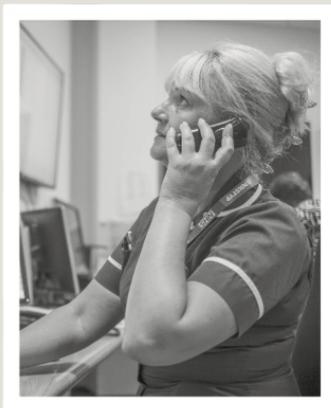


# Get involved



The Health Foundation  
is an independent  
charity committed  
to bringing about better  
health and health care  
for people in the UK.

# About us

Our aim is a healthier population, supported by high quality health care that can be equitably accessed. We learn what works to make people's lives healthier and improve the health care system. From giving grants to those working at the front line to carrying out research and policy analysis, we shine a light on how to make successful change happen.

We make links between the knowledge we gain from working with those delivering health and health care and our research and analysis. Our aspiration is to create a virtuous circle, using what we know works on the ground to inform effective policymaking and vice versa.

We believe good health and health care are key to a flourishing society. Through sharing what we learn, collaborating with others and building people's skills and knowledge, we aim to make a difference and contribute to a healthier population.

# Highlights of our work in 2019



# Healthy lives for all

Good health is important for us as individuals and for the country – for our society and our economy. The greatest influences on our health and wellbeing are factors such as whether we live in poverty or not; our education and employment opportunities; our housing; our social networks; where we live and the extent it facilitates exercise, a good diet and social connection.

In 2019, we'll call for greater investment and cross-government action to address these social determinants. We'll launch findings from our research exploring the recent slowdown in life expectancy, as well as working on an analysis of health inequalities, culminating in the 10-year anniversary of the Marmot review in 2020.

*[health.org.uk/healthy-lives](https://health.org.uk/healthy-lives)*

## **Mobilising action on the social determinants of health**

It's hard to find a sector that doesn't have a bearing on our health. So, in 2019 we'll be mobilising action on the social determinants across sectors, including by supporting public health professionals to work with partners from outside the traditional public health community in innovative ways.

We will be supporting leadership development in public health. We will also be building new partnerships to catalyse wider, more purposeful action – including a grant-giving programme with the Local Government Association and our major new initiative, the Collaboration for Wellbeing and Health.

*[health.org.uk/mobilising-action](http://health.org.uk/mobilising-action)*

### **Thinking differently about health**

We will be starting the next phase of our work with FrameWorks Institute to find effective new ways to communicate about the social determinants, and change the conversation on health.

*[health.org.uk/thinking-differently](http://health.org.uk/thinking-differently)*

### **Young people's future health inquiry**

Building on the extensive engagement work we've done as part of our Young people's future health inquiry since 2017, the final stage of this work in 2019 will see us developing policy recommendations for national and local government and building clarity on a national level about the action needed to improve young people's future health.

*[health.org.uk/young-people](http://health.org.uk/young-people)*

# Understanding the quality of health and care

This year will see us develop deeper insights into quality issues surrounding health and care. We'll be undertaking research and analysing national policies and trends, using novel approaches to data analytics, and linking data from different providers of health and care services to better understand and improve care quality.

*[health.org.uk/quality](https://health.org.uk/quality)*

## **Building a Networked Data Lab**

We'll start developing our Networked Data Lab, an ambitious project to build a network of partners across the UK who have linked patient data across primary care, secondary care and other health and care services. Together with these partners, we will work to develop powerful new insights to inform local and national decision makers.

## **Partnership initiatives to support the quality of care**

As well as continuing to develop the Improvement Analytics Unit (a partnership with NHS England), we'll also be exploring new partnerships to support the use of data to improve the quality of health and care services. And through our grants and the funding support we provide to external networks, we'll continue to help organisations within the NHS use data to improve the quality of care locally.

*[health.org.uk/partnerships](https://health.org.uk/partnerships)*

# Supporting health care improvement

In recent years, the Health Foundation has made some bold investments in large-scale initiatives to support improvement, in particular Q and The Healthcare Improvement Studies (THIS) Institute. In 2019 these initiatives will continue to grow and develop. We will also continue our work to support health care improvement on the frontline, share our learning from programmes and develop new ones.

