Faculty of Health and Care Newsletter – November 2026

With the dark evenings drawing in, you may be thinking about doing the professional development things that you kept putting off in the summer time. If one of these is getting yourself professionally registered, now is the time to do it! We have an online workshop on professional registration coming up on Thursday 26 November, so do join us.

Are you interested in organising events, would you like to contribute to the large and varied Faculty programme of webinars and other events for members? Please consider joining our Events committee, which develops and coordinates the programme, see further details below.

Calling Business Analysts! Some BAs would like to set up a BA special interest group – are you interested in getting involved? See details below.

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

Business Analyst Specialist Group

There are many BAs working in the NHS with an important role in making sure systems work effectively for users and for patients. Would you be interested in joining a BA special interest group to share experience, learning and learn from others? If you are please contact jan.hoogewerf@bcs.uk and I will put you in contact with others who would like to set up a group.

You may also be interested in a BCS member exclusive event on a Business Analysis framework for prioritisation on Tuesday 17 November 12.00 to 13.00.
https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/november/member-exclusive-webinar-business-analysis/

Events Committee – seeking new members

If you are interested in the BCS Faculty of Health and Care Events Programme and would like to contribute to making it an engaging, informative and valuable learning experience for health and care members, please contact groups@bcs.uk , providing details of your interest in joining the committee and what you can contribute.

BMJ Health and Care Informatics Journal

Special Collection – Women's Health and FemTech – call for articles

For too long, gaps in the way we collect analyse and use data have contributed to gaps in our understanding of women's health. This collection aims to bring together high quality research, insight and innovation, exploring how data and informatics can improve women's health and reduce inequalities. We are are keen to hear from researchers and practitioners

working in this field. Deadline for submissions is 26 February 2027. You can find out more here: https://informatics.bmj.com/pages/womens-health-data

We are organising a webinar to help you prepare a submission. Please watch out for details in the BCS events page.

Primary Healthcare Specialist Group - 45th Annual Conference, Education Day and AGM - Thursday 12 and Friday 13 November at the voco Oxford Thames Hotel.

Thursday 12th is our **FREE** Education Day, aimed at digital leads and those working in and with general practice who are interested in IT and health informatics. Network with other practices, meet new people and learn about how others in primary care are tackling IT and informatics issues.

Friday 13th November is our conference *From Patient to Population: It All Starts with the Consultation.* This year's conference explores the growing role of data, digital health, and artificial intelligence in shaping the future of primary care. Featured speakers and topics include:

- Big data and the future of healthcare, with Professor Ben Goldacre
- Learning from patient-generated health information
- Developing a digital formulary
- The "Silent Consultation" and the impact of AI-mediated GP encounters

You can find more information and register here: **https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/45th-annual-conference-education-day-agm2026-tickets-1998958071402**

Second Annual Nursing Conference - Data to Evidence – 26th February - Hold the Date

The second BCS and RCN nursing conference will be held on 26th February at BCSLondon and hybrid. The theme this year is Data to Evidence. Please hold the date and get thinking about making a submission for a presentation at the event. Further details to follow shortly

NHS AI Fellowship call for applications – deadline 16 November

This is a great opportunity to gain real world experience in deploying and evaluating AI in clinical workflows, attending masterclasses in AI Centres of Excellence and joining a national network of clinical AI leaders.

Applications are open for NHS AI Fellowships until 16 November 2026 at 23.45. Fellowships are open to health and social care professionals and are subject to eligibility criteria. The commitment is 2 days per week for 12 months between Aug 2027 and Aug 2028. Further details here: https://www.nhsfellowship.ai/apply/

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Thursday 19 November 12.00 to 12.45, webinar, Electronic Health and Care Records Specialist Group bi-monthly meeting Focus topic – Federated Identity and Access Management https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/november/electronic-health-and-care-records-specialist-group-bi-monthly-webinar/

Thursday 26 November 12.00 to 13.00, webinar FEDIP workshop - how to apply for FEDIP professional registration with advice and tips on a successful application. Register here: https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/november/webinar-fedip-workshop/

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