South Yorkshire Research & Innovation Expo 2026

Building the Future of Children & Young People's Health in South Yorkshire

DAY 2 · WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2026

THE SPARK — NCCHT, SHEFFIELD OLYMPIC LEGACY PARK, SHEFFIELD · 100 DELEGATES

Showcasing South Yorkshire's research and innovation ecosystem, strengthening collaboration and accelerating improvements in outcomes for children and young people.

What the Day Will Involve

Day 2 showcases South Yorkshire's children and young people's research and innovation ecosystem, bringing together partners from across sectors to improve outcomes through research, innovation and collaboration.

The Programme Combines

- **"Why South Yorkshire?"** opening session
- Four themed sessions with facilitated Q&A
- Research, exhibition & innovation showcase
- Networking, NHS Information Governance workshop & guided tours of The Spark

Presentations & Discussion

Themed showcases, opening session and closing reflections.

Exhibitions & Demonstrations

Research posters, partner stands, Innovation Marketplace and live tech demos.

Networking & Tours

Refreshment breaks, lunch, opportunities to connect and collaborate, and guided tours.

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DAY AT A GLANCE

Wednesday 7 October 2026

The Spark, Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park

08:45 - 09:15	Registration & Refreshments
09:15 - 10:15	Welcome & Why South Yorkshire? Strategic opening and panel discussion showcasing South Yorkshire's CYP research and innovation strengths, partnerships and collective ambition.
10:15 - 11:05	Theme 1: Prevention & Early Years Four presentations · Main Plenary
11:05 - 11:55	Refreshments, Exhibition & Networking - Choose Your Space Research, VCSE & partner stands · Ground Floor Breakout Rooms Innovation Marketplace & live demos · Testbed Centre
11:55 - 12:45	Theme 2: Mental Health & Wellbeing Four presentations · Main Plenary
12:45 - 13:45	Lunch, Networking & The Spark Tours Guided tours of the Centre running simultaneously
13:10 - 13:45	Optional Workshop: "Would Your Innovation Pass NHS Information Governance Requirements?" Practical NHS information governance and digital assurance guidance · Delivered by TMW Resilience · Main Plenary
13:45 - 14:35	Theme 3: Technology & Innovation Four presentations · Main Plenary
14:35 - 15:25	Theme 4: Equity, Participation & System Transformation Four presentations · Main Plenary
15:25 - 16:15	Refreshments, Exhibition & Networking - Choose Your Space Research, VCSE & partner stands · Ground Floor Breakout Rooms Innovation Marketplace & live demos · Testbed Centre
16:15 - 16:30	Closing Reflections Central messages and next steps before 16:30 close · Main Plenary

Welcome & Why South Yorkshire?
09:15–10:15

Showcasing South Yorkshire's unique children and young people's research and innovation ecosystem, highlighting the infrastructure, partnerships and expertise driving improvements across the region.

Opening Remarks & Welcome



Richard Stubbs

CEO, Health Innovation Yorkshire & Humber



Ruth Brown

Chief Executive, Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust



Craig Cannings

Managing Director, B Braun UK

Building South Yorkshire's CYP Research & Innovation Ecosystem Panel Discussion

South Yorkshire has a growing network of research, innovation and system infrastructure focused on improving outcomes for children and young people. This panel will bring together key regional leaders to explore how these different organisations and programmes connect, where South Yorkshire's strengths lie, and how greater collaboration can help accelerate research, innovation and adoption across the region and beyond.

Chair: Dr Nicole Samuel (Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust)

Dr Keith Pugh

NIHR HealthTech Research Centre for Paediatrics and Child Health

Professor Paul Dimitri

National Centre for Child Health Technology (NCCHT)

Nicola Ennis

South Yorkshire Children and Young People's Alliance

Dr Gillian Gatenby

NIHR Sheffield Children's Commercial Research Delivery Centre (CRDC)

Theme 1: Prevention & Early Years 10:15–11:05

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MAIN PLENARY

CHAIR: DR KATIE SHEARN, SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY

Exploring how research and innovation can prevent poor outcomes and give every child and young person the best possible start in life. Four short presentations followed by facilitated discussion and audience questions.

1

Reimagining Healthcare for Young People: A System Working as One

Dr Alenka Brooks and Jaimie Shepherd
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Acute Federation

2

Embedding Social Prescribing in Secondary Care — Does It Work?

Sarah Baker and Dr Sonal Kansra
Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust

3

Improving Children's Oral Health: What's So Super About Supervised Toothbrushing?

Professor Zoe Marshman
The University of Sheffield

4

Improving School Readiness Through Evidence-Based Research

Dr Sara Ahern
Born in Bradford's Better Start (BiBBS)

☕ Refreshment Break — 11:05–11:15

Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available.

Exhibition & Networking — Choose Your Space 11:15–11:55

Delegates can choose between two exhibition areas during this slot. The same two options will be available again later in the afternoon — we encourage you to visit one area in the morning and the other in the afternoon, giving you time to explore both.

