
We will work collaboratively across the partnership to ensure support conditions are appropriate across discover, develop and deploy stages.
- 03 A focus on health inequalities**
Addressing and tackling health inequalities will feature as a central focus and commitment of all health innovation activity.
- 04 Adoption at scale**
In partnership, focus on delivering a cultural shift across organisations to support adoption at scale.
- 05 Clear access to support**
The partnership will agree clear roles across the ecosystem to ensure that access and support for business is easy to navigate.
- 06 Champion the Healthtech Catalyst**
The partnership will champion the establishment of the Healthtech Catalyst to support both health innovation and health outcomes objectives,
- 07 Align activity with business requirements**
Through the West Yorkshire Innovation Network, we will work collaboratively to align existing activity to better meet business requirements in the healthtech space.
- 08 Addressing gaps in support**
Collectively we will ensure that gaps in support for businesses and academics are mapped out and resources identified to address these, particularly focusing on scaling up interventions with a strong track record of impact.
- 09 Develop funding opportunities**
We will identify funding gaps, particularly venture capital, equity, and explore opportunities to establish an early stage proof of concept funding pot to support ideas development.
- 10 Partnership pipeline**
We will develop a cohesive pipeline of projects across our collaborative partnership to support our vision and explore joint funding opportunities to better support innovation.
- 11 Attracting inward investment**
We will continue efforts to attract the best inward investment opportunities, focusing activity around three core sub sectors; Woundcare and Regenerative Tissue, Diagnostics and Personalised Medicine and Digital Health.
- 12 Raising our profile as a region**
We will put resources into better articulating impact and opportunity in the region, to raise our national and international as a leader in healthtech.
- 13 Healthtech innovation corridor**
We will work collaboratively across West and South Yorkshire to develop the concept of a Healthtech Innovation Corridor, building on health and innovation strengths across a Yorkshire footprint
- 14 Inclusion and skills**
We will maintain a focus on the skills needed to support successful Healthtech innovation: enabling a diverse workforce, and ensuring accessibility and inclusion for citizens