



Child of the North Data Showcase

Connecting data to improve public service delivery

Date: 23rd February 2026

Venue: Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester

09:30 - 10:00	<p>Arrival and Registration</p>
10:00 - 10:20	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Mark Mon-Williams, <i>Child of the North Leadership Group</i> <p>Growing Up Well in the North of England</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baroness Anne Longfield CBE, <i>Executive Chair & Founder, Centre for Young Lives</i> • Haroon Chowdry, <i>Chief Executive, Centre for Young Lives</i>
10:20 - 10:50	<p>Keynote Speech</p> <p>How connected data reveal the impact of SEND across the lifespan and across services</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Marianne van den Bree, <i>Professor of Psychological Medicine, MRC Centre for Neuropsychiatric Genetics and Genomics and the Neuroscience and Mental Health Research Institute, Cardiff University</i>
10:50 - 11:20	<p>Break and Networking</p>
11:20 - 11:50	<p>Data Infrastructure in the North of England</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIHR Health Determinants Research Collaborations (HDRCs) • NIHR Applied Research Collaborations (ARCs) • ESRC Vulnerabilities & Policing Futures Research Centre
11:50 - 12:30	<p>Data Assets in the North of England</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #BeeWell • Born in Bradford and Connected Bradford • Born and Bred In Network (BaBi) • Civic Health Innovation Labs / Children Growing Up in Liverpool (C-GULL)

12:30 - 13:30	Lunch and Networking
13:30 - 14:30	<p>Case Studies</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representatives of SEND and data projects from across the North of England
14:30 - 15:00	HMG Policy Priorities
15:00 - 15:50	<p>Panel Discussion: Next Steps for Collaboration</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy officials and representatives of the research community Chaired by Haroon Chowdry, <i>Centre for Young Lives</i>
15:50 - 16:00	<p>Concluding plenary</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baroness Anne Longfield CBE and Haroon Chowdry, <i>Centre for Young Lives</i> Professor Colette Fagan, <i>Vice-President for Research, University of Manchester</i>
16:00	Event Ends
16:00 - 17:30	<p>Networking Session</p> <p>Refreshments available on ground floor</p>