

## **Faculty of Health and Care Newsletter – June 2026**

Less than a month to go to a full day of insight, innovation, and inspiration across health informatics, AI, safety, and digital transformation at our Faculty of Health and Care Third Annual Conference. The conference brings together some of the UK's most influential voices in health and care informatics to:

- discuss developing the digital profession
- provide insights into successful electronic record implementation
- share the latest AI innovations – Cogstack clinical AI driven analytics and EU work on Small Language Models
- provide patient first talks on PROMs and PREMs and digital legacy
- showcase the top 5 informatics research abstracts
- discuss national policy and frontline clinical AI safety, AI governance and cyber security in practice

There will also be dedicated time for networking, collaboration and a conference reception after the event. Do join us!

In this edition of the newsletter there is an announcement about a brand new series of Electronic Health and Care Records (EHCR) webinar series, the formation of an cross-industry AI Assurance Stakeholder Consortium, a tribute to Nick Hardiker, who made a tremendous contribution to nursing informatics both in the UK and internationally. There is also a request from NHS England for SMEs to help with their Agenda for Change digital job descriptions the regular round-up of events.

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

### **NEW – Electronic Health and Care Record Specialist Group Webinar Programme**

As health and care systems across the four nations push to integrate fragmented data, delivering a holistic, unified view of a patient's history remains one of our greatest digital health challenges. To tackle these hurdles head-on, the BCS Health & Care Electronic Health & Care Records (EHCR) Specialist Group is launching a brand-new, bi-monthly Community of Practice Webinar Series.

Whether you work in policy, operational practice, tech supply, or academia, this community is built for you to share innovation, advance shared care records, and directly address health inequalities.

All webinars are free and run 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM: One single registration link gives you access to select any or all of the six highly focused, 45-minute sessions:

29 July 2026 | Mapping the Patient Journey: Applying user-centred design across primary, secondary, and social care boundaries.

25 Sept 2026 | Tackling Digital Health Inequalities: Ensuring digital-first access doesn't leave vulnerable populations behind.

19 Nov 2026 | Federated Identity & Access Management: Balancing seamless clinical access with strict patient privacy.

21 Jan 2027 | Project Post-Mortems: Honest lessons and non-technical barriers from regional and national frontline rollouts.

24 Mar 2027 | Patient Safety in the EHCR: How system design, alert fatigue, and identifiers impact clinical outcomes.

26 May 2027 | Population Benefit vs. Privacy Balance: Safeguards for utilizing aggregated records for research.

Reserve your webinar spot here: <https://lnkd.in/ep2AyxMp> (Once on the page, click "Reserve a spot" to select your preferred dates).

## **AI Assurance Consortium**

BCS has been asked to lead a new AI Assurance Stakeholder Consortium convened by the [Department for Science, Innovation and Technology](#).

The consortium will bring together expertise from across industry, academia, society, and professional bodies to build the foundations of a recognised AI assurance profession in the UK. Members include BSI, UKAS, The Chartered Quality Institute, Ada Lovelace Institute and techUK as chair of the industry advisory group.

The Consortium's work will support practical building blocks including delivering:  
a professional Code of Ethics and Conduct  
a skills and competencies framework  
greater clarity on what assurance providers need to assess AI systems effectively  
stronger visibility, credibility and quality across AI assurance services

If you have a question for the AI Assurance Stakeholder Consortium please contact [AIAssurance@bcs.uk](mailto:AIAssurance@bcs.uk);

## **Tribute to Nick Hardiker**

Nick Hardiker made an extraordinary contribution to nursing informatics, helping to shape the field nationally and internationally over more than three decades. At a time when few nurses were working at the intersection of care, computing, and information science, he recognised the importance of making nursing knowledge visible and usable in digital systems. Through his scholarship, leadership, and advocacy, he helped ensure that the work of nurses could be more accurately represented in modern healthcare.

His influence was recognised through fellowships of the American Academy of Nursing, the American College of Medical Informatics, and the International Academy of Health Sciences Informatics, as well as receiving the Virginia K. Saba Award for lifetime achievement from the American Medical Informatics Association. He played a leading role in major standards and terminology initiatives, including CEN, ISO, SNOMED CT, the International Medical Informatics Association Working Group on Nursing Informatics, and the International Classification of Nursing Practice, helping colleagues across the profession understand why this work mattered.

