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Our Digital Future

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Foreword

The way we manage our lives is changing. 86% of households now have internet access, 82% of people go online every day and 72% of adults use a smartphone¹. It is now time to embrace this rapidly increasing digitalised world and manage our own wellbeing, health and social care needs. With two thirds of visits to the nhs.uk website being on smartphones², there are clear indications that a majority of our public are ready to go online to understand and manage their health and care needs.

Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria is home to a growing population of 1.7 million people³. More of us are getting older and experiencing long-term health problems. Some of this disease could be avoided or the ill-effects slowed down, if we took positive action. Using digital is one approach to help address the challenges we all face.

Accordingly, we have refreshed our digital strategy to put patients, communities, and the public at the heart of our offer. To demonstrate our commitment to this, we will measure our success and impact from the perspective of the person – not the organisation, technological infrastructure or

the needs of health and social care systems. This serves as a significant shift in our thinking and approach.

We know digital will not work for everybody. Some people struggle with computers and not everybody has access to the internet. For those who would like to use digital but cannot, our aim will be to find ways to help them get online. As our digital offer grows we hope people will find it easier and more convenient to use online services, but technology will never replace the care and compassion that comes from our dedicated workforce.

This strategy outlines a set of shared principles aligned to five inter-connected themes. Our collective effort will be focussed towards empowering people.



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Digital Health Board

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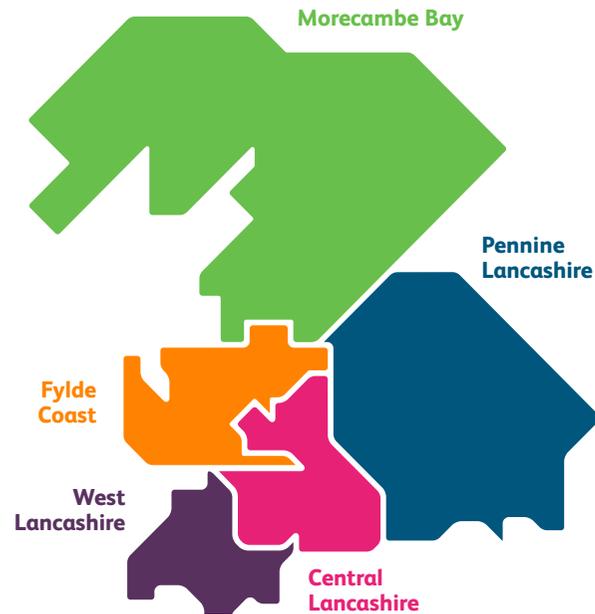
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Our shared principles

- We will create digital solutions with the people who will be using them
- We will judge our progress against this digital strategy from the public's perspective
- We will create an environment that empowers our frontline
- We will use data to prevent, predict and respond to ill-health
- We will work together to reduce complexity in order to improve quality and safety
- We will engage with academia, industry and others to accelerate innovation



