



# PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

We involve patients and public in all our work programmes – testing tech and apps; providing feedback and helping to shape plans and projects; and as volunteer AF Ambassadors.

## NEW SENATE FOR LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH CUMBRIA

**A second Innovation Agency Public Involvement and Engagement Senate was established to make it easier for people to attend meetings and events.**

The new Senate is based in Lancashire and South Cumbria. The first Senate will focus on Cheshire and Merseyside, with both groups meeting bi-monthly in their separate areas to discuss healthcare innovations.

Members have been involved in a number of pioneering projects including Connected Health Cities, which uses big data to explore how services can be improved. Senate members helped to design a smartphone app wizard which records preferences for sharing healthcare data. They give feedback to businesses on new apps and devices and are consulted on patient safety initiatives.

Lancashire and South Cumbria Senate member Jim Organ said: "With the advances of technologies that can improve wellbeing, I feel that by being involved at an early stage, I can help to keep patients' requirements at the centre of the development."