In the UK, Nick held senior academic leadership roles at the University of Salford and the University of Huddersfield, where he served as Dean of the School of Health until his retirement in 2023. He also made a lasting impact beyond the university through leadership roles with the Royal College of Nursing and the British Computer Society Nursing Group.

Those who worked with Nick remember not only his intellectual leadership, but also his generosity, humility, and warmth. He was a gifted mentor and a trusted colleague whose support shaped many careers

Nick Hardiker will be remembered as a nurse, scholar, innovator, mentor, and friend. He helped define a discipline, strengthened institutions, and enriched countless lives through his work and kindness. His legacy continues in the profession he shaped and in the many people who were fortunate enough to know him.

### **Help shape Agenda for Change banded digital job descriptions**

Some job descriptions are already available on the [NHS Futures website](#) and NHS England is leading work to complete AfC banded job descriptions across the digital profession. If you would like to support this work, NHS England are seeking subject matter experts from across the NHS to help ensure the job descriptions reflect real-world roles and are fit for purpose.

**If you are interested in contributing or would like to attend one of the briefing sessions (dates below), please email: [england.digitalprofession@nhs.net](mailto:england.digitalprofession@nhs.net)**

- Thursday 11th June 12.30
- Monday 15th June 16:30
- Monday 22nd June 16:00
- Thursday 2nd July 09:30

### **Events:**

**10 June 12.00 to 13.00 NHS England's professionalism announcement and what it means for you.** This webinar explains the NHS England professionalism

announcement, what professional membership and registration mean, and the benefits of and the practical steps to apply for professional registration. DSDN members can register here: <https://www.skillsdevelopmentnetwork.com/index.php> If you aren't a member of a DSDN you can join using this link: **Microsoft Teams meeting Join:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/339042262277891?p=JmJw2ZdUn2qtnBvai3>

Meeting ID: 339 042 262 277 891 Passcode: be7En398

**17 June 2026 Advancing Digital Transformation in Health and Care: Harnessing the Power of Computable Knowledge**, King's College London, Strand, London WC2R 2LS. The conference will address current progress and issues in the development and deployment of computable knowledge in UK health and care. Find out more and register here: <https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/june/computable-knowledge-for-digital-transformation-in-he...>

**Monday 22 June 12.00 to 13.00 Digital Professionalism with the BCS Faculty of Health and Care** This webinar highlights why professionalism matters, the support BCS offers for career development, and how the BCS Faculty of Health and Care and professional registration can support digital careers. DSDN members can register here: <https://www.skillsdevelopmentnetwork.com/index.php> If you aren't a member of a DSDN you can join using this link: **Microsoft Teams meeting Join:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/330138319270791?p=FBtkqgr5iuvHUSnGz6>

Meeting ID: 330 138 319 270 791 Passcode: Uo23Hv7d

**30 June 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Faculty of Health and Care Conference** at BCS London, 25 Cophall 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. You can see the programme and register here: <https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/june/hybrid-bcs-third-faculty-of-health-and-care-conference-2026/> If you are interested in sponsoring the conference, please contact [jan.hoogewerf@bcs.uk](mailto:jan.hoogewerf@bcs.uk)

**7 July 12.00 to 13.00 webinar Transforming Care with Wearables and AI-Driven Decision Support** This webinar will discuss use cases for enhanced monitoring using wearables and applying machine learning for prediction modelling to support decision making and enable people to remain in their own homes safely, with timely interventions and support where needed. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/transforming-care-with-wearables-and-ai-driven-decision-support-tickets-1991051475561?aff=oddtcreator>

**29 July 2026 12.00 to 12.45pm EHCR specialist group webinar: Mapping the Patient Journey: Applying user-centred design across primary, secondary, and social care**

**boundaries.** Register here: <https://lnkd.in/ep2AyxMp>

If you have any events for inclusion in the newsletter, please contact [elly.an@port.ac.uk](mailto:elly.an@port.ac.uk)