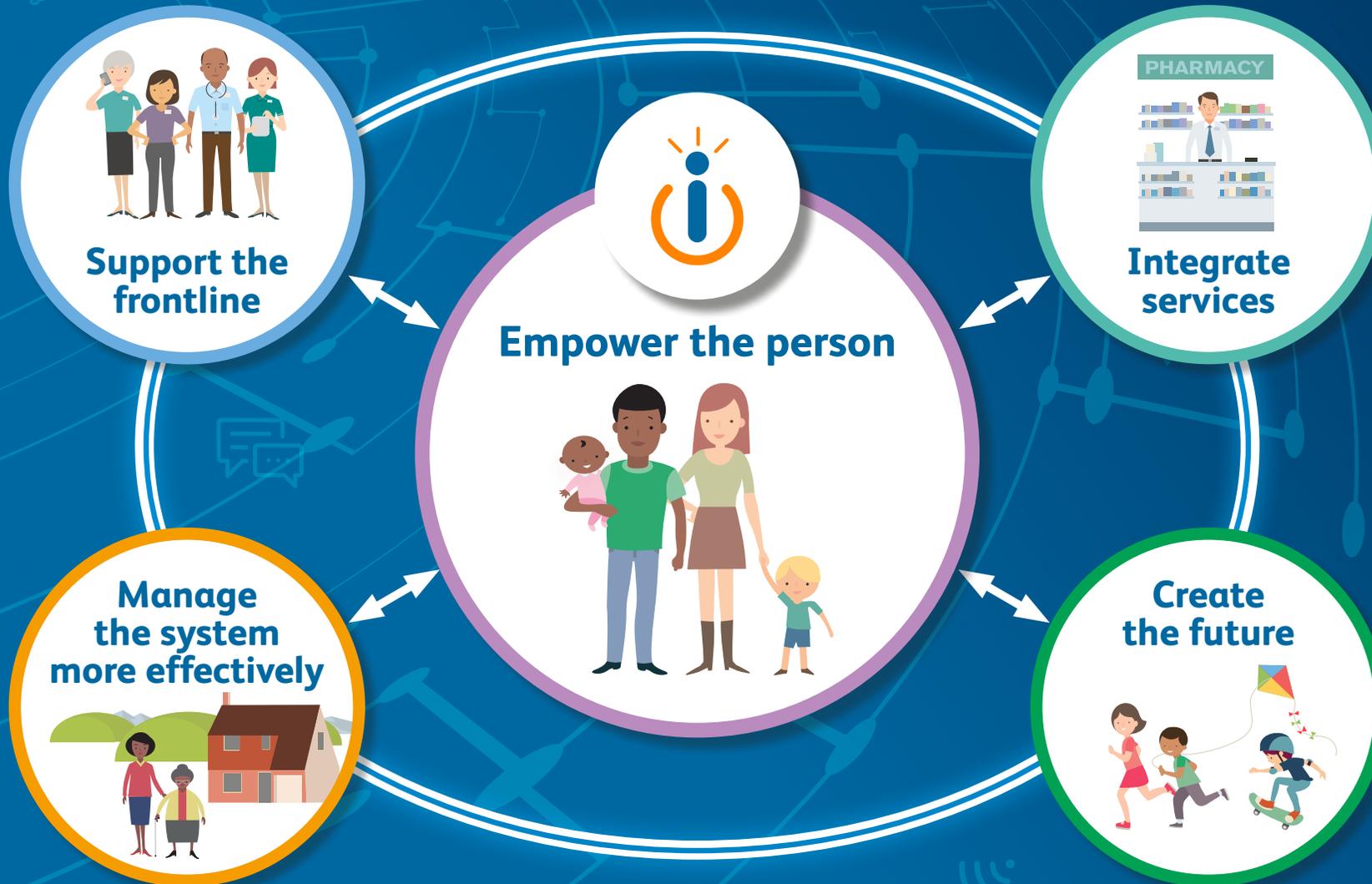
“ Whilst we will continue to respond to the specific needs of communities, providers and commissioners alike, Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria will take a unified approach wherever it adds value, saves time and delivers better outcomes ”

DR AMANDA DOYLE

GP and Chief Officer for Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria



Five inter-connected themes to improve our health and care in Lancashire and South Cumbria



