

Faculty of Health and Care Newsletter – January 2026

Happy New Year!

As we all ease (or tumble!) back into work mode, it's a great moment to take stock of where we are professionally and what we want to achieve in the year ahead. Among the endless emails, deadlines, and the general whirlwind of our day jobs, it can feel like there's *never* a perfect time to focus on our own development.

Why not think about making 2026 the year you take that step towards **professional registration**? Validate your skills, experience, and competency, strengthen your professional identity, and signal to colleagues, employers, and the wider sector that you're committed to high standards and continuous improvement.

It can be small steps, attend a [BCS webinar](#), join a specialist group, participate in a [FEDIP registration workshop](#). Whatever you do is progress!

Jan Hoogewerf, Head of Health and Care

Will Smart, Chair, Faculty of Health and Care Board

Julian Costello Travel Bursaries for MIE 2026 in Genoa

This is a great opportunity for Future Leaders in Primary Health and Care Informatics to attend the Medical Informatics Europe (MIE) 2026 Conference in Genoa. The Primary Health Care Specialist Group is offering up to three £1,250 travel awards for early career Health and Care Informaticians working in primary care to attend Medical Informatics Europe (MIE) in Genoa on 25-28 May 2026 (<https://mie2026.efmi.org/>)

MIE is the annual European Informatics conference co-organised by the European Federation of Medical Informatics (EFMI). These awards are named in memory of Dr Julian Costello a long-time member of the PHCSG.

Applications close on **Monday, February 2, 2026, at 5 pm**. Application details can be found here: <https://lnkd.in/eUBpeh3y>

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

You may be interested in responding to the new consultation on the regulation of AI in healthcare from the MHRA, which has a **deadline of 11:59pm on 2 February 2026**. <https://www.surveys.mhra.gov.uk/6939648ad7139569e30a4579>

The Call for Evidence invites evidence and views on:

- whether the UK's framework for regulating AI in healthcare is sufficient
- how the UK's regulatory framework may need to be improved to ensure fast access to safe and effective AI medical devices
- approaches to checking safety once AI medical devices are in use

- how responsibility and liability are managed between different parties involved in the deployment of AI medical devices.

BCS is putting together a response, and if you would like to contribute to this, please contact Jan.Hoogewerf@bcs.uk.

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:

Tuesday 15 January at 12.00, webinar. Unlock the Future of NHS Workforce

Development: Digital Apprenticeships Webinar. We will explore how recent apprenticeship reforms are reshaping opportunities across the NHS and introduce the NHS England Apprenticeship Toolkit, designed to help you confidently implement digital apprenticeships. [Lunch & Learn: Workforce Planning & Digital Apprenticeships In Healthcare | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

Wednesday 21 January at 12.00, webinar. Applying for FEDIP Registration. This webinar will take you through the application process with advice and tips on applying and the benefits of FEDIP registration. You can register here:

<https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/january/webinar-fedip-workshop/>

Thursday 22 January at 13.00, webinar. Fast tracking the digitisation of adult social care with MODS. How implementing a Minimum Operational Data Standard for adult social care is accelerating the digitalisation of social care. Speaker is Adam Milward. Find out more and register [here](#).

Tuesday 27 January at noon, webinar – exclusive to BCS members, led by Digital & AI Transformation expert Jillian Moore and BCS’ Executive Director of Product Patricia Barlow who will share changes happening within tech and how you can thrive in your digital role. Register [here](#).

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.

14 to 15 May 2026 JRMEDINF Biannual conference for Junior researchers

[JRMEDINF 2026](#) which is EFMI affiliated. Abstract submissions until 21st of December 2025. The conference is hybrid located in Bucharest, Romania.

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>.

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