

Faculty of Health and Care Newsletter – September 2026

Now the new school term is starting and holidays are a distant memory, there is an amazing new webinar programme available to keep you up to date and informed, including:

- The fundamental frameworks of health informatics and their application in practice
- Implementing the reasonable adjustments flag
- Inaugural digital medicines specialist group meeting
- A special programme of webinars with leading international speakers on Learning Health Systems.
- Bi-monthly Electronic Health Care Record SG webinar on tackling digital inequality.

In this edition of the newsletter we also publicise the new route to FEDIP professional registration, based on role rather than evidence of experience, which has been introduced in response to the NHS England requirement. So, if you have been putting off registering as you can't find time to write the application, this route is for you!

There is also a great opportunity to submit a paper for a special topic collection on Women's Health Data and FemTech in the BMJ Health and Care Informatics Journal.

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NEW Route to FEDIP Registration

With the NHS England requirement for professional registration with FEDIP – the register for those working in digital data and technology roles in health and care - BCS are offering a new route to FEDIP registration.

The NHS roles route involves mapping your current role against the [NHS FEDIP role profiles](#) and obtaining line manager confirmation. You also need to commit to the BCS Code of Conduct and to carrying out Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

The NHS roles route removes the portfolio required for the application route and so is faster whilst maintaining consistency. To provide flexibility, the new route will run alongside the current routes:

- by application, providing evidence of experience
- by accredited registration (eg RITTech or CITP) or accredited qualification (NHS Digital Academy Leadership Programme diploma or UWTSD MSc Digital Transformation for the Health and Care Professions).

BCS members can find out more and apply for registration here:

<https://mybcs.bcs.org/develop-my-career/professional-registration/federation-for-informatics-professionals-fedip/>

Women's Health Data and FemTech – special topic collection in BMJ Health and Care Informatics Journal

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 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>

EFMI Special Topic Conference (STC) 2026 – Final Call for Papers

The submission deadline for **EFMI STC 2026** has been extended to **6 September 2026 (23:59 CEST)**. The conference, themed **“AI in Clinical Decision-Making and Education”**, will take place in **Athens, Greece, 29–31 October 2026**. Researchers are invited to submit **full papers (5 pages)** or **short communications (2 pages)** on topics including AI in healthcare, clinical informatics, digital health, health analytics, medical education, LLMs, and medical robotics. Accepted papers will be published by **IOS Press** in the *Studies in Health Technology and Informatics* series. For details and submission, visit [EFMI STC 2026](#) and [Online Submission Portal](#).

EFMI MIE 2027 – First Call for Papers

Paper submissions are now open for **EFMI MIE 2027**, taking place in **Tallinn, Estonia, 26–30 April 2027**, under the theme **“Empowering People with Trusted, Sustainable and Connected Health Data for Active and Healthy Longevity.”** Authors are invited to submit full papers, short communications, posters, workshops, panels, tutorials, and demonstrations. The submission deadline is **20 October 2026**. Accepted papers will be published by **IOS Press** in the *Studies in Health Technology and Informatics* series. Learn more and submit via the [MIE 2027 website](#).

Learning Health Systems Webinar Programme

This exciting programme of four webinars is a unique opportunity for healthcare professionals - clinicians, health informaticists, managers, researchers and students - to learn about Learning Health Systems from world-renowned experts.

The fact is that most healthcare systems struggle to learn from the wealth of data, research evidence and hard-won experience at their disposal. Yet over the last fifteen years healthcare systems, organisations and teams have begun shifting the dial,

developing their ability to learn from the routine care they deliver and improve it as a result.

Featuring both local and international speakers, our webinars shine a light on exemplars from around the globe, identifying core principles as well as essential building blocks. Grounded in practical experience, the sessions explore real world examples across different clinical settings. The series also looks to the future – the transformational impact of Learning Health Systems and how we can harness AI. Links to register for the webinar programme can be found in Events, below.

