

NHS Clinical Entrepreneurs Series

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Supporting health professionals with a passion for innovation and entrepreneurship

Since 2002 **Scottish Health Innovations Ltd (SHIL)** have been working in partnership with NHS Scotland - the NHS Clinical Entrepreneurs Series is part of our continued commitment to supporting innovation across NHS Scotland.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The NHS Clinical Entrepreneurs Series focussed on equipping health professionals with the skills and knowledge to translate innovative ideas into commercial success. It was designed to:

- Harness entrepreneurial talent
- Create communities of clinical entrepreneurs
- Help overcome barriers to innovation
- Demonstrate insight and expertise across Scotland
- Provide specialist knowledge on a range of key commercial topics.

“Scotland has a proven track record of pioneering medical innovation; and the new NHS Clinical Entrepreneurs Series, hosted by SHIL, will help uncover transformational ideas from talented and ambitious health entrepreneurs across Scotland. Fostering and supporting the spread of healthcare innovation has the dual benefit of improving patient care and stimulating economic wealth; whilst supporting Scotland’s vision to become a world-leading entrepreneurial and innovative nation. I encourage health professionals to get involved and continue Scotland’s innovative story.”

Ivan McKee, Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation, Scottish Government



METHODOLOGY

- Based on SHIL’s extensive experience of supporting innovation across Scotland, topics of greatest interest were identified – IP, finance, feasibility, regulatory affairs; and combined with the real-life experiences of NHS Scotland inventors
- Three breakfast-style workshops held in central venues around Scotland -free to attend and open to all aspiring clinical and allied health professional entrepreneurs, and NHS Scotland innovators
- Remote participation and on demand content to accommodate busy health professionals
- Expert speakers secured from NHS, academia and industry providing valuable insight and advice
- Promotion via health boards, twitter, events, stakeholder outreach and endorsement by Chief Medical Officer and Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation.

“It is apt we extend the opportunities for talented, inventive health professionals to develop their ideas and innovations into viable products and services to improve patient care. I encourage staff to get involved – learn new skills, gain insight into the expertise and support available in Scotland, and hear first-hand from the experiences of NHS innovators.”

Dr Catherine Calderwood, Chief Medical Officer, Scottish Government



OUTCOMES AND RESULTS

- Three workshops delivered – Edinburgh (31 Jan), Glasgow (28 Feb) and Dundee (27 Mar) involving 16 speakers and 60 delegates
- Live webcast and resources made available via www.shil.co.uk
- Featured on BBC Good Morning Scotland (2 Mar) - a five minute segment on the Glasgow workshop featured interviews with speakers, delegates and SHIL staff
- Thirteen disclosures received as a direct result of workshops.

Positive Delegate Feedback

- “Highly interesting and stimulating”
- “By far exceeded my expectations”
- “A great opportunity to meet like-minded enthusiastic people”
- “Speakers were excellent, great range of different aspects of the process”
- “Knowing future support is there is reassuring”
- “A real motivation to hear from such a mix of people who have the potential to bring the NHS forward with their innovations.”

CONCLUSION

Uncovering transformational healthcare ideas and providing a systematic approach to supporting innovation can transform patient care, stimulate economic wealth and drive commercial return to NHS boards. The NHS Clinical Entrepreneurs Series pilot demonstrated the support and expertise that exists in Scotland and helped strengthen relationships across the health innovation community. Positive feedback will be used to further enhance the support available to talented, inventive health professionals across Scotland.



REFERENCES
www.shil.co.uk/clinicalentrepreneurs