



South Yorkshire Innovation Showcase Call for your innovative ideas!

We invite you to share examples of your great work as part of the South Yorkshire Innovation Showcase 2024.

Led by the Integrated Care Board (ICB) in South Yorkshire, the South Yorkshire Innovation Showcase initiative wants to recognise, celebrate and scale great examples of innovative work happening here in South Yorkshire.

We know that South Yorkshire is home to great examples of innovative practice that can help us improve health outcomes and tackle our big challenges. Together, we want to recognise and celebrate that and help increase the impact of your work.

We want to hear from organisations working in South Yorkshire about your current, stand-out projects and initiatives aligned to one or more of the four Bold Ambitions set out in South Yorkshire's Integrated Care Strategy (2023):

- Best start in life for children and young people
- Acting early and preventing ill health
- Increasing economic participation
- Supporting and valuing all those that work in health and care

This guide provides all the information you need to share your fantastic work. Please complete the [Innovative Practice form](#) and share with sy.innovation@yhahsn.com by **29th July 2024**.

Overview

The South Yorkshire Innovation Showcase is an initiative which seeks to grow the profile of innovation and research already happening across South Yorkshire by recognising and celebrating the strength of our local health and care system, and supporting good practice to have greater impact through sharing great ideas and scaling up good practice to reach more that could benefit.

The programme aims to:

- Increase the visibility of and celebrate innovative work here in South Yorkshire
- Recognise and acknowledge the individuals and teams that are leading this work
- Support the health and care system throughout South Yorkshire by developing a shared knowledge of excellent initiatives
- Increase the impact of successful innovation happening in South Yorkshire by supporting the system to identify opportunities to implement successful initiatives across a wider footprint

A core element of this is understanding the array of innovative initiatives currently underway across South Yorkshire. The Innovation Showcase is therefore the opportunity to share examples of your initiatives currently underway which contribute to realising one or more of the Bold Ambitions in the [Integrated Care Strategy](#) for South

