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**Tay Health Tech – Health & Social Care Experiences**

# Invitation

Heriot-Watt University will be conducting a workshop to explore the experiences of those working within health and social care in the Tayside area to identify the key areas that could benefit from medical technology innovation and adoption.

The main goal of the Tay Health Tech project is to develop and promote innovative community healthcare technological solutions that benefit the future health of the Tayside region. Tay Health Tech aims to improve the process by which diseases are diagnosed and treatment outcomes are predicted to enhance treatment planning and improve the patient journey and experience by avoiding unnecessary hospital in-patient care and enabling outpatient procedures using technologies that do not require healthcare staff. This will allow a ‘shift left’ away from hospitals to the community by monitoring patient health at home and managing chronic diseases in the community.

We welcome anyone of any gender, race, or background. If there is anything we can do to accommodate your needs in terms of access and participation in this online events please get in touch.

# What will happen

The workshop will be facilitated by Rodney Mountain, retired Ninewells Hospital surgeon, and Vicky Farquhar, Tay Health Tech Project Manager, alongside support colleagues from Heriot-Watt University. This workshop will be held on **MS Teams** on **23 September from 1-3pm**. The workshop's main theme is your experiences in the sector.

You will be invited to share your experiences in small groups and together as a larger community, using the functions available within MS Teams. The event will be recorded so that the project team can anonymise and analyse the feedback received. Once the analysis is complete, the recording will be deleted.

# Aim of the workshop

The aim is to gain a better understanding of the experiences of those working in the health and social care sector and through the event activities identify key areas that can be prioritised and further studied within the Tay Health Tech project. We will use your anonymised experiences to inform the Tay Health Tech research project and the evolution of future decision-making within the project.

# Time commitment

The workshop will last 2 hours with a 15-minute break to allow participants to get up and move around away from the screen.

# Participants Rights

You may decide to stop being a part of the event at any time without explanation. You have the right to ask that any data supplied prior to the workshop be withdrawn until the data is fully anonymised. Full anonymisation of your data will only happen once the data has been analysed. You have the right to omit or refuse to answer or respond to any question that is asked of you.

# Do I have to take part?

No. It is entirely up to you whether you would like to take part or not. This information sheet is to give you more information about the research, to help you decide whether you would like to take part. Registration for the event will be taken as consent to take part.

# Benefits and Risks

There are no known benefits or risks for you in this study.

# Compensation

Your participation in this study is voluntary, no compensation is available.

# Research Project

Tay Health Tech is led jointly by Prof. Marc Desmuillez (Heriot-Watt University) and Prof. Michael MacDonald (The University of Dundee). It is funded by the Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) as a Place Based Impact Accelerator Account. It will identify the barriers to healthcare and in particular barriers relating to health inequalities, and by supporting the whole innovation ecosystem will investigate how best to use medical technology to remove those barriers.

# Privacy and Confidentiality

Heriot-Watt University is the data controller for the personal data collected in this project. We will collect and use your personal data for this project only with your consent. We will collect and use your personal data for this project to undertake academic research in the public interest under our University Charter and Statutes.

We will keep your personal data securely and ensure that no one will link the research data you provide to any identifying information you may supply.

Once we have analysed the information you provide, we will completely anonymise your personal data so that it will not be possible to identify you from any information in the remaining dataset. After the project ends, we may use the anonymous dataset for research outputs such as articles and conference presentations.

If you would like to know more about what Heriot-Watt University does with your personal data and your rights under privacy law, please visit our data protection web pages at <https://www.hw.ac.uk/uk/services/information-governance/protect/privacy-and-your-data-rights.htm> or contact our Data Protection Officer by email at [dataprotection@hw.ac.uk](mailto:dataprotection@hw.ac.uk).

The study has received full ethical approval from Heriot-Watt University.

# For Further Information

**Vicky Farquhar** will be glad to answer your questions about this study and provide additional information on results if requested. You may contact them at [V.Farquhar@hw.ac.uk](mailto:V.Farquhar@hw.ac.uk) and they will be happy to answer any questions.