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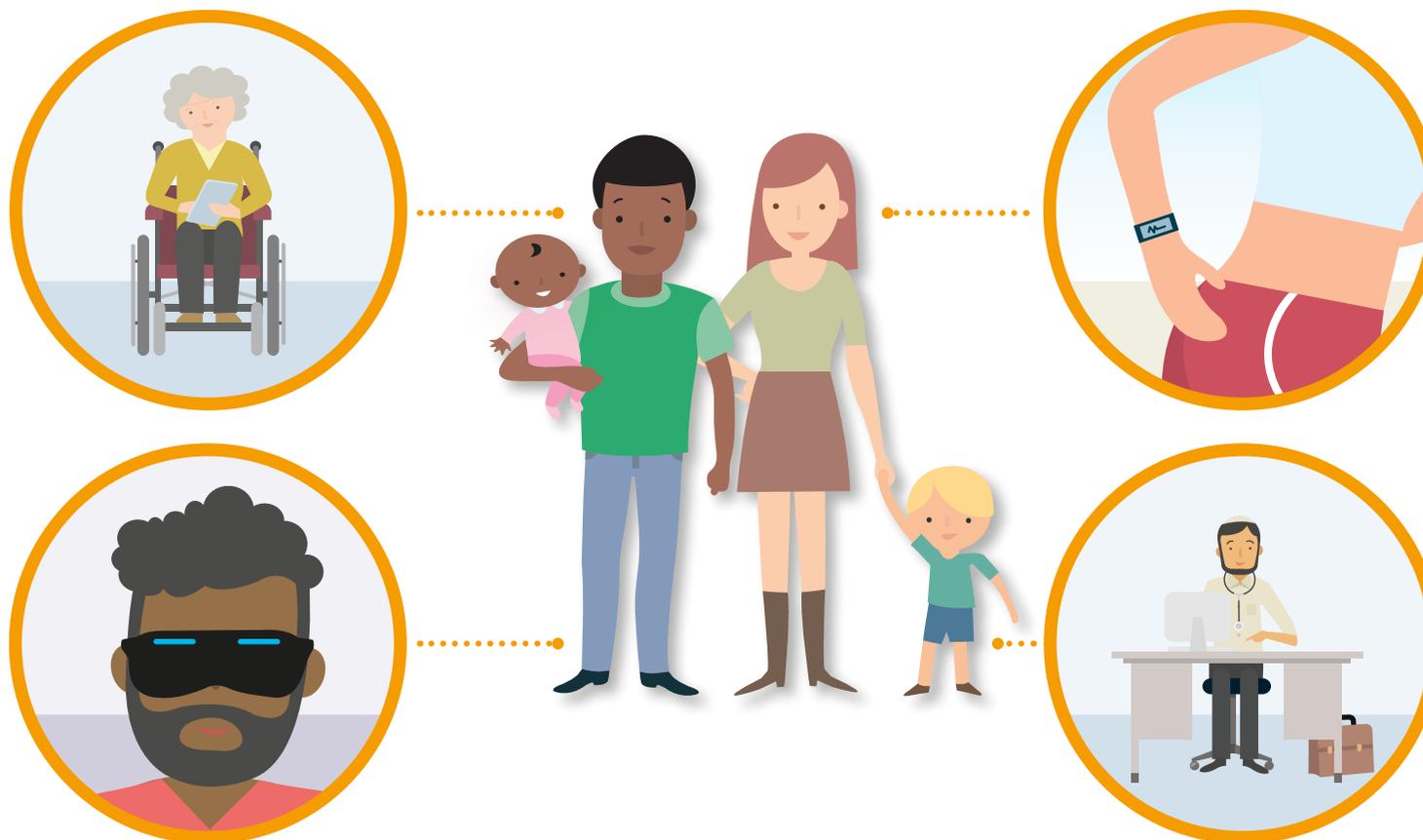
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Empower the person

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“ The more I know about myself, my body and the consequences of the choices I make and any treatment I receive, the more confident I will be in managing my health and wellbeing ”



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What will this mean for the individual?

- I am able to access and add into my own electronic health care record, using it to manage my appointments and 'health business' online.
- I have access to good quality information to support me in making decisions and managing my health and wellbeing.
- When I need services and support, there are a growing range of options available for me to access them remotely from wherever I need to.
- I can use digital tools to help me to make changes where I need to and to monitor the impact of those changes on me, my family and my future.
- I am confident my data is stored securely and only shared when and where it is needed.

How

People are able to use new health technology and apps to assist their own health and wellbeing.



