



Summer Schools 2026
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WORKING PROGRAMME



WEDNESDAY 15 JULY

- + **Networking BBQ**

THURSDAY 16 JULY

- + **Plenary: Power, influence and accountability: how not to suck as a digital leader in 2026**

Digital leadership has never been more visible, influential or accountable than it is in 2026 - and the job is no longer just about technology. In this candid fireside chat, Andy Callow shares his perspective on what it really takes to lead successfully through transformation, financial pressure, workforce challenges and rising expectations around digital leaders.

Andy Callow, CDIO, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust

Chair: **Debbie Loke**, Executive CDIO, University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust

Coffee Break

- + **Workshop: Taking your seat at the table: a survival guide for first-time board members**

Stepping into a board-level role for the first time can be both exciting and daunting - particularly for digital leaders navigating organisational transformation, financial pressure and growing expectations around AI, data and innovation. In this practical and candid workshop, experienced NHS leaders will share what it really takes to succeed in the boardroom: building influence, communicating beyond digital, managing challenge and politics, and establishing credibility as a strategic leader rather than a technical expert.

Andy Callow, CDIO, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust

Amy Freeman, CDIO, University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust

- + **Workshop: Forget the NHS 10-year plan - let's talk about NHS100**

This workshop examines what it means to build a lasting digital legacy in healthcare, defined by open standards and patient-centred data ownership rather than vendor lock-in. Drawing on openEHR implementations across Europe, participants will explore how decisions made today about data architecture and interoperability will shape the care available to patients when the NHS reaches its centenary in 2048.

Brian Murray, Sales Director, Better UK & Ireland

Richard Kavanagh, Head of Technology, Better UK & Ireland

Charles Lake, Product Specialist, Better UK & Ireland

+ **Workshop: Digital care innovations: integrated care and AI**

Focusing on digital care innovation, this session combines real-world insights from integrated care initiatives with a forward look at the role of AI. We'll explore how emerging technologies can help unlock more connected, data-driven and patient-centred healthcare.

Gary Mooney, Clinical Solution Executive, InterSystems

+ **Workshop: What it actually takes - building an AI service in an NHS trust**

This session sets out a case study of building an in-house AI service within an NHS Trust, from early idea through to operational delivery. It is not a transformation success story. It is a practical account of what it actually takes to turn interest in AI into a governed, functioning service.

David Tudor, Head of IM&T Service Delivery and AI, University Hospital North Midlands

Kajan Mahendran, University Hospital North Midlands

Daniel Tudor, AI Technical Lead, University Hospital of North Midlands

+ **Workshop: AI in healthcare - the world of EPRs has changed**

+ **Workshop: Will AI take over the world?**

AI is already transforming many industries and having a significant effect on the jobs market and workforce productivity. What benefits and warnings can the NHS take from these real-world examples from other sectors? Hear from global experts debating this between each other and with the audience.

Ed Thompson, SVP, Market Strategy, Salesforce

Chair: **Dr Simon Eccles**, VP and Chief Health Officer (EMEA), Salesforce

Please note: the above workshops run simultaneously.

Lunch Break

+ **Plenary: From innovation to impact: successful digital transformation at scale**

Digital transformation is no longer about isolated innovation projects - the challenge for NHS leaders in 2026 is delivering measurable impact at scale. In this plenary session, system leaders will explore what successful transformation looks like across organisations, regions and care pathways, and how data, intelligence and emerging technologies can be used to drive better outcomes, productivity and population health.

Erik Mayer, Director, North West London iCARE Secure Data Environment

Marie Anne Ledingham, Consultant Clinical Adviser, NICE

Tharni Vasavan, Horizon Scanning Senior Health Technologies Lead, NICE

+ **Workshop: Developing a system wide data and intelligence platform**

Andy Poole, Head of Data Science and AI, NHS Dorset

Heather Case, Deputy Director of Data & Analytics, NHS Dorset

+ **Workshop: Leading digital change: how to bring people with you**

An interactive workshop in which we'll explore how digital leaders can lead change in their organisations. Drawing from experience across sectors, we'll explore tactics and techniques that leaders can use to bring people with them on the journey of change: from building alignment, to integrating other perspectives, to creating compelling stories which move people to take action.

