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Welcome to the latest edition of the Digital Health & Care Innovation Centre (DHI) e-newsletter.

Browse a handpicked selection of the latest news, events, and insights from across the digital health and social care sector.

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Happy reading!

Latest News



Leading with a Digital First Mindset – Join us at DigiFest 2025

DigiFest, organised by the Digital Health & Care Innovation Centre in partnership with the Scottish Government and NHS Scotland, is Scotland's flagship event for those shaping the future of health and care. From NHS teams to social care providers, housing and third sector organisations, local authorities, Health & Social Care Partnerships and research communities - this is your space to connect, share, and lead.

This year's DigiFest is especially timely, with December 2025 marking the start of the national rollout of the Digital Front Door programme - beginning in NHS Lanarkshire. Attendees will explore cutting-edge innovations, hear from sector leaders like Prof. George Crooks OBE and Neil Gray MSP, and dive into themes such as data-driven innovation, integrated care pathways, and future workforce skills.

Registration is now open - spaces are limited, so secure your place today!

[Register for DigiFest](#)

Save the Date: Innovation Centres Roadshow

The next edition of the Innovation Centres Roadshow will take place on 23 September at Dumfries and Galloway College. Stay tuned for more information.

6 Million Steps, 10 People, 1 Goal: DHI's Step Count Challenge

In an effort to promote staff wellbeing, 10 DHI staff took part in the Step Count Challenge, clocking over 6 million steps while balancing work, life, and collaboration.

[Read the blog](#)

Mindset-XR Innovation In Mental Health Roadshow 2025

Taking place on October 2 at Abertay University, discover how XR is transforming mental health care through demos, expert insights, and real-world innovation.

[Register for free](#)



Digital Lifelines Scotland (DLS) Gains Significant Momentum

Digital Lifelines Scotland are delighted to announce East Ayrshire and Angus Alcohol and Drug Partnerships (ADP) as the two locations for Phase 3 of the DLS programme. This new phase marks an evolution of DLS from a learning programme to a change programme. Implementing sustainable system change which can be adapted and adopted elsewhere in Scotland.

DLS will be supporting the locations to deliver to key Scottish Government priorities outlined in the recently published Population Health Framework. Aligning to the principles of both the Charter of Rights for People Affected by Substance Use and Getting it Right for Everyone.

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Upcoming: Global Growth Opportunities in Women's Health

DHI is supporting a September 15 webinar exploring women's health gaining global attention - driving investment, innovation, & market growth. Registration opens soon.

Scotland's Data Strategy for Health and Social Care

The Scottish Government & COSLA announced the publication of the "Data Strategy for Health and Social Care 2025 Update: Our Progress and Priorities"

[Read the update](#)

NES DEW Artificial Intelligence Pathway Update

NHS Education for Scotland's Digitally Enabled Workforce team has updated its AI Pathway with fresh content to help you explore and apply AI in your role.

[Explore the pathway](#)



DHI Master's Scholarships - August Deadlines Approaching

The Digital Health & Care Innovation Centre (DHI) is thrilled to offer Master's scholarships to support the development of future talent in the Digital Health and Social Care sector. Thanks to the Scottish Funding Council (SFC), DHI can offer scholarships for students starting their course in September 2025 or January 2026, valued at £8,030.00 per place.

Applications will be processed by course convenors on behalf of the student. The deadline for applications is Monday 18 August 2025.

[Learn more and apply](#)

Survey: Scottish Social Care & Social Work Ethics Review

The Social Care & Social Work Research Ethics Group is running a national survey to enhance ethical review processes in adult social care and social work research.

[Complete the survey](#)

Introduction to Horizon Europe Webinar Series

Innovate UK is running monthly webinars to support UK organisations accessing Horizon Europe funding - a programme offering €95.5 billion between 2021-2027.

[Reserve your place](#)

Funding Opportunity: Primary & Community Care Practitioners

The National Centre for Remote & Rural Health & Care has funding to support remote, rural and island primary and community health and care service groups.

[Apply for funding](#)

Collaborative Cultures: Unpaid Carers, Research and Practice

The University of Strathclyde is calling on unpaid carers in Scotland for a survey designed to help shape support, training, and recognition for the role they play.

[Complete the survey](#)

Upcoming Events

12 August: [Rural Centre of Excellence Information-Sharing Session, Elgin](#)

15 August: [Rural Centre of Excellence Information-Sharing Session, Online](#)

26-28 August: [9th Annual GlobalSTL Health Innovation Summit, St. Louis](#)

09-10 September: [Intelligent Health 2025, Basel](#)

11 September: [Holyrood Connect Public Sector Cloud Services, Infrastructure and AI, Edinburgh](#)

16 September: [Rural Centre of Excellence Information-Sharing Session, Elgin](#)

16-17 September: [LSX World Congress USA, Boston](#)

18 September: [Rural Centre of Excellence Information-Sharing Session, Online](#)

19-21 September: [Global Digital Health Summit, Mumbai](#)

30-01 October: [Economist Impact - Future of Health Europe, London](#)

02 October: [Mindset-XR Innovation In Mental Health Roadshow 2025, Dundee](#)

07-08 October: [HETT Show 2025, London](#)

09-10 October: [HSJ Integrated Care Summit, Chester](#)

13 October: [Rural Centre of Excellence Information-Sharing Session, Elgin](#)

13-15 October: [Africa Health Tech Summit, Kigali](#)

15 October: [Rural Centre of Excellence Information-Sharing Session, Online](#)

16-17 October: [Healthcare Partnership Network \(HPN\) South, London](#)

19-22 October: [HLTH USA, Las Vegas](#)

27-30 October: [Global Health Exhibition - Invest in Health, Riyadh](#)

10 November: [Rural Centre of Excellence Information-Sharing Session, Online](#)

13 November: [Rural Centre of Excellence Information-Sharing Session, Elgin](#)

19 November: [FutureScot Digital Scotland 2025, Edinburgh](#)

10 December: [Rural Centre of Excellence Information-Sharing Session, Elgin](#)

11 December: [DigiFest 2025, Glasgow](#)

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