*[health.org.uk/supportingimprovement](http://health.org.uk/supportingimprovement)*

## **Evidence of what works to improve care**

2019 will see the first fully operational year of THIS Institute, which is developing evidence on a massive scale across the NHS about what works to improve patient care. There is a research programme underway, and new PhD, Post-doctorate and Senior fellowships beginning.

*[health.org.uk/THISinstitute](http://health.org.uk/THISinstitute)*

## **Connecting improvers**

Q is a connected community working together to improve health and care quality across the UK.

A new round of Q Exchange funding will encourage shared learning and enable improvements in health and care at a much greater scale, while Q Lab is currently partnering with Mind to push forward progress on how we can care better for people with mental health issues and persistent pain.

*[q.health.org.uk](http://q.health.org.uk)*

## **New programmes to support improvement on the front line**

This year we will see a new grant programme for work with patient and clinical communities, and new work to investigate the NHS's role in prevention.

*[health.org.uk/improvement-funding](http://health.org.uk/improvement-funding)*

# Making health and care services more sustainable

With funding and workforce pressures still major issues for our health and care services, we will continue to provide analysis and research on how to ensure long-term sustainability.

*[health.org.uk/sustainability](https://health.org.uk/sustainability)*

## **Health and Social Care Sustainability Research Centre**

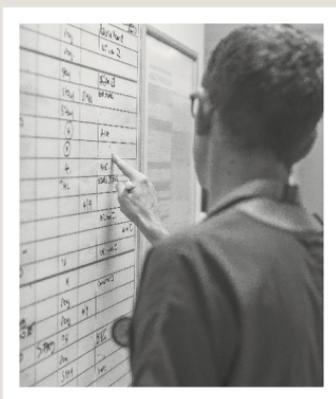
During 2019 we will develop our plans for a new Health and Social Care Sustainability Research Centre, based at the Health Foundation. The centre will work with external academic partners to produce robust projections and evidence to support better policy and strategic decision making on what will be needed to meet demands and expectations for health and care into the future. This will include opportunities for external research teams. We expect to provide around £10 million over the next five years, with the first round of funding available in late 2019.

*[health.org.uk/sustainability-research-centre](https://health.org.uk/sustainability-research-centre)*

## **Shaping Health Futures**

We will be helping health and social care policymakers prepare for the future through our new Shaping Health Futures programme, examining long-term trends and how leaders respond through today's strategies.

# Work with us



# Funding opportunities

## **Advancing Applied Analytics programme**

Our Advancing Applied Analytics programme supports UK teams working on projects that will improve analytical capability in support of health and care services and provide lessons for the wider care system. We are interested in projects that address the capability deficiencies identified in our report *Understanding analytical capability in health care*. A total of £750,000 is available.

**Open until 26 February 2019**

*[health.org.uk/advancing-applied-analytics](http://health.org.uk/advancing-applied-analytics)*

## **Insight Research Programme 2019**

Our Insight research programme 2019 will continue to generate insight and learning to help providers and commissioners of health care services to embed and make better use of routinely collected data to improve the quality of care across the health system. A total of £1.6 million is available to support research that advances the collection and use of data within national clinical audits (NCAs) and patient registries as a mechanism for improving health care quality in the UK.

**Opens in spring 2019**

*[health.org.uk/insight2019](http://health.org.uk/insight2019)*

## **Evidence into Practice**

Our Evidence into Practice programme supports teams to develop tools and resources to help them put into practice findings from completed research projects. It is designed to turn academic research findings into actionable information for people practising in the field. We will be looking to support fresh ideas that have the potential to improve service delivery, including in non-acute settings. Successful projects will receive up to £50,000 to develop new tools and resources.

**Opens in autumn 2019**

*[health.org.uk/evidence-into-practice](http://health.org.uk/evidence-into-practice)*

## **The Social and Economic Value of Health: place based community health**

Our £1.5 million research open call on the social and economic value of health in a place, aims to develop new approaches and evidence to help us understand the contribution that the health of a population in a place makes to the social and economic outcomes in that place.