Events:

Thursday 10 September at 12.30 to 13.30, webinar, Implementing Reasonable Adjustment Flags in EPRs The deadline for implementation of this important record standard is September 2026! This webinar will discuss the implementation of the 'reasonable adjustment' flag in EPRs, with examples from NHS organisations and suppliers. <https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/september/implementing-reasonable-adjustment-flags-in-eprs/>

Tuesday 15 September 17.00 to 18.00, webinar Theoretical Frameworks in Health Informatics. An important webinar with Prof. Owen Johnson Associate Professor, School of Computer Science, University of Leeds speaking about academic and practical models for digital health adoption. Learn to compare, evaluate, and apply key theoretical frameworks. <https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/september/theoretical-frameworks-in-health-informatics/>

Thursday 17 September 13.00 to 14.00, webinar, Inaugural BCS Digital Medicines Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting. The SIG brings together colleagues from across the healthcare community with an interest in digital medicines and pharmacy systems to share knowledge, showcase innovation, discuss common challenges, and encourage collaboration. <https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/september/inaugural-bcs-digital-medicines-special-interest-group-sig-meeting/>

Tuesday 22 September 12.00 to 13.00, webinar, FEDIP workshop. Find out about the new NHS roles route to FEDIP registration and all existing routes with advice and tips on applying. <https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/september/webinar-fedip-workshop/>

Tuesday 22 September 17.00 to 18.00, webinar, History, Definition and Scope of Health Informatics. Prof John Mantas, Emeritus Professor of Health Informatics, University of Athens and University of Manchester will trace the history of Health Informatics, covering key milestones, comparing definitions, and analysing how the past shapes digital health. <https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/september/history-definition-and-scope-of-health-informatics/>

Friday 25 September 12.00 to 12.45, webinar, Electronic Health and Care Records specialist group bi-monthly webinar. Join our meeting to share innovation, advance shared care records, and tackle health inequalities. The theme of this webinar is Tackling Digital Health Inequalities. <https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/september/electronic-health-and-care-records-specialist-group-bi-monthly-webinar/>

22-23 September, EHRCON26, Amsterdam

Interested in the future of electronic health records and digital health innovation? **EHRCON26** will take place in **Amsterdam on 22–23 September 2026**, bringing together experts, researchers, and practitioners from across the healthcare informatics community. Learn more about the event on the [EHRCON26 website](#).

Wednesday 30 September 17.00 to 18.00 webinar From Chatbots to Health Agents: Open-Source Agentic AI for Real-World Care. Find out about how to use an AI agent and an individual's own health data to improve management of their health. <https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/september/webinar-from-chatbots-to-health-agents-open-source-agentic-ai-for-real-world-care/>

29th to 30th September at ExCel London, HETT Show. A free two-day event focused on the practical side of digital transformation across health and care. Come and see us on the FEDIP stand in the exhibition. There will also be a FEDIP workshop on developing an educational career pathway on 30th September – do join us and get involved in this important development. Register for the Show here:

https://www.hettshow.co.uk/registration?utm_campaign=42377082-HETT26%20-%20Visprom&utm_source=supporters&utm_medium=partner&utm_content=regpage

Tuesday 29 September, 5 to 6.30 pm, the first in a programme of four Learning Health Systems webinars. Webinar 1: Principles of Learning Health Systems.

Expert speakers cover the Performance to Data, Data to Knowledge, Knowledge to Performance learning cycles of Learning Health Systems. <https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/september/webinar-1-principles-of-learning-health-systems/>

Tuesday 6 October 5.00 to 6.30 pm, Webinar 2: Learning from Learning Health

Systems Around the Globe. Presented by international experts in the field, and shining a light on different models of Learning Health Systems, this second webinar grounds theory in practical experience. An opportunity to learn about real-life case studies from organisations which have taken their own learning health system journey.

<https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/october/webinar-2-learning-from-learning-health-systems-around-the-globe/>

Tuesday 13 October 5 to 6 pm, Webinar 3: Learning Health Systems in Primary Care & Mental Health. Discover how the concept of Learning Health Systems has been

gaining traction in primary care and mental health in recent years.

<https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/october/webinar-3-learning-health-systems-in-primary-care-mental-health/>

Tuesday 20 October 5pm to 6pm Webinar 4: Learning Health Systems: Shifting The

Dial Internationally renowned speakers, Charles Friedman and Paige McDonald will cover features which enable Learning Health Systems to have a transformational effect on patient care and system performance. <https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/october/webinar-4-learning-health-systems-shifting-the-dial/>

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