



Welcome to our third health and care newsletter. This edition focuses on FEDIP and their national work on developing standard job role profiles for digital health and care and also on professional registration – an increasingly important requirement with the growth of AI. FEDIP provides the only public register for those working in digital health and care and you can find information about how to apply below. If you have any feedback or anything you would like to see included in the newsletter, please get in touch.

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## **BCS Health and Care Executive backs petition for an anti-discrimination charter for the NHS**

Following Frank Hester's remarks reported in the press, Philip Scott, Chair of the Health and Care Executive signed the petition condemning racism and discrimination and backing an equality charter. The reaction to Frank Hester's remarks underscores the importance of ethical and inclusive conduct for tech leaders.

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## **New public database of health and care digital and informatics role profiles**

BCS have been working with the Federation for Informatics Professionals in Health and Care (FEDIP) to develop generic job role profiles for the NHS. An initial set of role profiles are now available on the [FEDIP website here](#).

The aim is to provide a coherent framework of job roles across the health and care informatics profession based on the Skills for the Information Age framework (SFIA) and the Government Digital and Data Framework.

The first roles to be published belong to the operations, software development and technical job families. Work is nearing completion on user-centred design, information governance and delivery management and work will shortly start on clinical informatics.

[Feedback on the roles can be provided here.](#)

These role profiles can be used in:

- Business change – such as organisational restructures or mergers, where there are IT operations or technical teams merging
- All elements of recruitment - identify skills and competencies required for new roles, help to shape job adverts and use for interview processes
- Career progression - career conversations, look at future roles and map out skills and competencies needed, create development plans
- Professional registration – applying for professional registration with a professional body and being registered on the FEDIP public register as part of personal development activity

The roles are being developed using the [BCS RoleModelplus tool](#), which provides tools that individual organisations can use to support the above activities.

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## FEDIP registration

Digital tools have the power to transform health and care, but need to be managed safely and ethically. With the growth of AI, it is becoming ever more important to have an ethical and competent digital health and care workforce. Professional registration demonstrates your professional credibility and responsibility and FEDIP provides the only professional register for those working in digital and data roles in health and care.

Have you thought about getting professionally registered but kept putting it off? It isn't as difficult nor as time-consuming as you may think – the requirement is to complete an application form, providing three examples from your work life which illustrate how you meet the [FEDIP standard](#). If you have an existing registration, such as RITTech, CITP, you have a BCS Fellowship or if you have completed the NHS Digital Academy Leadership Programme, you can obtain FEDIP registration without completing a full application.

To find out more, join one of our FEDIP webinars, the next is on 23 April at 12.00: The following one is on 26 June also at 12.00. [You can sign up for either here.](#)

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## UK IT Awards

The Awards, brought to you by BCS and Computing are designed to celebrate and promote the organisations, teams, projects, technologies and individuals who have given so much, and those who continue to help shape the future of IT, our industry and digital society.

Applications are now open, so please consider entering. There have been NHS winners in the past! You can [find out more here](#).

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## Fellowship application waiver - time is running out!

BCS are waiving the £160 application fee for individuals in the health and care sector who'd like to apply to become a [BCS Fellow](#) until 27 May 2024. If you're a leader, influencer, or impact-maker in the industry, BCS Fellowship might be for you. As a leader in your field, you're facing increasingly complex challenges and your influence and responsibility has never been more significant. The steps are as follows:

1. Download the Fellowship application guidance and application form [from this BCS page](#) to read and complete before applying
2. [Visit MyBCS](#) to upgrade your membership using the 'Upgrade' link under '[My membership & registration](#)'
3. Follow the step by step application process, including details of at least one supporter
4. Save and continue to proceed to the payment page
5. Enter discount code\* **HCAPP100** where prompted, the £160 application fee will be waived
6. If your application is successful, the Fellowship membership fee will be applied to your membership

Please contact our [customer support team](#) if you encounter any issues whilst submitting your application form.

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## BMJ Health and Care Informatics Journal

We are running a survey to find out what you think about publishing in a journal, and what would motivate you to do so. [Please complete this survey](#), run in conjunction with BMJ HCI.

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## Prof Bernard Richards

We note with sadness that Prof Bernard Richards has died. He was an early member of BCS Health and Care, a PhD student of Alan Turing and pioneer of medical informatics. As a member of the European Federation of Medical Informatics (EFMI) he supported the eastern European countries in the 1990s in joining European scientific activities.

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## Upcoming events

### **Hybrid event: Return, restart, or pivot into tech**

**Monday 29 April, 16:00 - 19:30**

Hybrid event: Return, restart, or pivot into tech, BCSWomen and London Central joint event bringing together organisations, recruiters, bootcamp trainers and people who have gone through short programmes and found roles in tech so people can discuss how they can access a career in tech at whatever stage you may be at.

### **Journal Club: Navigating the electronic health record in university education: helping health care professionals of the future prepare for 21st century practice | Digital Health**

**Tuesday 7 May, 17:00 - 18:00**

with Brian McMillan, Gail Davidge, Fatima Nadeem, Dawn Dowding, Kurt Wilson, Angela Davies

### **XpanDH, EEHRxF and EHDS – what do they mean to you?**

**Monday 20 May, 10:30 - 15:30**

XpanDH is a project being undertaken by our neighbours in the EU in the field of digital health. It is building capacity to ensure the widespread adoption of the European Electronic Health Records Exchange Format (EEHRxF) across Europe and to be deployed in the MyHealth@EU cross-border infrastructure under the EHDS regulation. XpanDH is coordinated by Iscte University (Iscte Health) and has a key role on raise awareness about the format and adoption, and demonstrate its feasibility in different use cases.

Hosted by the British Computer Society, and with the support of TechUK Health and Social Care, Professor Henrique Martins (Iscte), the XpanDH Project Co-ordinator, will be revealing what's going on in this exciting area of development, to be followed by a discussion as to the impact for the UK.

There is no charge and a light sandwich lunch will be provided, but spaces are limited and pre-booking is essential.

### **Let's Do Digital | Understanding clinical decision making: insights from a medic**

**Thursday 13 June, 14:00 - 15:00**

If you work in healthcare tech or data and want to find out more about how a medic thinks and works, this session with Dr Mark Bailey, Locum Respiratory Consultant and Clinician-who-codes is for you.

### **Let's Do Digital | Programming in Healthcare - module 1**

**Thursday 20 June, 14:00 - 17:00**

The **Let's Do Digital** team are running a programming course designed for those working or interested in digital healthcare / clinical informatics with little to no knowledge in coding.

### **Durham University Digital Health Summer School**

**Thursday 18 - Friday 19 July**

A two-day education and networking event for current and future NHS digital leaders, providing an unrivalled opportunity to network, learn and connect with the digital leaders of NHS trusts and ICBs in a relaxed, protected and supportive environment.

### **Don't miss out: IMIA Nursing Informatics 2024 is being held in Manchester**

**Sunday 28 - Wednesday 31 July**

Join hundreds of delegates coming together to share their experience and learn about latest developments and best practice.

### **PHCSG Conference and Education day**

**Save the date: Thursday 7 - Friday 8 November**

Venue to be confirmed shortly.

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