

## Background

- For those of us who have been involved in previous epidemics and pandemics, we know too well that the after-action reports for each of these events will demonstrate the need to do a better job of **responsive research, better collaboration across organisational boundaries and closer integration with incident response structures.**
- The pace at which these ‘-demics’ move is fast and in the early stages, there is a flurry of well-intentioned work that is undertaken, often in isolation and without harnessing the collective expertise that exists within the system.
- This workspace (<https://future.nhs.uk/DataAnalyticsCovid19/group/home>) has been created as a directory to bring together data and analytical resources that already exist within the public domain (unless otherwise stated) and to provide a starting point for data and analytical assets to be curated. We work in strong partnership with Public Health England on this workspace and our wider partners include colleagues from the other ALBs, CSUs, think tanks, regional and local teams and suppliers from across the UK; all of whom wish to collaborate and solve the complex data and analytical challenges associated with the Covid-19 situation and facilitate better decision-making.

## New Features

The workspace has come a long way since its creation just a few weeks ago, with many new features which include:

A weekly **Spotlight** area to highlight new content such as key data sources, dashboards and modelling assets, and additions to the evidence repository

Analytical Huddles and Mini-Huddles (over 1,500 colleagues have attended these so far - to register you will find details in the [events calendar](#))

A collection of **Covid-19 webinars** and free [data and analytics training resources](#)

Vibrant **discussion forums** covering: data, analytics and information, evidence and community, networking and learning and the analytics market exchange

A **Members' Directory** to support networking

## Feedback from members

"In the months and years to come, I believe we will look back on the Covid-19 collaboration workspace as a key moment in the transformation of our analytics community..."  
**Alex Barnett**  
Head of Analytics, Finley ICS

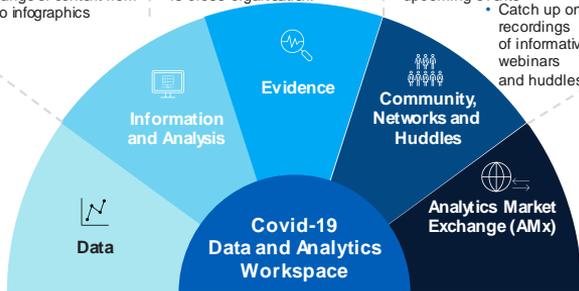
"It has been a very intense time for me and my colleagues on the front line. I know the hours have been long and the pressure at times will have been intense for us all. However, one of the highlights has been the platform -- which has supported a range of really valuable conversations that will have undoubtedly led to improvements in patient outcomes."  
**Dr. John Jeans**

Anesthetist at Chelsea and Westminster hospital  
Deputy Lead for the Education and Training workstream at NHS Nightingale London  
Director of 3SN

## Components

- Surveillance and Insight:** which includes a wealth of blogs, articles and commentaries on the pandemic so far and what can be learned
- Dashboards and Reporting:** including core dashboards from strategic partners, NHSEI/ and PHE, and from local to global scales
- Modelling and Analytics:** again from different geographical levels, including people at risk
- Other Interesting Information and Analysis Resources:** comprising of a range of content from commercially available tools to infographics
- A link to all the leading repositories of evidence such as NICE, Cochrane, WHO, think tanks, etc.
- A mechanism to request an evidence review; 3 rapid reviews undertaken so far through an evaluation collaborative that has been built across the NHS and is cross organisational.
- Network with analysts around the world working in health and social care, academia, government and across arm's length bodies.
- Discuss and learn about and share analytical tools, models, advice, etc etc.
- Keep up to date on upcoming events
  - Catch up on recordings of informative webinars and huddles

- Information and links to data sources and repositories relating to COVID-19
- Latest guidance on information governance (IG)
- Further guidance including ICD codes to help with analysis of COVID-19 cases and deaths as well comorbidities in at risk groups



**The Analytics Market Exchange (AMx)** has been created as a place where value-based supply can be met with genuine demand. This area consists of the following:

- Health Systems Support Framework (HSSF):** Suppliers have been asked to refresh their offers and group them as follows: data aggregation and pooling data visualisation, data modelling and population health analytics.
- Emerging offers:** Based on the discussion forums.
- Analytics Volunteer Board:** There are many talented individuals (NHS, LA, non-NHS, wider partners) out there who would be keen to volunteer themselves to help organisations. The kind of things one might see here are *"Hi, I am Matilda, I am an expert at forecasting health system demand and can effectively use SAS, Tableau and R. Please get in touch with me via email if I can help."*
- Job Board:** We want systems to be able to list their requests for support so that we / they can try and match their request with those who can provide support

## FutureNHS - a national, online NHS sharing platform

Already used by nearly 100,000 health and social care staff across England, and rapidly scaled to support the COVID-19 response, FutureNHS can help you to connect, share and work together more effectively.

FutureNHS provides a wealth of benefits and support:

- Set up an online community quickly and easily**
  - Workspace design and build, deployed on day of request
  - Training and support webinars, guides and a dedicated helpdesk
- Understand and grow your community**
  - Expertise on creating and sustaining an effective online community
  - Analytics and insights on member discussions, content and user engagement
  - Learn from other communities and find good practice
- Access to information and expertise**
  - A directory of over 100,000 NHS and sector staff by expertise, knowledge and topics of interest
  - Access to existing, large-scale NHS networks and professional groups
- Contribute to knowledge share across health and social care**
  - Share and learn from best practice, guidance and existing projects
  - Connect with others doing similar work using forums and workspaces
  - Build your own best practice and case study libraries

## Still have questions? Find out more about the FutureNHS platform

You can [sign in or register for an account](#), and read our [platform FAQs](#). Once signed-in, you will have access to a [suite of training and support resources](#). We can send you our guide on choosing the right collaboration platform for your requirements and context. Read about how members are [using FutureNHS to help deliver their goals](#).

## About FutureNHS

- ~100K NHS and wider health and social care staff
- 19 million page views
- 15K files shared
- Over 1800 workspaces
- Central [COVID-19 directory](#) listing almost 50 public COVID-19 workspaces

"[FutureNHS] is helping to create a social movement. Members of the workspace have fed back views which have changed policy. This wouldn't have happened in the past."  
**The National Safeguarding Programme**

"It helps us connect so simply and has supported joined up working across our networks, avoiding silos."  
**The Allied Health Professionals Hub**

"People share resources and tools, case studies and best practice. It has stopped duplication of effort."  
**Medicines Optimisation in Care Homes**

## Key Numbers

<b>17th March 2020</b> Workspace created	<b>7,951</b> Members	<b>4,575</b> Docs Downloaded/Previewed	<b>92</b> Surveillance/Insights (International-37, National-55)	<b>202</b> Discussion Forum Threads (17-General, 42-Data, 71-A&I, 18-Evidence, 53-NCL, 1-AMx)
<b>47</b> Modelling and Analytics Assets and Tools (9-International, 8-National, 16-Regional, 14-Local)	<b>9</b> Training Courses Link Posted	<b>19 Series</b> Webinar Link Posted	<b>66</b> Dashboard and Reporting Assets (International-40, National-19, Local-7)	
<b>#covid19dataanalytics</b> Twitter Handle	<b>21</b> Key Evidence Hubs Added (Global-13, UK-8)	<b>24</b> Analytical Huddles (Attendance) (National-11, Mini-13 (1, 268))	<b>2(176)</b> Global Huddles (Attendance)	