The population of Lancashire and South Cumbria is approximately

1.7 million and increasing



In Lancashire and South Cumbria, cardiovascular disease, heart failure, hypertension (high blood pressure), asthma, dementia and depression are

above the national average



About 1/3

of people who go into A&E departments could have been seen by their GP or another community service.³



“ We will help people take control of their health and care, providing secure online access to clinicians, personalised information, tools and advice ”

COUNCILLOR SHAUN TAYLOR

Chair of Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

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Support the frontline

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“ I want to be ready, able and supported to improve the person’s experience and free up my time to use my skills for the good of the people I am caring for ”



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What will this mean for our staff?

- I feel confident and enthusiastic in using new digital solutions to help empower people to manage their own health and wellbeing.
- I can support people to manage and coordinate their own care with me and share our experiences through the care record.
- I have been afforded the time to innovate and to develop my skills and confidence in using digital solutions.
- I have access to information necessary to do my job and I collect and use data as a fundamental part of my role in caring for the person, family or community that I work with.
- I can interact with others supporting those I care for, regardless of location, using a number of digital tools and methods.

“ Talent remains key, but digital technology will help fill the gap ”

DR AMANDA THORNTON
Digital Health Clinical Lead
Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria

There is both a workforce and a financial gap, so something needs to change

The cost of funding our staff has increased

since 2012 the NHS pay bill is £3.7bn larger in real terms, with 40,000 more clinical staff employed.



41,230 people

work in health across Lancashire and South Cumbria.

46,000 people

employed in social care and a wealth of people across the region that help support communities with health and care such as voluntary, community, faith, charity and housing organisations.



94% of staff

have said that the potential of a digital ready workforce would make a large improvement to health and care.



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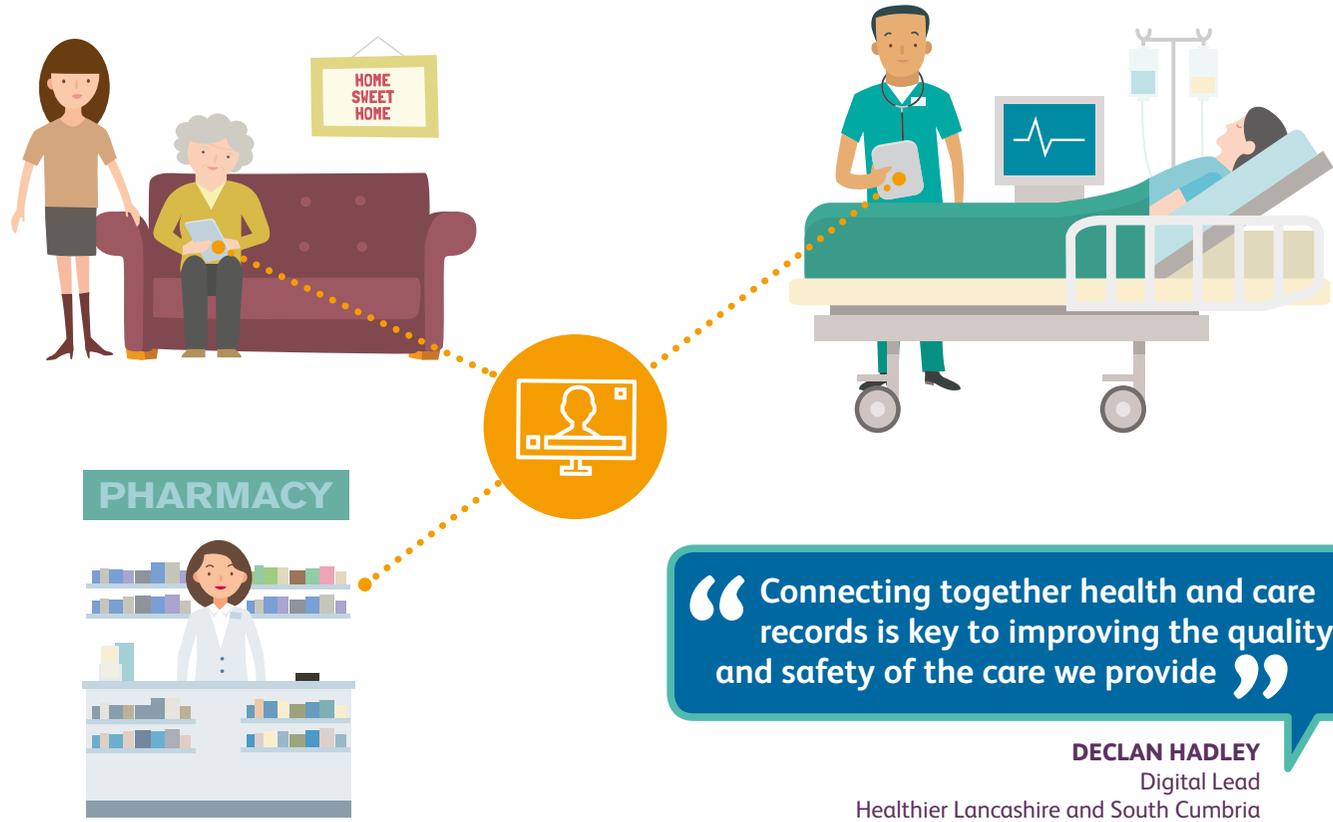


