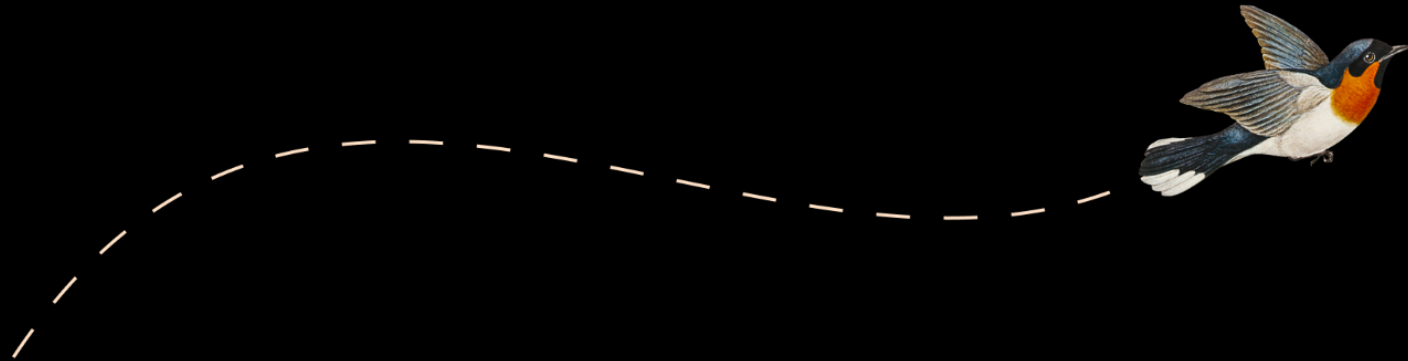# Introducing ITSPOON

INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT OPIATE OVERDOSE

NETWORK (ITSPOON)

Who are we?

- A network of researchers, scientists and service providers that have been meeting since 2022 that previously had often been working independently to explore and develop technologies to prevent opiate overdose

- Steadily grown in membership

What do we want to achieve?

- To bring academics, scientists, technicians, and service providers together who share an interest in acute opiate overdose prevention technologies

- To share ideas, data and insights as a collaborative to drive further innovation

- To identify risks to opiate users, current and emerging, that considers the role of technology to mitigate those risks

- To gain better understanding of genetic, race, geo-societal and nation differences and similarities when considering technology with a view to being inclusive and focussing on those with the least resource

- To support the development of new research and technologies and to collaboratively host and pilot these through their networks

- To identify funding to support the endeavours and membership of the group

- To be inclusive for anyone that is interested in the area and works for not-for-profit organisation

- To consider the ethical implications of data storage, sharing and analysis

Network Meeting details

BY INVITATION

APPROXIMATELY QUARTERLY

[NEXT MEETING IN MAY]

VIA TEAMS

CONSIDERING OPTIONS TO GAIN FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE GROUP AND ITS ENDEAVOURS

What have been our successes?
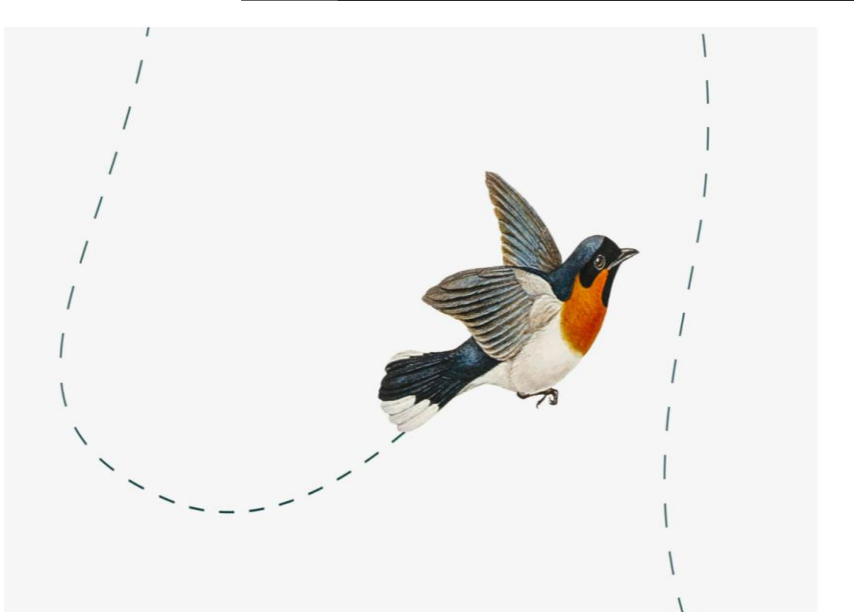
We currently have 33 members

Mostly UK based with members from the US too

We are now linked with a north American equivalent network

The ideas and data sharing have strengthened research proposals and helps to identify gaps

We have 9 live research proposals between us focussed on opiate overdose resposnses

How do I get involved?

- Visit the website https://itspoon.stir.ac.uk/

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