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**Artificial Intelligence in Health and Care Award**

# **From Research to Adoption**

**Dan Bamford,**  
Deputy Director AI Award

# ACCELERATED ACCESS COLLABORATIVE

The AAC is a unique partnership between patient groups, government bodies, industry and NHS bodies

We work together to streamline the adoption of new innovations in healthcare:

**PARTNER ORGANISATIONS**

The AHSN Network

Academy of Medical Royal Colleges

ABHI  
HealthTech for Life

abpi  
Bringing medicines to life

amrc  
ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL RESEARCH CHARITIES

BIA  
UK BioIndustry Association

Medicines & Healthcare products  
Regulatory Agency

NICE National Institute for  
Health and Care Excellence

NIHR National Institute  
for Health Research

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Voices

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# AIMS OF THE AWARD

**£140m fund within AI Lab to establish the UK as the preeminent destination for developing and scaling health and care AI**

**1. Fund leading AI innovators to develop their technologies in UK**

**2. Build a world-class real-world AI testing infrastructure in UK**

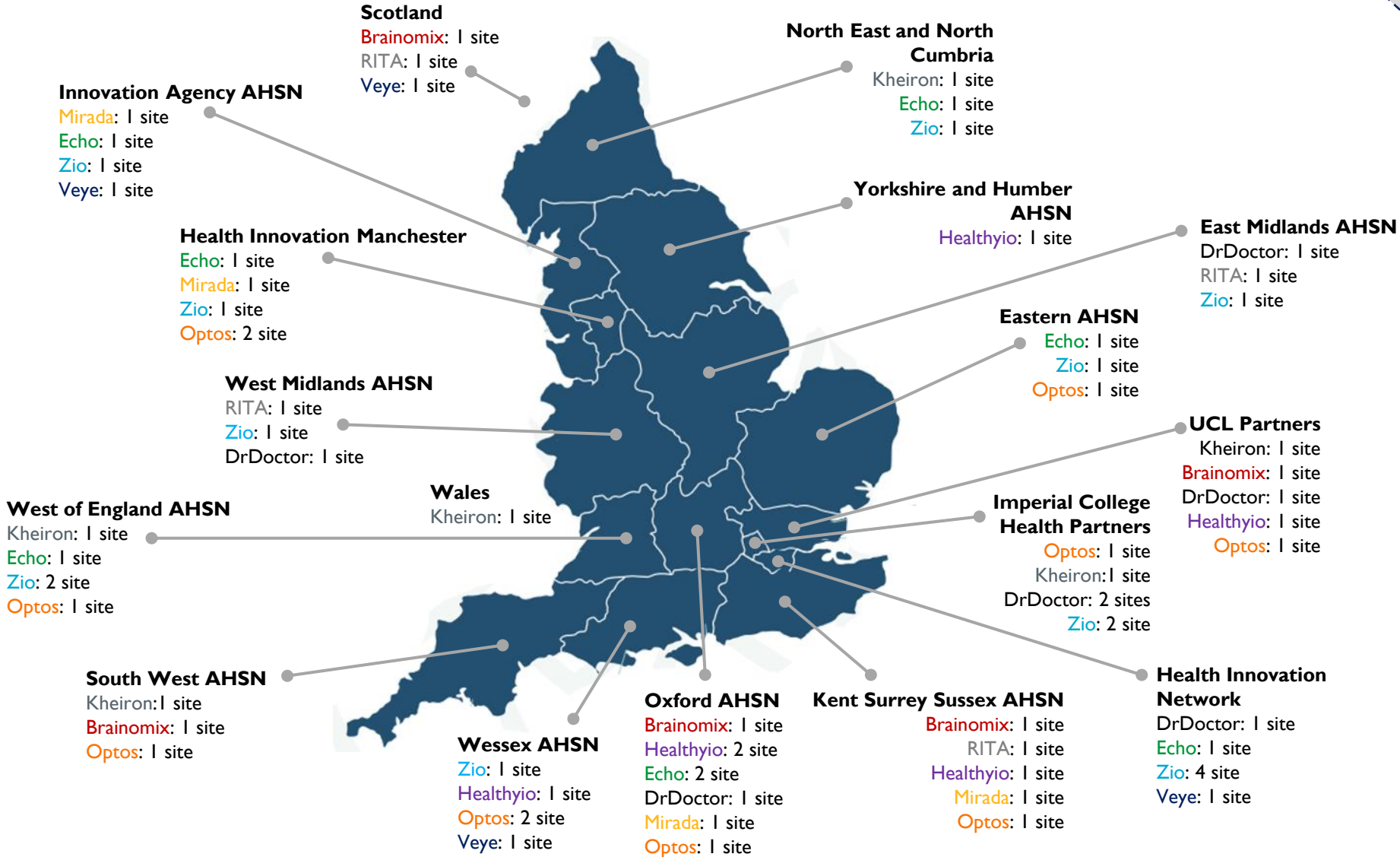
**3. Accelerate adoption and spread of proven AI technologies across NHS**

# AI AWARD PHASES

Feasibility	Development & clinical evaluation	Real World Testing	Initial Health System Adoption	National Scale-up
Phase 1 AI Award NIHR	Phase 2 AI Award NIHR	Phase 3 AI Award NHSX/AAC	Phase 4 AI Award NHSX/AAC	Phase 5 Not fundable
To show product and clinical feasibility of the proposed concept, product or service	To develop prototypes and generate early clinical safety/efficacy data towards CE/UKCA marking	First real-world testing in health and social care settings to develop evidence of efficacy and preliminary proof of effectiveness, including evidence for routes to implementation to enable more rapid adoption	To facilitate initial systems adoption of the AI technologies with market authorisation into the NHS, evaluating the AI technology within clinical or operational pathways to determine efficacy or accuracy, and clinical and economic impact	To address barriers to adoption into routine care for NICE-approved products with proven health system benefits, in order to facilitate rapid uptake nationally
6-12 months Up to £150k	12-36 months Funding uncapped but typically range £500k-1.5m	12-36 months Funding uncapped but typically range £500k-1.5m	12-36 months Funding uncapped but typically range £1m - 7m	Not eligible for research and development funding under this programme

# Overview of Round 1 Phase 4 Sites

For live updates see AAC website map



England	66 sites
DA	4 sites

# ROLE OF EVALUATION

We commission **independent evaluations** of the late-stage (P4) Award winners whilst they are being deployed in **real-world settings** aligned to key evidence gaps across eight domains:

Accuracy	Safety
Effectiveness	Value
Fit with site	Implementation
Feasibility of scale up	Sustainability of scale up

These evaluations serve to:

- Fill evidence gaps and accelerate local adoption and national adoption (via NICE guidance or UK NSC endorsement)
- Provide a model for late-stage, real-world evaluation of AI and generate learnings on the challenges and associated solutions.

# More information on the AI Lab and AI in Health and Care Award



[www.nhsx.nhs.uk/ai-lab/](http://www.nhsx.nhs.uk/ai-lab/)

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