

Wellbeing Group September 2021

The September meeting of the Patient and Public Involvement Senate of the NHS Northwest Innovation Agency featured two presentations about new technologies and also an update on the development of the Cheshire and Merseyside respiratory website.

The first presentation was by a representative from Drivernet. (<https://driver-net.com/>)

This is a St Helens based start-up business developing more efficient transport systems that can be used to transport groups of people to a particular destination (for example, a number of people living close to each other could be taken together to a particular event, whether it be a social event or to a healthcare setting. The company believes it can operate in a more cost-effective way than service like Dial a Ride or NHS transport by using an 'Uber'-style system operating alongside a telephone booking system via call centre such as Dial a Ride.

The other company presenting was Tiny Medical Apps (<https://tinymedicalapps.com/>)

This company has developed an App for teenagers to help with their confidence in managing their own health conditions. The main App is for asthma management although there are others in the pipeline. Sections include a digital individualised management plan which cannot be lost like a paper copy, inhaler technique and 'what to do in an emergency'.

The Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership respiratory website mentioned previously is progressing and we were shown the latest draft update.

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