

SLA Digital Health SIG Message 19 May 2020

- Although there are tactical opportunities for SLA members from the COVID-19 pandemic, these have mostly already been won or lost, and typically depended on an accelerated purchase cycle for an existing product or service.
- To give longer term, sustainable benefit to SLA members serving the Digital Health market, the SLA should focus its communications to ministers on more strategic objectives around adoption of Digital Health solutions and diversification of procurement.
- Rather than focus funding on early academic/industry research collaboration (which typically impacts care on a 5-10 year timescale), investment should be made in clinical evaluation and implementation of innovative - but existing - products and services
- This will allow the rapid digitisation of the health service in Scotland / UK, with benefits around access to care for patients nationwide, more manageable clinical workload and economic stimulus of all levels of the UK manufacturing base.