



Digital Medicines Group

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Welcome

Welcome to our first newsletter since joining the BCS. Some of you may know we previously existed as part of the FCI and have been working over the past few months to transition to the BCS and set up our new group. We hope to capture some of the work we are planning as part of the group and hope you will join us in this journey as part of our group.

Who we are

Top row; left to right

Amita Aggarwal, Chair

National policy role at NHS England. Have previously worked extensively in secondary care delivering on EPMA, dispensing robot, ward-based automation.

Jonathan Bevan, Treasurer

Jonathan leads digital medicines strategy at Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust, driving system-wide transformation through innovative technologies and data-led service redesign. He leads initiatives in digital medicines, AI, and data innovation, driving responsible transformation to improve patient care.

Sarah Thompson, Communications

Sarah works as CCIO & lead Pharmacy professional for all elements of digital medicines transformation across the University Hospitals of Liverpool Group, ensuring digital strategy is aligned with Trust Medicines Management and Pharmacy Service plans and policies.

Glen Tsang, Inclusion Officer

Senior Lead EPMA Pharmacist at Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust and Chair of the Joint Midlands Digital Medicines and Pharmacy Network. Extensive experience in delivering EPMA and EHR systems within secondary care. Committed to digital clinical transformation and clinical safety, with a strong focus on user-centred design.

Ramandeep Kaur, Early Career Advocate

Chief Clinical Information Officer at University Hospitals of Northamptonshire. Passionate about digital innovation and transformation, united digital clinical leadership, patient safety and raising the profile of digital pharmacy.

The Group

We have responsibility for assuring that the strategy and decisions taken about professional policy for the organisation and clinical informatics professionally are aligned to pharmacy/medicines. The group recognise the need for a focus on Pharmacy/Medicines Informatics within Clinical Informatics to ensure the field is holistic and relevant to all.

Purpose

To be a respected and recognised national voice for Pharmacy/Medicines Informatics and for the informatics needs of all pharmacists and their patients.

Digital Medicines Group will provide the opportunity to:

- Bring together membership for peer support and networking
- Establish pharmacy/medicines expert views and opinions on specific topics and provide pharmacy representation on groups
- Provide expert Pharmacy/medicines Informatics input into the development of national standards for pharmacy
- Offer professional expertise and guidance to BCS in developing educational opportunities for pharmacy members
- Link with other professionals on utilising informatics to optimise medications ensuring this is a multi-professional approach.

Future Plans

We are excited to be launching our first ever series of writing competitions with three superb prizes-look out for details! We are also in the process of developing educational resources and will be releasing more details shortly. Please email us at groups@bcs.uk if you would like to get involved in developing the educational resources. We would particularly welcome those who have extensive experience in the clinical informatics field.