

Faculty of Health and Care Newsletter – July 2026

On 30th June we were joined by colleagues from across the NHS and academia for our third annual conference, with a wide range of topics from collaborating on EPR implementation across organisations to small language models (SLMs), national plans for digital professionalism across the UK, discussion about AI governance, impact on workforce skills and safe implementation of AI. We have had some excellent feedback and will shortly be providing access to the sessions online for members who were unable to join us.

In this edition of the newsletter there is an announcement about a new route to 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!

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

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/>

Events:

17 to 18 July 2026 Digital Health Summer School 2026 at the University of Nottingham. The annual event for current and aspiring digital leaders, providing an opportunity to join in hands-on workshops and gain learnings from senior NHS leaders.

Please register here: https://digitalhealthsummerschools.com/programme-2026/?utm_source=partner&utm_medium=partner&utm_campaign=BCS

24 July 2026 12.00 to 13.00 FEDIP application webinar. This webinar is to help you prepare your application for FEDIP registration and will cover the new NHS roles route, application route and accredited registration/qualification route. You can register here: <https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/july/webinar-fedip-workshop/>

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. This is the first of a series of bi-monthly webinars organised by the EHCR specialist group. You can find information on the whole series and register here: <https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/july/electronic-health-and-care-records-specialist-group-bi-monthly-webinar/>

Hold the Date for the first of a programme of digital health webinars:

Webinar Tuesday, 1 September 5:00 – 6:00pm

Lecture 1 – History, Definition and Scope of Health Informatics, Speaker: Prof John Williams

Webinar Tuesday, 8 September 5:00 – 6:00pm

Lecture 2 – Fundamental Concepts and the Health Informatics Profession, Speaker: TBA

Webinar Tuesday, 15 September 5:00 – 6:00pm

Lecture 3 – Theoretical Frameworks in Health Informatics, Speaker: Prof Owen Jones

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