

Clinical Research Network
North East and North Cumbria



*National Institute for
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MEDConNecT North

Performance FY 2015/16

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Delivering research to make patients, and the NHS, better



1) Introduction

2015/6 is the first complete financial year (FY) MedConNecT North has operated since it was established in November 2014. The group were set the following targets and data requirements to achieve within FY 2015/6:

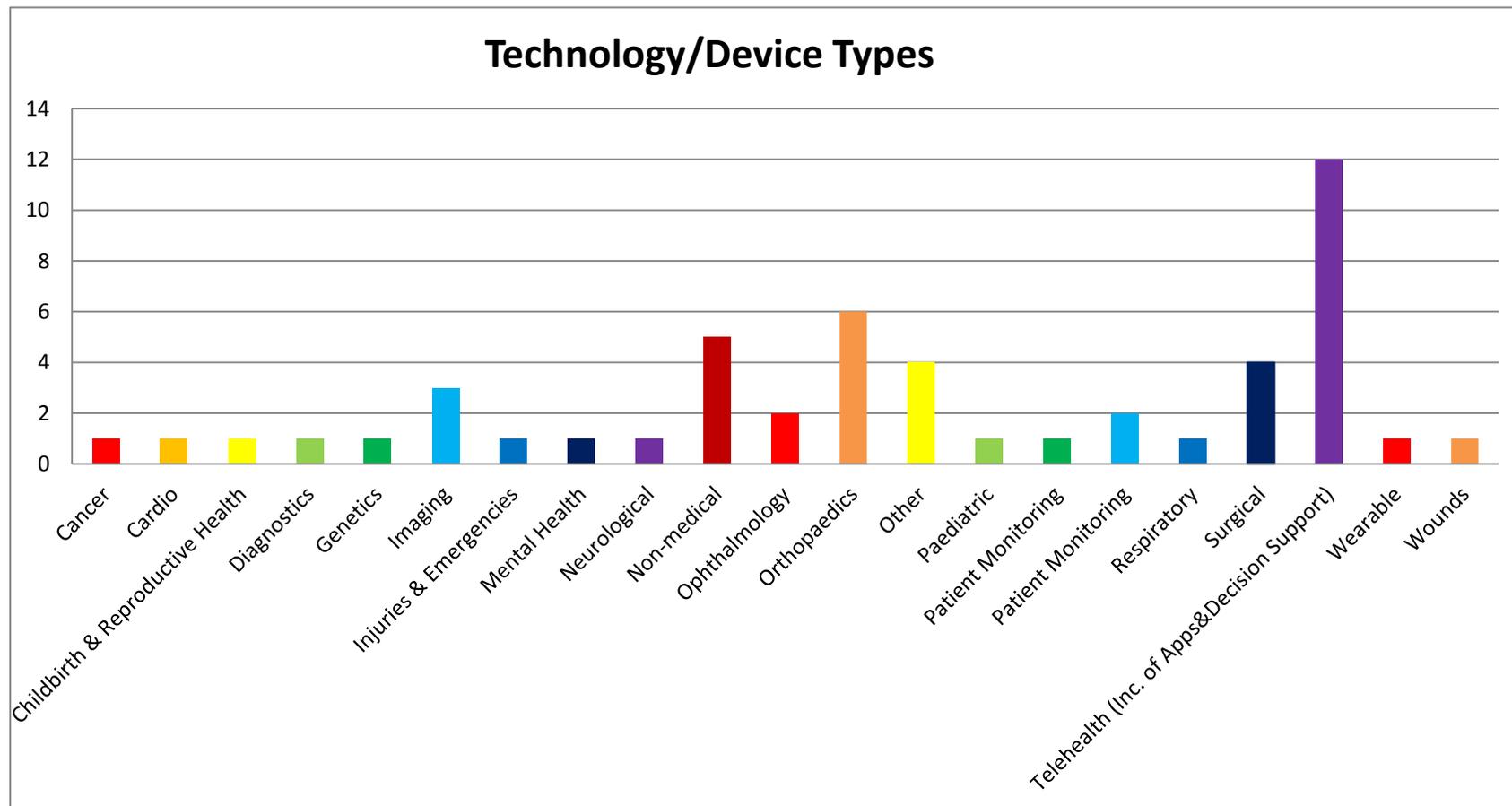
- Number of interactions with companies per Financial Year (FY)
- Number of industry projects requiring bespoke support per FY.
- Number of NHS/Academic staff requiring bespoke support per FY
- Bespoke support conversion rates (%) – successful outcomes per all bespoke requests
- 30% increase in open commercial NIHR portfolio medical device studies within NENC per FY – (Baseline 14/15 = 10 open studies).
- 10% increase in open non-commercial NIHR portfolio medical device studies within NENC per FY - (Baseline 14/15 = 7 Investigator Initiated Studies and 5 non-commercial studies).
- Number of projects converted to collaborative grant applications

2) Performance

Industry

MedConNecT North interacted with 43 companies in 2015/16; all companies approached the group to request specific project support. Some companies needed support with more than one project and in 2015/6 MedConNecT North assisted with 51 projects. The projects involved many different devices and technologies spanning a diverse range of specialties.