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Why

“ Every time we offer care, we learn more about the person and their needs. By sharing our knowledge and experience we can make better, quicker decisions for people with similar needs and the wider communities we serve ”



“ Connecting together health and care records is key to improving the quality and safety of the care we provide ”

DECLAN HADLEY
Digital Lead
Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria

What will this mean for our systems?

- We will adopt a unified approach, doing things at scale and building on what already works well.
- We will share data rather than duplicating it, to support care for individuals, neighbourhoods and the whole population whilst always respecting people's right to privacy.
- We will continue to develop our shared care record to support the delivery of safe, effective care, using data to predict and prevent disease.
- We will access and process data as soon as it is recorded so we can manage our resources effectively and plan well for the future.
- We will link people to information, resources and support, to facilitate choice and decision making.



There are more than
**230 GP practices
and 5 NHS Trusts**

across Lancashire and South Cumbria who can all access a shared care record to improve care for local people.



Clinical Commissioning Groups

along with other NHS organisations are responsible for the planning and commissioning of services such as NHS England, Health Education England and the Innovation Agency.

Councils

We will work collaboratively with councils and other public sector organisations to use existing data and intelligence about the people who live here to improve health and wellbeing.

Communities

We will better connect with all of those that work at the heart of our communities – including voluntary sector, faith, education, charity and business organisations.



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“ By working together we have an opportunity to better use resources to improve health outcomes for people in our region ”

“ There are clear benefits to be derived from a more collaborative approach to delivery of the digital strategy, not least of which is a more robust and innovative offer to our organisations, staff and public and ultimately achieving best value in the use of public money ”

GARY RAPHAEL

Executive Lead for Finance and Investment
Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria



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What will this mean for organisations?

- We will get the basics right to ensure our systems are universally capable and secure from cyber-attack.
- We will have a single approach to the way we govern information, always ensuring the public are aware of how we use data.
- We will integrate our systems around the person and their specific needs, sharing the best of what works to solve day-to-day problems.
- We will work together to reduce complexity, duplication and costs, using our collective buying power to get the best value for tax payers.
- We will standardise and redesign our digital systems to release more time to deliver care and improve safety.

Approximately 1,200 people work in ICT services



within secondary care and the Commissioning Support Unit, primary care and CCGs in Lancashire and South Cumbria.



An estimated

£57.3 million was spent on IT

in NHS Trusts across Lancashire and South Cumbria in 2016/17. This equated to an average of approximately 2% of total revenue.

Lancashire and South Cumbria were one of

the first areas to have a single WIFI solution



available in hospitals, health centres and GP surgeries.

Record sharing and access

In Lancashire and South Cumbria we have created a platform to share records for frontline staff providing care. We are working to make it easier for people to access their own medical records, help manage their own conditions and improve their health and wellbeing.