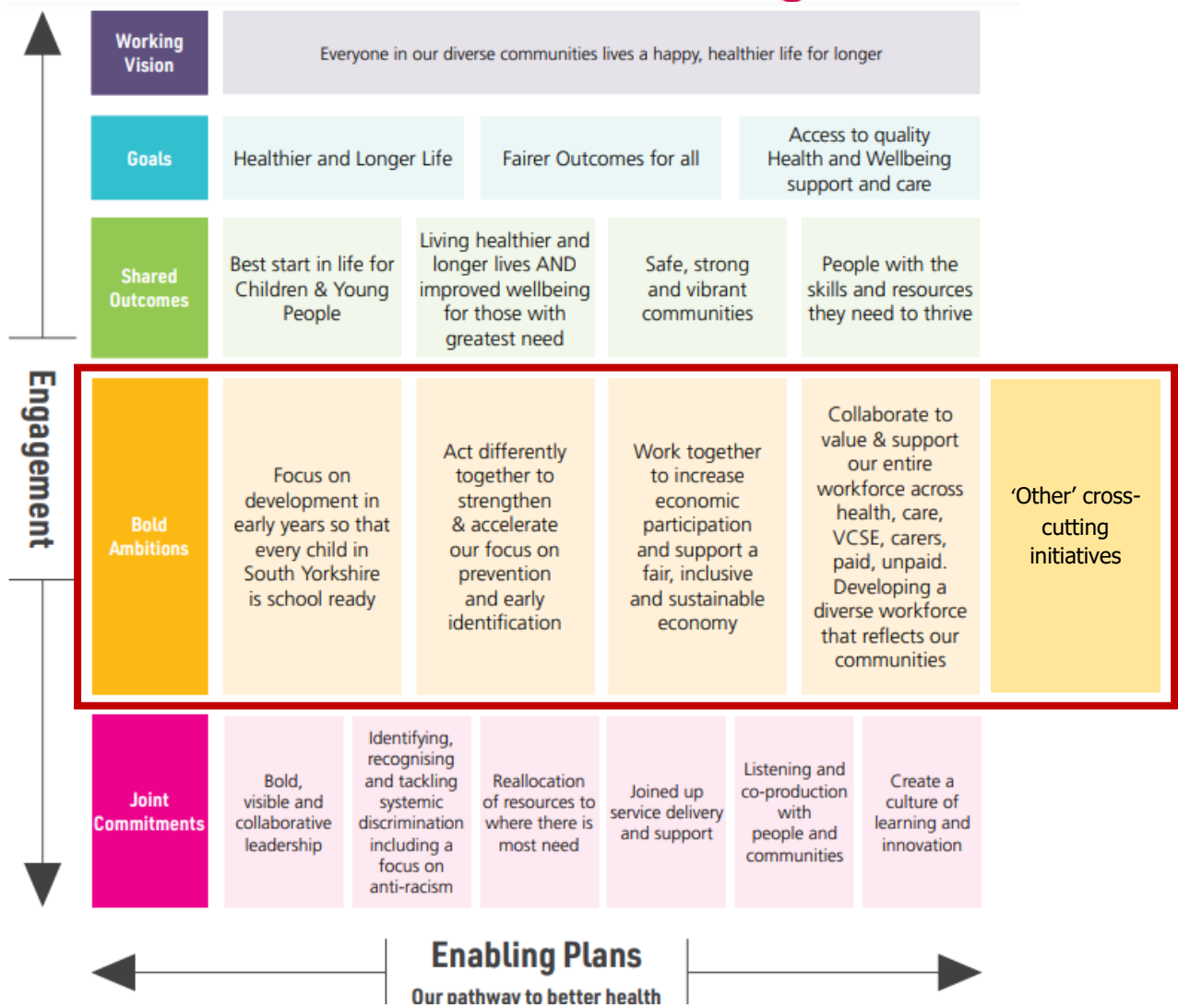


Yorkshire, in addition to an **open category**. We know that there are many high impact, innovative activities that are happening across South Yorkshire that might not align to one of the four Bold Ambitions. If you have an innovative project that you think should be celebrated and scaled up so that more people benefit, we are keen to hear about it through our open category.

Background and context - *why the focus on the four ICP Bold Ambitions?*

In 2023 the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) launched its overarching [strategy](#) for health and care in South Yorkshire for the next decade. Recognising the importance of collaboration throughout the system, this strategy includes a 'targeted number of action-focused bold ambitions which can only be achieved by the Integrated Care Partnership joining forces to practically align our collective power and influence to enable delivery at pace and at scale'.

The Innovation Showcase initiative represents a practical step in developing a shared understanding of stand-out, innovative practice across the breadth of the system. The programme will facilitate shared learning by supporting the ICP's aim to 'amplify or give visibility to exemplars of best practice to support learning, sharing and adoption.' We hope partners feel empowered to be part of this process through contributing examples of their innovative activity.



Source: [South Yorkshire Integrated Care Strategy](#) (2023)

In addition to projects which directly align to the four Bold Ambitions above, we are also including an **open category** for cross-cutting initiatives. This may include initiatives and ideas which are innovative, but are applicable across multiple clinical or population areas, such as new models of data use, approaches to procurement/commissioning practices, or examples of patient and public involvement to shape services.

Why share examples of innovative work?

We understand that finding the time to share the work of you and your team can be difficult. The process for sharing your initiatives is therefore intended to be light touch, with a longer window to complete the 'Initiative form'.

There are several important benefits to participating in the Innovation Showcase by sharing details about your innovative approach including:



- Recognition for you and your colleagues for excellent practice being delivered in the region;
- Greater awareness and understanding of your work across South Yorkshire, thanks to the opportunity to showcase your project/initiative at the South Yorkshire celebration event on Tuesday 24 September, with expected attendance from decision-makers and healthcare leaders;
- Contributing to create a culture of learning and innovation across our health and care system. By sharing examples of good practice you are playing an active role in helping to drive improvement in population health outcomes across South Yorkshire;
- An opportunity to network and strengthen relationships with key organisations in the region including health and care providers, academic institutions and industry partners. This may in turn lead to new opportunities for funding or professional development;
- The chance to learn from peers conducting similar work and understand where further improvements could be made to service provision.

The scope – projects and initiatives we hope to see nominated

All nominations should relate to the realisation of at least one of the four Bold Ambitions in the [ICP strategy, or represent a cross-cutting enabling theme](#). Further information about each of these can be found in *Appendix 1*.

Organisations and individuals across the spectrum of health and care organisations are encouraged to contribute initiatives to the Innovation Showcase. This includes, but is not limited to: primary care organisations, acute trusts, mental health and community trusts, academia, the VCSE sector, local authorities, combined authorities, public service providers (e.g. schools, police, fire and rescue) and other organisations which contribute to the wider determinants of health. These projects might also include industry partnerships.

Initiatives which are delivered in partnership across multiple organisations are also encouraged. In this instance, please complete the [Innovative Practice Form](#) on behalf of a designated 'lead' partner, and make reference to the wider group of partners in the application content.

If you are involved in more than one initiative which aligns to separate Bold Ambitions, you are welcome to complete multiple applications relating to each respective project.

If you have any queries about your eligibility to apply, please [contact us](#).

What do we mean by 'innovation'?