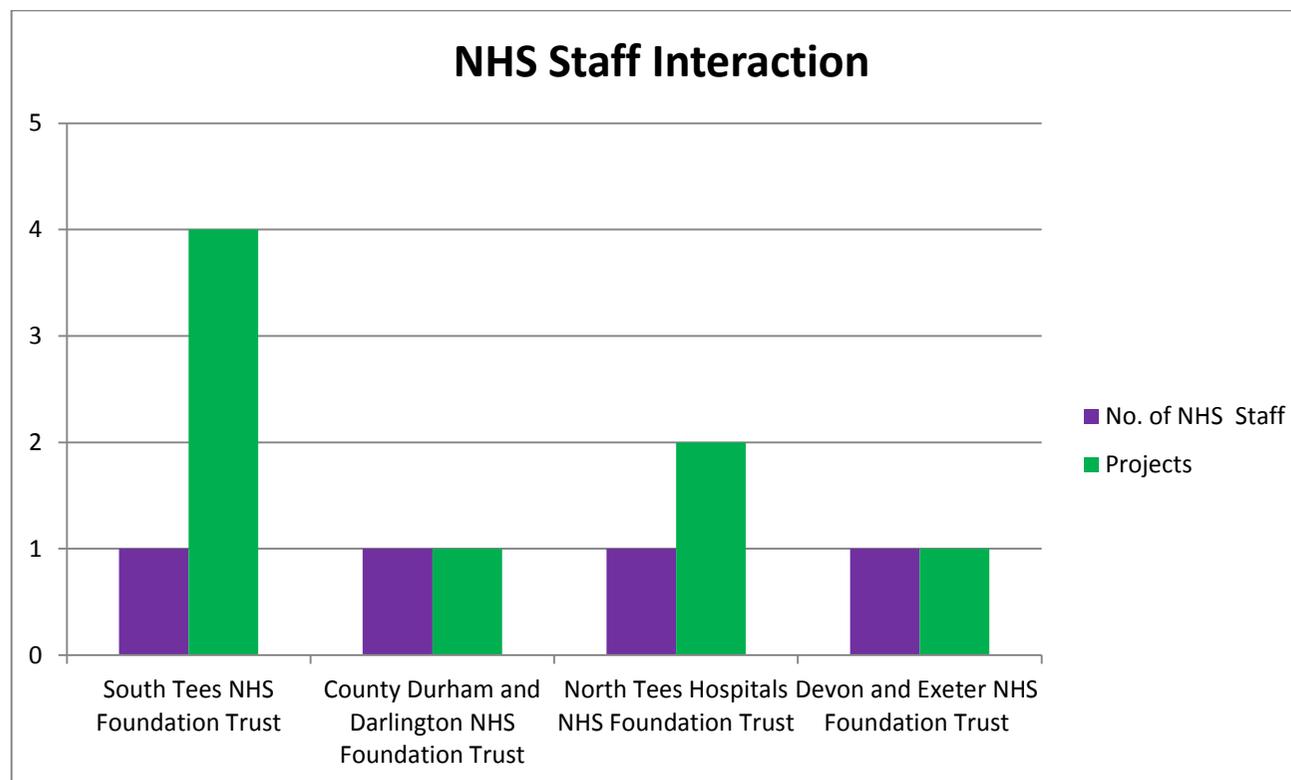
Chart 2.1 - Projects supported by MedConNecT North by specialty



NHS and Academia

Number of NHS/Academic staff requiring bespoke support in 2015/16 – MedConNecT North supported 4 NHS Consultants in 2015/16 with 8 projects, from 4 NHS Foundation trusts, both local and regional. This information is detailed below in chart 2.2.

Chart 2.2 - NHS Staff Interaction



MedConNecT North also engaged with 3 universities to help with the development of 3 staff projects:



**University of
Sunderland**



Bespoke support conversion

Delivering companies initial request i.e. connection to a clinician, review of a product, introduction to an NHS trust etc.

MedConNecT North supported 62 projects in total in 2015/16.

35 initial project requests have been met and delivered:

- 20 of these projects are still on-going
- 9 successfully completed
- 6 studies are now in study set up
 - 5 Commercial Portfolio
 - 1 Non-commercial Portfolio

21 project requests are still underway

6 Project requests were not met and were unsuccessful

Conversion Rate:

85%

Increase in Open NIHR Portfolio “Medical Device” Studies

One of MedCoNecT North’s main objectives was to increase the activity of “Medical Device” portfolio studies in the North East and North Cumbria Clinical Research Network. The target was to increase commercial studies by 30% and non-commercial studies by 10%.

In 2014/15 there were 10 open “Medical Device” commercial studies, in 2015/16 there were 18, an increase of 80%

In 2014/15 there were 12 open “Medical Device” non-commercial studies, in 2015/16 there were 26, an increase of 116%

Number of projects converted to collaborative grant applications

0 collaborative grant applications were applied for in 2015/16

Overall Feasibility activity

66 “Expressions Of Interest” (EOIs) were received from NHS sites around the region, to help with the development of medical technology projects in collaboration with Industry

19 “Investigator declined” responses were received, sites felt it wasn’t suitable to collaborate with industry on these specific projects

1 “Sponsor declined” response was received, the sponsor did not wish to progress into research with our sites

22 No responses

Total response rate – 80%



2016/2017 – Targets

A 10% increase will be applied meaning the following targets will be set:

- 47 Interactions with new companies
- 56 Industry projects requiring bespoke support
- Supporting 5 members of NHS staff and continuing to support Academic staff from 3 or more Universities
- Bespoke support conversion rates – 60% or above
- 10% increase in open commercial NIHR portfolio medical device studies within NENC – 20 studies
- 10% increase in open non-commercial NIHR portfolio medical device studies within NENC – 29 studies
- 1 project converted to a collaborative grant application
- Total feasibility response rate – 70% or above



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