Chris Fleming, Partner: Health, Local Govt & Charities Sector, Public Digital

Cleo Little, Senior Director - Health, Local Government and Charities Team, Public Digital

+ **Workshop: Go-live reality: lessons from the frontline of EPR transformation**

Taking an EPR live is one of the most complex, high-pressure moments you can face - demanding technical readiness, operational resilience, clinical engagement and strong leadership under intense scrutiny. Drawing on recent real-world experience of leading a major Nervecentre EPR go-live at Nottingham University Hospitals, this workshop will offer an honest and practical look at what it really takes to prepare for, deliver and stabilise large-scale digital transformation.

Andy Callow, CDIO, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust

Lisa Lawrence, Digital Director, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust

+ *Workshop: Breaking down silos: transforming healthcare with agentic AI, interoperability, and unified health data*

Healthcare is at a critical inflection point where clinicians are drowning in administrative burden, patients navigating fragmented access, and vital health data trapped in incompatible systems. This session explores how cloud-native solutions powered by agentic AI and FHIR-based interoperability can transform public healthcare delivery. Discover how leading organisations are combining intelligent agents to automate clinical workflows, enable Proactive care, unify the fragmented data and improve outcomes to close critical gaps in care continuity while managing constrained budgets.

Prathima Srinivas, CMIO, Applied AI for Healthcare, Amazon Web Services

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Coffee Break

+ *Plenary: AI is now the top risk to patient safety: what can organisations and patients do to protect themselves?*

As AI adoption accelerates across health and care, concerns around safety, governance and accountability are rapidly moving from theory to frontline reality. From clinical decision support and generative AI to automation and ambient technologies, how can organisations harness the benefits of AI while protecting patients from unintended harm, bias, misinformation and unsafe implementation?

Clive Flashman, Chief Digital Officer, Patient Safety Learning

Anil Mistry, AI Safety Lead, Senior Clinical Scientist in AI, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Yvette Khozam, Chief Pharmacy Information Officer, Mid and South Essex NHS FT (MSEFT) & Essex Partnership University NHS FT (EPUT)

Chair: **Tosin Akinlabi**, Clinical Safety Officer, University Hospitals of Northamptonshire NHS Group

+ *Plenary: Measuring what is meaningful: how do we effectively evaluate digital change?*

Kathrin Cresswell explores the growing focus on productivity in healthcare digitalisation and questions whether current approaches risk measuring the wrong things. Drawing on nearly two decades of evaluating complex NHS digital programmes, this session will examine the limitations of productivity metrics, the unintended consequences of focusing only on what is easily measurable, and why context, learning and the "invisible work" of care matter.

Professor Kathrin Cresswell, Professor of Digital Innovations in Health and Care, The University of Edinburgh

+ *Digital Health Awards 2026*

Celebrate the achievements of the best and brightest digital leaders shaping the future of healthcare within the NHS. Enjoy a gala dinner with colleagues as anticipation builds towards the CCIO, CIO, CNIO, CSO of the year announcements. The shortlist is made up of the top ranked individuals from the inaugural Digital Health Impact List.



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FRIDAY 17 JULY

+ *Plenary: One year on from the 10YHP: where are we and what's next?*

One year on from the NHS 10-Year Health Plan, how much progress has really been made - and what must happen next to turn ambition into lasting transformation? In this plenary panel, senior leaders from across health and care will reflect on delivery against the plan's three strategic shifts, exploring achievements, ongoing challenges and the realities of implementation amid significant system transformation and restructuring.