Innovation in health and care can sometimes be a broad and ambiguous term encompassing an endless scope of activity. The World Health Organisation define innovation in healthcare as:

*'New or improved health policies, practices, systems, products and technologies, services, and delivery methods that result in improved healthcare'*¹

¹ World Health Organization. Innovation. 2016. Available at: <http://www.who.int/topics/innovation/en/>.



For the purpose of this call, we do not wish to be overly prescriptive or limiting in what we mean by innovation. In line with the definition above, we are keen to understand current activity that offers a different way of providing services that has led to a step-change in how we identify, interact with and support people in our region. This includes social innovation which ‘encourages new approaches to tackle issues of poverty, education, health and other human development problems’²

Research-focused projects are also included within the scope of this call for proposals, provided these represent a new or innovative approach to health and care challenges in South Yorkshire.

Next steps

Once shared with the ICB, all initiatives will be reviewed by relevant strategic leads across the ICP who are responsible for leading the delivery of the Bold Ambitions.

The strategic leads will review each nomination and select a small number of initiatives to be featured during the in-person Showcase Event in September 2024 and offer their sponsorship to helping these projects to further scale and spread.

All nominations which meet the entry criteria will be eligible for inclusion in a South Yorkshire Innovation Showcase summary report, which will be distributed to colleagues throughout the region.

Timeline

Milestone	Date
Nomination window	29 May – 29 July 2024
Review panel to review nominations	1 August – 22 August 2024
Meetings of review panel members to select initiatives to showcase	August 2024
Communication of outcome to all nominees (via email)	26 August 2024
Development of precis document to celebrate all proposals which align to criteria	August 2024
Innovation Showcase event – face-to-face, half day celebration of selected initiatives	24 September 2024
Follow-up from Showcase event and facilitated conversations around opportunities for promotion/scale of stand-out initiatives	October 2024
Development of a repository of best practice case studies and resources for ICB colleagues	October/November 2024

² Dubé L et al. Convergent innovation for sustainable economic growth and affordable universal health care: innovating the way we innovate. Ann N Y Acad Sci. 2014;1331:119-41.



Please note: this timeline may be subject to change

Submit your innovation project

To submit your proposal, please complete and return the [Innovative Practice Form](#) by **midnight on 29th July 2024** to sy.innovation@yhahsn.com

Have a colleague or team member who you feel is delivering excellent, innovative work in South Yorkshire? Please share this Programme Pack with them and let others know about this opportunity

If you have any queries about the application process, please contact Andrew Woodcock a.woodcock2@nhs.net



Appendix 1: ICP Bold Ambitions

Bold Ambitions

This strategy to better health, recognises the work already ongoing and set out in strategies and plans in each of our places and across South Yorkshire. Our intention is not to duplicate these but to build on them. This strategy sets out where, as a whole partnership working together, we can add value to go further faster with a targeted number of action focused **bold ambitions** which can only be achieved by the Integrated Care Partnership joining forces to practically align collective power and influence to enable delivery at pace and at scale. The next step is to do the work to agree together the specific actions we need to take to deliver on these ambitions.

1 Focus on development in early years so that every child in South Yorkshire is school ready

Raise the level of school readiness in South Yorkshire and close the gap in those achieving a good level of development between those on free school meals and all children by 25% by 2028/30

2 Act differently together to strengthen & accelerate our focus on prevention and early identification

With a focus on the four main modifiable risk factors, smoking, healthy weight, alcohol and hypertension and early identification and management of the main causes of premature mortality in South Yorkshire. Specifically acting together to strengthen our focus on reducing smoking to reduce the levels of smoking to 5% by 2030

3 Work together to increase economic participation and support a fair, inclusive and sustainable economy

Reduce the economic inactivity rate in South Yorkshire to less than 20% across our places by 2028/30

Reduce the gap in the employment rates of those with a physical or mental health long term condition (as well as those with a learning disability) and the overall employment rate by 25% by 2028/30

Enable all our young people that are care leavers in South Yorkshire to be offered the opportunity of good work within health and care by 2024

Establish a South Yorkshire Citizens Assembly for climate change and accelerate progress towards environmental statutory emissions and environmental targets

4 Collaborate to value & support our entire workforce across health, care, VCSE, carers, paid, unpaid. Developing a diverse workforce that reflects our communities

Develop a Workforce Strategy that will enable us to collaborate across South Yorkshire to educate, develop and support our entire workforce

For our statutory partners to accelerate progress towards a workforce that is diverse and representative of all our communities

Contribute to South Yorkshire becoming an anti-racist and inclusive health and care system through everything that we do and how we do it with our communities. Committing to real actions that will eradicate racism