

Paediatric Working Group – Inaugural meeting

Thursday 14th May 2026

Room 12.6.13, Level 6, Charles Street Building, Sheffield Hallam University – [Maps](#)

SCENE SETTING

10:00 - 10:15	Meeting Opening	Dr Keith Pugh Head of Operations, NIHR HRC in Paediatrics and Child Health
10:15 - 10:30	Opening Keynote	Nathaniel Mills COO, NIHR HRC Network

SHOW & TELL

10:30 - 11:15

Lightening Rounds

5 min presentation from each innovation organisation in attendance, covering the following:

- Who is your organisation/HRC? (1 min)
- What is your key activity/project or objective in the child healthtech space? (2 mins)
- What would benefit you most from the NIHR HRC Paediatric Working Group? (2 mins)

11:15 - 11:30	Keynote	Alexandra Norris Managing Director, Children's Hospital Alliance
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11:30 - 12:15	Speed 'dating'/networking session	Edwina Ogbu Cross-HRC Coordination Manager, NIHR HRC Network
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Networking Lunch 12:15 - 13:00

CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES – Table Discussions & Feedback

Experiences of challenges & opportunities in child health tech:

13:00 - 14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ as an innovator◦ as an academic◦ as a health care professional◦ as an industry partner
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14:00 - 14:15	Barriers to child health tech from an industry perspective	Dr Keith Pugh Head of Operations, NIHR HRC in Paediatrics and Child Health
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BREAK 14:15-14:30

SOLUTIONS & MOVING FORWARDS – Open Discussion

14:30 - 15:15

Solutions to challenges and actions to opportunities as determined in previous section

WHAT NEXT? – Open Discussion

15:15 - 15:45

- Usefulness of the day?
- What is the purpose of the group?
- When and how should we next meet?
- What should we do?

Dr Keith Pugh
Head of Operations, NIHR HRC in
Paediatrics and Child Health

15:45 - 15:50

Upcoming Events &
Opportunities of note

Dr Keith Pugh
Head of Operations, NIHR HRC in
Paediatrics and Child Health

CLOSE

15:50 - 16:00

Prof Paul Dimitri
Clinical Director, NIHR HealthTech Research Centre in Paediatrics and
Child Health