**Opens in autumn 2019**

*[health.org.uk/the-social-and-economic-value-of-health](http://health.org.uk/the-social-and-economic-value-of-health)*

## Join Q

Q is an initiative bringing together people working to improve health and care across the UK. Its mission is to cultivate continuous and sustainable improvement, by supporting people to connect, share ideas, develop expertise and collaborate. Q is made up of a diverse and growing community of over 2,800 people based throughout the UK.

**Applications to join Q are accepted on an ongoing basis and welcomed from all disciplines and a variety of roles.**

*[q.health.org.uk](http://q.health.org.uk)*

## Q Exchange

Members of Q will again be able to apply for funding through Q Exchange following its 2018 pilot. This new approach saw members of the Q community inputting and helping to select which ideas would receive funding of up to £30,000. Following a review of the pilot we are planning to further develop the Q Exchange process, where projects will receive Q Exchange funding from the Health Foundation and NHS Improvement.

**Opens late spring 2019**

*[q.health.org.uk](http://q.health.org.uk)*

## **New programme to support improvement through patient and clinical communities**

We plan to launch an exciting new programme exploring how the Health Foundation can support patients and clinicians to collaborate to improve health care delivery in the UK. We will be working with a range of partners over the year, and are interested to hear from organisations that have first-hand experience of working with patients to improve services.

**Opens late 2019**

*[health.org.uk/funding-for-improvement-projects](http://health.org.uk/funding-for-improvement-projects)*

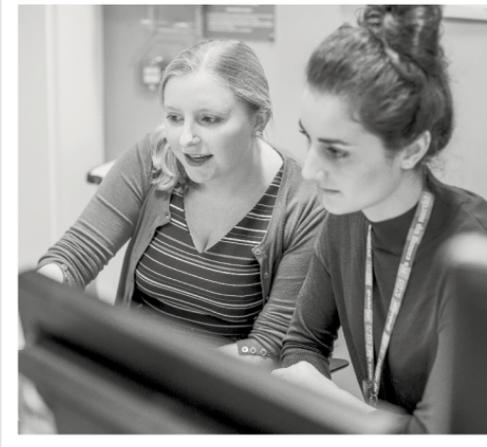
## **New programme to support local partnerships to take action on the social determinants of health**

This year we plan to launch a grant making programme, in partnership with the Local Government Association, to mobilise action within local government on the social determinants of health. The proposed funding programme will see £1.5m awarded to local authorities in England to work in cross-sector partnership on projects that will take action on the social determinants and facilitate system change at a local level.

**Opens autumn 2019**

*[health.org.uk/funding-and-partnerships](http://health.org.uk/funding-and-partnerships)*

# Ways we can support you



## **Download our latest publications**

Our publications present knowledge and ideas gained from our analysis and research, improvement programmes and other areas of work.

Our quick guides provide helpful topic introductions and/or offer useful tips and frameworks to help with improvement projects.

All of our publications are available to view, read and download from our website. Hard copies of many can also be ordered free of charge.

*[health.org.uk/publications](http://health.org.uk/publications)*

## **Access tools to communicate your work**

Our communications toolkit is full of tips and practical resources to support health care professionals to implement and spread their improvement work.

*[health.org.uk/commskit](http://health.org.uk/commskit)*

We also have a communications toolkit designed for researchers to help them increase influence and impact in health and health care.

*[health.org.uk/research-kit](http://health.org.uk/research-kit)*

## **Participate in our events**

Our events and webinar programme offers space to think, debate and share learning to improve health and health care. We livestream from some of our major events, so if you can't join us in person you can take part virtually. You can also follow us on Twitter for regular updates from events we are attending.

*health.org.uk/events*

 *@HealthFdn*

## **Receive our newsletter**

Register for our email newsletter, which each month focuses in on different health and health care themes. It features blogs, case studies, interviews, our latest publications and funding opportunities.

*health.org.uk/newsletter*

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