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“ We will work collaboratively, constantly seeking out new technologies to improve health and care outcomes and make better use of our resources ”



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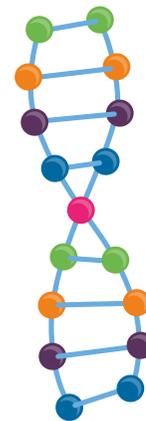
- We will support people to innovate, creating space and time to tackle common problems and share good practice.
- We will connect people to specialist resources including wider industry and academic partners to drive innovation and transformation.
- We will consider the potential of new technologies as we plan ahead.
- We will build a reputation for innovation in technology to attract the workforce of the future.
- We will use the best available data to drive continuous improvement.

“ The future of Lancashire and South Cumbria is in our hands, a culture where innovation can thrive is vital ”

DR LIZ MEAR, Chief Executive
The Innovation Agency
(Academic Health Science Network for the North West Coast)

Robotic aids to surgery

will continue to be hugely successful in improving outcomes for treatment such as cancer leading to quicker recovery.



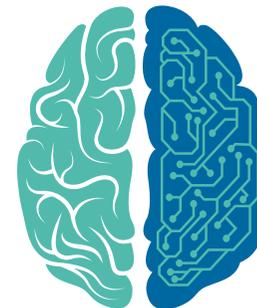
Genomic medicine

also known as personalised medicine, is an emerging discipline that looks to customise a person's medical care to their body's unique genetic makeup. To make sure patients benefit from innovations in genomics, the Government has committed to sequencing 100,000 whole human genomes, from 70,000 patients, by the end of 2018.



Artificial intelligence

is planned to be used by approximately **35%** of healthcare organisations within two years – and more than half intend to do so within five.



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The principles we have set out here represent our determination to use digital alongside traditional services for the benefit of people living in Lancashire and South Cumbria.

Our overarching ambition is to empower people, by giving them access to clear, relevant, and reliable health information. We believe that over time this will lead to better health outcomes for the whole population.

To achieve our ambition, we will continue to develop annual delivery plans that we will ask all our partners to sign up to. The plans will describe our collaborative programmes of work and define our investment priorities based around the five themes.

We will judge our progress year-on-year based on the principles we have set out, with a bias towards the perspectives of those people who use our services. Our annual review will reflect the pace of change in technology and be seeking to explore and exploit the constantly improving range of opportunities that digital provides.

For the latest news and developments in digital health across Lancashire and South Cumbria, visit: healthierlsc.co.uk/digitalfuture and follow [@healthierlsc](https://twitter.com/healthierlsc) on Twitter.

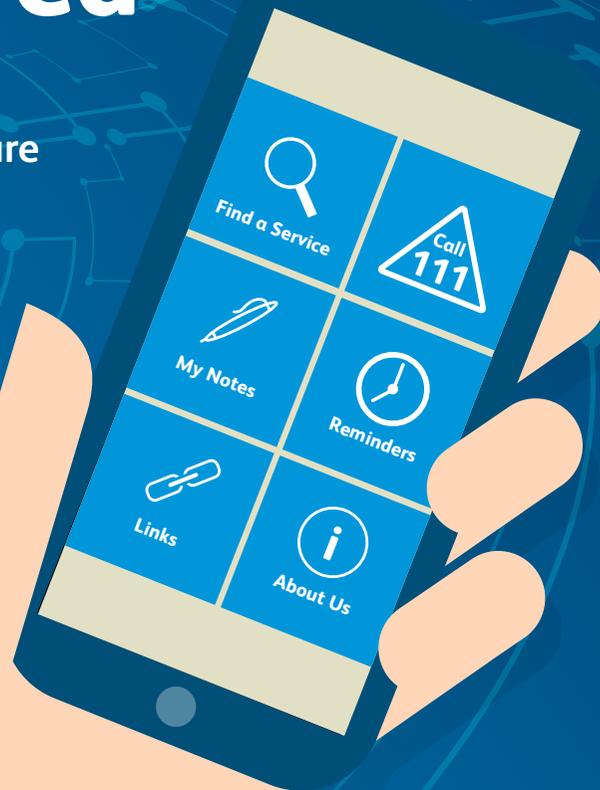
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