

What is HALN?

HALN is a UK-wide network for people responsible for, or interested in, anchor approaches in health. It was set up in February 2021 with funding from the NHS and The Health Foundation. We have 1600+ subscribers as of Feb 2023.

The network is free and open to join for colleagues from health organisations, like trusts, hospitals and CCGs; integrated care systems; primary care networks, regional bodies; and partners, like local authorities and other public agencies, voluntary, community and social enterprise sector, and education and housing organisations.

What does HALN do?

The network provides spaces and opportunities for participants to learn with peers and experts about how anchor organisations can consciously use their resources, influence and work in partnership to improve the social determinants of health and help reduce inequalities. Our activities include:

Public Events	Closed Action Learning Sets	Promoting good practice
Social media	Tools and resources	House and guest blogs

Insights on anchor work

We've learned a huge amount about this emergent topic and anchor spheres of influence. We've collated some of our learning through events, Action Learning Sets and case studies into products which can be found on our [tools page](#) (examples below). We also feature a range of perspectives on our [blog](#).



What is an anchor?

Anchor institutions are large public sector organisations which are rooted in place and connected to their communities, such as universities, local authorities, and hospitals.

Anchors have significant assets and spending power and can consciously use these resources to benefit communities. Key anchor strategies include:

	Procurement and Spending
	Workforce, employment and skills
	Estates and infrastructure investment
	Reducing environmental impact
	Working with local anchor partners
	Community engagement and civic action

How can I get involved?

- [Sign up to our newsletter](#)
- Register for tickets to [upcoming free webinars](#)
- Join us on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Future NHS](#)
- [Share examples of anchor work](#) for our upcoming case study repository
- [Register interest](#) for potential future Learning Sets
- Drop us an email: hello@haln.org.uk
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