



# INTERNATIONAL **EDGE** CONFERENCE

28 Feb - 1 Mar 2018, The VOX, Birmingham

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
FOR USERS & ADMINISTRATORS**

Enhancing Clinical Research Trials  
by delivering data in real-time across the UK and beyond

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*"Since attending the EDGE User Conference in March, we are **REDESIGNING OUR ATTRIBUTES** to be able to have access to information that was not available before.*

*We are also **IMPLEMENTING THE FINANCE TOOL, WHICH WILL IMPROVE OUR INCOME AND MONITORING CAPABILITIES.***

*Patient recruitment and site level **DATA IS NOW MORE RELIABLE AND ACCURATE.***

*We are also able to **QUICKLY MONITOR RESEARCH ACTIVITY** in a way that was not available before."*

**R&D Manager**

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, West Midlands

## GAIN ACCESS TO OVER 25 USER-LED SESSIONS & EXPERT TALKS AT THE EDGE ASPIRE CONFERENCE 2018, BIRMINGHAM

Our annual EDGE User Conference 2018 is being held on the 28th February and 1st March at the Vox Conference centre in the bustling city of Birmingham, one of the UK's most central and accessible meeting points.

**Building on the tremendous success of our recent conference in March 2017, we will again focus on opportunities to enhance the efficiency and productivity of clinical research using data collected in EDGE.**

The programme will contain a wide mixture of **user-led breakout sessions** relating to functionality used in EDGE, a selection of EDGE **workshops** from our expert users which will provide step-by-step instructions explaining how to utilise specific EDGE functionality, and a mixture of **keynote and plenary speakers** from across the research community.

We are hosting next year's event at a bigger and better venue. With more conference facilities available, there will be further opportunities to develop and enhance the skills of EDGE users to take back to their organisation.

### ASPIRE

**AIM HIGHER. ACHIEVE MORE.**

The EDGE User Conference brings together attendees from all types of research roles, including administration, clinical, and research management from all areas of the UK and beyond. Our most recent event held in Southampton was attended by over 250 delegates, which included staff from the NHS, Clinical Research Networks, and international organisations, including the Canadian 3CTN Co-ordinating centre.

The 2018 event will promote and encourage delegates to **ASPIRE: aim higher and achieve more**. The conference will enable users to learn from others to improve research management, which will ultimately enhance clinical research and performance metrics at their own organisation.

"I would like to say a very big thank you and well done from myself and my colleagues at Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. I have gained a wealth of knowledge from the conference and speaking to such inspiring people as Clare Morgan and Trina Johnson who really empower you to succeed in what you do to improve our services, please pass on my appreciation to them also."

**Siobhan Shearing, Research Midwife**  
Southend University Hospital NHS  
Foundation Trust

**ELECTRONIC  
DELEGATION LOGS**

**PRIMARY CARE**

**IMPROVE  
DATA QUALITY**

**COSTING  
TEMPLATES**

**NETWORKING**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**ATTRACT  
INVESTMENT**

**STRONGER  
STAKEHOLDER RELATIONSHIPS**

**EFFECTIVE  
ATTRIBUTES**

**INVOICING**

**INCREASE  
EFFICIENCY**

**TIME-TO-TARGET  
RECRUITMENT**

**ENHANCE  
SKILLSETS**

**OUTPUTS**

**NEW IDEAS**

**PLANNING**

**REAL-TIME  
ACTIVITY-MAPPING**

**COLLABORATIONS**

**DATA ACCURACY**

**REPORTING**

**AIM  
HIGHER**

**POWER BI  
DATA VISUALISATION**

**WORKFLOWS**



**Learn**  
Learn from high profile keynote speakers

**Learn**

**Engage**  
Engage in inspiring plenary topics

**Engage**

**Share**  
Share key skills

**Share**

**Talk**  
Talk to the experts

**Talk**

**Network**  
Make contacts

**Network**

**Arrive**

**Discover**



## TOPICS USERS CAN EXPECT TO HEAR ABOUT

Good management of clinical research is often based on good communication and informed decision-making. This conference not only focuses on informing decision makers of new skills and techniques used in EDGE, but also on how to ensure that the work of the whole team is fully recognised.

Breakout and plenary sessions will cover a broad range of EDGE functionality topics which will allow users to enhance skills and improve research processes. Sessions will be divided into streams for users to choose from, including:

- How **other teams and organisations use EDGE** for their own research practices (e.g., in managing primary care), and how did they commence this process?
- How to use **specific EDGE functionality** (e.g., workflows, attributes) more effectively to produce better and more useful **reports\***
- How to fully utilise **costing templates and EDGE finance** more effectively\*
- How to improve **data quality** using EDGE.
- How to visualise data from EDGE and CRF manager using **Power BI\*** and how to use within support departments.
- How to utilise **delegation logs** in EDGE: what are the benefits?
- How to effectively use EDGE for **invoicing**.
- Using EDGE reports for patient preparation: a pharmacy viewpoint
- Changing practice within the hospital with the use of EDGE
- How **new ideas** for functionality are developed and implemented.
- And many more.

*\*These sessions will also be administered as workshops.*

## ASK THE EXPERTS

Delegates will also have the opportunity to engage with members of the EDGE team at our **Ask the Expert** sessions throughout the event. There, users will be able to raise and talk about any issues that they are having with the system and pick up new EDGE techniques that will be useful to their work.

## WHAT WILL USERS TAKE BACK TO THEIR TRUSTS?

Delegates will return to their organisations with the following:

- **New and innovative ideas** for EDGE development within their NHS Trusts
- A more **enhanced skillset** in using specific EDGE functionality relevant to their roles
- An improved awareness of how **communication** between departments and sites enhances **teamwork, efficiency and Trust income**
- Increased knowledge in how to forge **stronger relationships** with key stakeholders (e.g., finance, pharmacy, pathology)
- A better understanding of **activity-mapping** by support departments in efforts to avoid common pitfalls and bottlenecks
- **New relationships** with other members of the EDGE community, offering opportunities for **networking** and **collaboration**
- An aspiration to **aim higher** and **achieve more**

“Thanks to the conference, we have installed power BI in order to make our reports look much better and are looking at creating collaborations for our sites on multi-site projects to share documents.”

**R&D Quality Assurance Manager**  
University Hospital Southampton Trust

## DELEGATE RATES

**Delegate rate (NHS/Education):** £235 or £199.75 (early bird rate, saving of 15%)

This includes the 2-day conference (full access to all sessions at the conference), refreshments, buffet style lunch, evening drinks reception, followed by a 3-course networking dinner and entertainment on the first day (28th February 2018).

**Non-NHS/Non-Education:** £365 or £310.25 (early bird rate saving, of 15%)

This includes the 2-day conference (full access to all sessions at the conference), refreshments, buffet style lunch, evening drinks reception, followed by a 3-course networking dinner and entertainment on the first day (28th February 2018).

**Group discount:** 15% off for 5 or more attendees from the same organisation



## REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TO ATTEND

If you are interested in attending the conference as a delegate and would like the opportunity to network with national and international research professionals then please get in touch.

To register your interest in attending visit:

<http://www.edgeclinical.com/edge-conference-2018>

Or if you have any queries regarding the conference then please email us at [edgecomms@soton.ac.uk](mailto:edgecomms@soton.ac.uk)

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<http://www.edgeclinical.com/exhibitorsponsorship>

or alternatively email us at

[edgecomms@soton.ac.uk](mailto:edgecomms@soton.ac.uk)

We strongly encourage users and administrators to promote the importance and value of this conference to their line managers, and ask for help on registration and funding where possible.