

**Launch of the National Institute for Health Research
Invention for Innovation (i4i) Programme**

16 July 2008, Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London

The Invention for Innovation (i4i) Programme of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is a direct response to the need to speed up the innovation process - turning inventions into new products to meet the demands of a 21st century health service.

i4i builds on two existing and successful NIHR programmes - New and Emerging Applications of Technology (NEAT) and Health Technology Devices (HTD) - combining them and integrating them more closely into the innovation process.

In addition to providing funding for product development, i4i will focus on creating strong links with ideas generators - such as the Healthcare Technology Co-operatives - and will work with organisations that fund commercialisation and exploitation. The i4i Programme will be launched at a full day conference on Wednesday 16 July 2008 at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in Westminster, London.

The object of this meeting is to brief those engaged in the developing and enabling of new healthcare technologies on the scope and objectives of the i4i Programme. Information on future funding and how to apply for this will be provided. Delegates from the NHS, academia, government and industry have registered for this event.

Professor Sally Davies, Director General of Research and Development, Department of Health will introduce i4i. The conference will be supported by an exhibition and will allow plenty of opportunities for discussion and networking with other delegates and members of the i4i team.

The Department of Health is hosting the event and attendance is therefore free, but only pre-registered delegates will be admitted.

Further information on the i4i Programme and the launch event can be obtained from: <http://www.nihr-ccf.org.uk/site/programmes/invforinov/>

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