

Faculty of Health and Care Newsletter – March 2026

As Springtime arrives and everything starts to feel a little brighter, it's been encouraging to see the same sense of energy in recent conversations about strengthening professionalism across the digital profession. A cross-government symposium brought together colleagues to look at professional registration for the DDaT workforce, and NHS England's updates on their plans to encourage professional membership and registration have been well received in recent meetings with CIOs, CDIOs and CXIOs.

This is especially relevant for us in the Faculty of Health and Care, where many of our members are clinical informaticians. The question of dual registration is a real one, and it's good to see NHS England beginning to explore what this could look like. Alongside that, we're setting up a project focusing on appraisal and revalidation for medical informaticians who don't have an employer able to support it. More to come on that soon.

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BCS Health and Care Specialist Group Members – please sign up to Faculty of Health and Care to continue to receive this newsletter

We currently send out the newsletter to members of BCS health and care specialist groups, but if you are a member of more than one group you will receive multiple copies. To avoid this, we are going to discontinue the mailing to specialist groups and instead use the Faculty of Health and Care group for all newsletters. We will discontinue sending to specialist groups from **April**, so, if you would like to continue to receive the newsletter, please sign up to the Faculty of Health and Care [here](#).

National Commission into Regulation of AI in Healthcare: Call for Evidence

BCS Faculty of Health and Care members and BCS Fellows working in digital, data, clinical and technical roles in health and social care came together to contribute to a response to the Call for Evidence. Many thanks to all those involved. You can read the response [here](#).

Call for Abstracts - Third Annual Faculty of Health and Care Conference

We are now accepting abstracts for podium presentations at our Faculty of Health and Care Conference. Abstracts that are accepted will also be published in the BMJ Health and Care Informatics Journal.

The conference theme is "Collaborate, Learn and Professionalise" and three of our areas of focus are digital workforce development, policy and safety and artificial intelligence. We seek original research, case studies, and innovative solutions in health informatics from the UK and beyond! Join us in shaping the future of health and care

informatics. The closing date is midnight on 31 March 2026. Please complete this [form](#) to submit your application.

BMJ Health and Care Informatics Call for Reviewers

[BMJ Health and Care Informatics](#) is looking for reviewers. Please join our effort to empower our BCS Faculty of Health and Care journal. To find out more watch the [webinar](#) and if you are interested go to the author hub of the BMJ HCI or email elly.an@port.ac.uk

Events:

12 March 12.00 to 13.00 FEDIP webinar. This is a FEDIP application support workshop for those interested in applying for FEDIP professional registration. FEDIP is the only professional register for those working in digital health and care. You can find out more and register here: <https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/march/webinar-fedip-workshop/>

24 to 25 March Rewired 2026 at Birmingham NEC. A two day programme covering key themes such as AI, digital transformation, EPR optimisation and implementation, and patient engagement. BCS have a panel session with FEDIP and NHS England at 9.45 am on 25th March in the digital leadership strand – please join us to find out more about NHS England’s plans for professionalising the digital workforce. We also have an exhibition stand -K02 - come and say hello! Find out more about Rewired 26 and register [here](#).

Thursday 23 April 12.00 to 13.00, webinar Health literacy and health information: roles and tools for information specialists across sectors This webinar organised by FEDIP and CILIP discusses health literacy, as a form of information literacy and digital literacy. It includes the specific partnership work around health information and the NHS App in public libraries: Meeting link: [Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 353 963 064 556 8 Passcode: Av2Dz9Nr

14 to 15 May 2026 JRMEDINF Biannual conference for Junior researchers

[JRMEDINF 2026](#) which is EFMI affiliated. The conference is hybrid located in Bucharest, Romania.

30 June 3rd Annual Faculty of Health and Care Conference at BCS London, 25 Cophthall Avenue, London EC2. The conference theme is ‘Collaborate, Learn and Professionalise’. We will have two main streams: developing the digital profession, policy and safety and AI, regulation and good practice. We will have keynote speakers James Freed and Shana Vijayaran from NHS England, talking about their plans for workforce development. You can see the programme and register here: <https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/june/hybrid-bcs-third-faculty-of-health->

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If you have any events for inclusion in the newsletter, please contact elly.an@port.ac.uk