Ground Floor — Research, VCSE & Partner Exhibition

Explore research posters, project displays and stands from VCSE organisations, education partners, regional networks and other organisations working across children and young people's health and wellbeing in South Yorkshire.

Testbed Centre — Innovation Marketplace

See exhibitions and live demonstrations from innovators and SMEs showcasing emerging technologies, products and solutions relevant to children and young people's health and care.

Theme 2: Mental Health & Wellbeing 11:55–12:45

MAIN PLENARY | CHAIR: DR KERRY HINSBY, HEALTH INNOVATION YORKSHIRE & HUMBER

Highlighting innovative approaches to improving the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people. Four short presentations followed by facilitated discussion and audience questions.

1

The Lucy Project

Dr Steve Jones
Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust

2

Stepping into Life: Resilience in Young People

Dr Jilly Gibson-Miller
The University of Sheffield

3

JU:MP — A Whole-System Approach to Improving Children's Physical Activity

Jan Burkhardt and Dr Sally Barber
JU:MP/Born In Bradford

4

Improving Engagement, Outcomes and Efficiency Across Children's Services

Richard Moore
LOHA Community

Lunch, Networking & Tours 12:45–13:45

Lunch & Informal Networking

Lunch and informal networking provide an opportunity to continue conversations from the morning sessions and connect with delegates from across the region.

Guided Tours of The Spark

- Three guided tours will run simultaneously, allowing delegates to explore the Centre's facilities, technology spaces and environments designed to support child health research and innovatio
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OPTIONAL LUNCH WORKSHOP · MAIN PLENARY

Workshop: "'Would Your Innovation Pass NHS Information Governance Requirements?" 13:10–13:45

Designed to provide attendees with practical insight into the challenges innovators face when navigating NHS information governance and digital assurance requirements.

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TMW RESILIENCE

Thibault Williams

Founder, TMW Resilience

Founder of TMW Resilience, specialising in cybersecurity, AI assurance and information governance. Thibault advises public sector organisations on ISO 27001, ISO 42001 and NIST RMF, and has led post-cyberattack recoveries for UK Government departments. His approach is pragmatic and focused on strengthening trust, security and organisational resilience.



» **Book a free 25-minute one-to-one clinic** «

Event attendees can also book a focused one-to-one clinic with Thibault to discuss a specific cybersecurity, data protection or information governance question.

Bring a particular challenge and explore where you stand against requirements including UK GDPR, DSPT, Cyber Essentials and ISO 27001/42001; any requirements being raised by commissioners, partners or clients; and practical, proportionate next steps.

Theme 3: Technology & Innovation 13:45–14:35

MAIN PLENARY | CHAIR: DR NICOLE SAMUEL, SHEFFIELD CHILDREN'S NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Showcasing how digital health, technology and innovation are improving services, experiences and outcomes for children and young people. Four short presentations followed by facilitated discussion and audience questions.

1

Virtual Wards for Children and Young People: Because There's Nowt Better Than Being at Home

Annmarie Grogan and Clair Scaife
The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust and Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust

2

Psychological Outcome Platform

Dr Steve Jones
Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust

3

Rehabilitation in the Virtual Age: Using VR to Support Patient Recovery and Pain Distraction

Ivan Phelan
Sheffield Hallam University

4

Digital Services for Caregivers Can Benefit Early Language Development

Dr Silke Fricke and Rosie Sherlock
The University of Sheffield

Theme 4: Equity, Participation & System Transformation 14:35–15:25

MAIN PLENARY | CHAIR: NICOLA ENNIS, SOUTH YORKSHIRE CYP ALLIANCE

Examining how collaboration, lived experience, participation and system-wide approaches can reduce inequalities and improve outcomes for children and young people.

1

Addressing Inequalities of Access to Play Opportunities

Sarah Wilson and Dr Christina Tatham
Sheffield Play Partnership and The University of Sheffield

2

Evaluating England's Complications of Excess Weight Clinics

Dr Cath Homer
Sheffield Hallam University

3

Lived Experience in Young Carer Research

Laura Selby
Sheffield Young Carers

4

Does Youth Work Work? The Lasting Impact of Chilypep on Young People in South Yorkshire

Paul Savage and Jia Betts - Chilypep

Refreshment, Exhibition & Networking – Choose Your Space 15:25–16:15

A second opportunity to explore the two exhibition areas. If you visited one space during the morning session, we encourage you to use this time to explore the other and experience the full breadth of research and innovation being showcased across the day.

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Closing Reflections 16:15–16:30

Delivered by Craig Cannings, Managing Director, B Braun UK

Central Messages from the Day

- South Yorkshire has a strong and connected CYP research and innovation ecosystem
- Collaboration across organisations and sectors is essential
- Children, young people and communities must be involved in shaping solutions
- Research and innovation must move beyond ideas into implementation and impact
- The Expo will act as a catalyst for future partnerships, adoption and shared learning

> Building the future of Children & Young People's health — together.

Thank you to all speakers, exhibitors, innovators, delegates and partners for making Day 2 of the South Yorkshire Research & Innovation Expo 2026 possible.

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