Faculty of Health and Care Newsletter – February 2026

Professional registration is becoming increasingly important in health and care to ensure patient safety, maintain public trust, and uphold consistent standards of care in a rapidly changing environment. Registration is rising on the agenda of public bodies in general and specifically in health and care, where national governments are recognising its importance. NHS England will be joining us at Rewired 2026, together with FEDIP, to talk about their plans to drive professional registration and NHS Wales recently held a workshop with Directors of HR and IT to discuss how to support the development of the digital profession. Do join us at Rewired to find out more.

With the drive for professionalism, the demand for **FEDIP** registration and revalidation is rapidly increasing. If you would like to support others developing in their profession please consider becoming an assessor – see details below.

Jan Hoogewerf, Head of Health and Care
Will Smart, Chair, Faculty of Health and Care Board

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.

Make this the time to become a FEDIP assessor!

Having individuals in the industry who value the importance of owning their profession and who support those trying to develop within their profession is critical to its success.

To become an assessor you need to be a Professional member or Fellow of BCS. Training and support are provided and the minimum time requirement is around two to four hours per month. You can find out more about becoming an assessor here: https://www.bcs.org/membership-and-registrations/get-registered/become-a-bcsassessor/the-roles/ If you would like to express an interest in becoming a FEDIP assessor, please email qualityandaccreditation@bcs.uk

Announcing the 3rd Annual Faculty of Health and Care Conference – 30th June 2026

Following hot on the heels of the successful conference last autumn, we are organising another exciting and informative conference which will be held at BCSLondon, Moorgate, EC2. The conference theme is 'Collaborate, Learn and Professionalise' and we will have two main streams: developing the digital profession and AI, regulation and good practice. We will have a keynote speaker from NHS England, talking about their professionalism plans for the

DDaT workforce.   If you register interest here, we will send you further details and registration link very shortly.

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

BCS has responded to the MHRA call for evidence with input from expert members and the Digital Clinical Risk Management and Health and Care AI specialist groups, with many thanks to them all. Our response will be going up on the BCS website shortly.

BCS Health and Care Scotland

We are very pleased to welcome Richard Vail as the new Chair of BCS Health and Care Scotland and Marina Copping as Treasurer. They have taken over the running of the group from Katie McClure who very ably Chaired the management committee. Many thanks to Katie for her hard work in organising many interesting and informative events, including the Derek Hoyle Memorial Lecture and the BMJ Health and Care Informatics Journal Club. Find out more about the group and upcoming events here.

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

Survey exploring patient use of AI in health management

You are invited to take part in a short survey — "Exploring patient use of AI in health management" — to share your views on how artificial intelligence might be used to support everyday health and wellbeing. Your feedback will help guide how AI tools are developed, to reflect real patient needs and concerns. Survey Link. This research is a collaborative effort between the University of Portsmouth and Curistica, which is a clinical innovation consultancy.

Events:

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.

14 to 15 May 2026 JRMEDINF Biannual conference for Junior researchers
JROMEDINF 2026 which is EFMI affiliated. Abstract submissions until 21st of December 2025. The conference is hybrid located in Bucharest, Romania.

30 June 3ʳᵈ Annual Faculty of Health and Care Conference at BCSLondon. The conference theme is 'Collaborate, Learn and Professionalise'. If you register interest here, we will send you further details and registration link very shortly.

3 – 4 July 2026 24th annual International Conference on Informatics, Management, and Technology in Healthcare in Athens – call for Papers

We invite you to submit your papers to the ICIMTH 2026 Conference. Please visit http://www.icimth.com, for updated information.

Deadlines for submissions: https://www.icimth.com/icimth-submissions-information/icimth-conference-important-dates
Full Papers and Short Communication Papers: **March 20, 2026.**
All other types of submissions: **May 15, 2026**.
Please register with the online-registry system and submit your papers in Word format.
The link is: **https://access.online-registry.net/icimth2026/**
Accepted papers will be included in the conference proceedings published by IOS Press in the Open Access series, "Studies in Health Technology and Informatics". Instructions for authors can be found here: https://www.iospress.com/book-article-instructions.

Please visit the new website of the UK Joint Biomedical Engineering Steering Group, which BCS Faculty of Health and Care is a member. There, you will find joint events and will be able to connect with the representatives of IMechE, IPEM, IMO3, IOP, and IET.

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