Salma Yasmeen, Chief Executive, Sheffield Health Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

Dr Masood Nazir, Medical Director Integrated Care and Chief Clinical Information Officer, NHS Birmingham & Solihull ICB

Peter Skinner, Programme Director, Digitising Social Care Programme, NHS England

Dr Penny Kechagioglou, Consultant Clinical Oncologist, Chief Clinical Information Officer and Deputy Chief Medical Officer, University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire

+ *Workshop: Nurturing digital champions across your organisation: a framework*

Jessie Gungor, Nursing and Allied Health Professionals Information Officer (RNC/MPH), Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL)

+ *Workshop: Benefits realisation: identifying what success looks like from the beginning*

Charlotte Clay, PhD Candidate in Medical Informatics, University of Edinburgh

+ *Workshop: Digitally enabled neighbourhoods: early learning from best practice*

Andy Poole, Head of Data Science and AI, NHS Dorset

Abigail Harrison, Executive Director of Digital, Infrastructure & Improvement, Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS FT

+ *Workshop: Interoperability in action*

In partnership with INTEROPen, the BCS invites you to a practical interoperability “watch and learn” session presenting a worked example of a patient accessible International Patient Summary including interworking using FHIR and openEHR standards.

+ *Workshop: How to build effective NHS-supplier partnerships*

Strong partnerships between the NHS and suppliers are essential to delivering meaningful digital transformation - but creating relationships that are collaborative, strategic and outcome-focused requires active effort from both sides. In this workshop, Sarah Hanbridge and Amy Freeman will draw on their work mapping and making NHS-supplier working more strategic to explore what effective partnership working looks like in practice, and why it matters more than ever in today's pressured NHS environment.

Amy Freeman, CDIO, University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust

Sarah Hanbridge, CCIO, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

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Coffee Break

+ *Plenary: Reimagining health care to deliver sustainable and impactful change together*

Alec Price Forbes, CCIO, NHS England

Wajid Hussain, CMIO, NHS England

Helen Balsdon, CNIO, NHS England

Lunch Break

+ *Plenary: Lego workshop*

Ramandeep Kaur, Group CXIO, University Hospitals of Leicester and University Hospitals of Northamptonshire

+ *Workshop: Developing a digital profession*

In response to the NHS England announcement about professionalising DDaT staff, this interactive session will discuss what we want the end goal to look like, what needs to be done, the challenges and how they can be overcome.

James Freed, Deputy Director, The NHS Digital Academy, NHS England

Andrew Griffiths, CEO, Federation for Informatics Professionals (FEDIP)

Will Smart, Chair, Faculty of Health and Care, BCS, the Chartered Institute for IT

Iolanda Pedrosa, CIO, Whittington Health NHS Trust

+ *Workshop: Collaborating for efficiency: co-designing digital output*

Delivering digital transformation at scale requires organisations to work together, not in isolation. This workshop will showcase how seven NHS trusts have collaborated on nursing documentation standardisation by bringing together subject matter experts to agree best practice, co-design digital outputs and create reusable configurations that can be shared across multiple trusts.

Hayley Grafton, Group Chief Nursing Information Officer, University Hospitals of Leicester and University Hospitals of Northamptonshire

+ *Workshop: Achieving 20% productivity*

Hear from NHS colleagues and technology partners about how agentic AI can deliver productivity benefits equivalent to full-time staff. 15 minutes per person is not enough; agents must help every team achieve more with less. Join this session to discover real world examples, demonstrations, and a discussion of best practices.

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SPEAKERS



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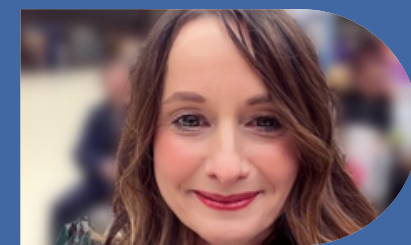
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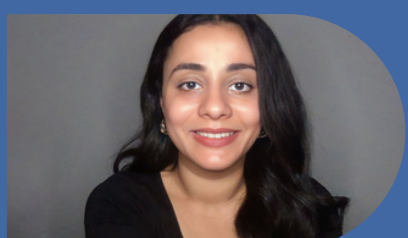
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