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Hello, <<First Name>>

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

Take a moment to explore the latest news, events, and insights shaping the digital health and social care sector.

In this edition:

- DMHIC: Innovators Q&A for Innovate UK Mindset 3 Funding - Webinar
- NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme
- Online Digital Essentials Course for Moray Carers

Happy reading!

Latest News

Rapid Pitch Open Challenge



Attention all innovators: Join the Rapid Pitch Open Challenge

This challenge seeks to harness innovative technologies that empower individuals to manage their health more effectively, maintain independence, and live safely in their own homes. We are calling on innovators to reimagine telecare—making it more proactive, predictive, personalised, and integrated into the daily lives of those who rely on these services.

We are interested in groundbreaking ideas, technologies, solutions or approaches that address one or more of our challenge areas. If your organisation has a solution to some or all of the challenge areas please submit a RapidPitch.

[Learn more & submit your application](#)

DHI Masters Scholarship Opportunity

DHI has 2FTE scholarships available for Master's courses starting in January 2025. The deadline for applications is on the 15th November.

[Learn more & apply](#)

Strathclyde Diamond Jubilee Town & Gown Lecture

Join the University of Strathclyde and hear from Professor Sir Harry Burns on "Conflict or Compassion: How do we choose?"

[Register to attend](#)

Sharing, Influencing & Living in a Digital Scotland Event

An in-person DigiFest24 event by ALLIANCE, focusing on creating accessible digital services, promoting digital inclusion, and supporting the workforce.

[Register to attend](#)

NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme

Applications for cohort 9 of the CEP are now open, with 9 places available for Scottish candidates. Access key dates and guidance to apply below.

[Discover more & apply](#)

Online Digital Essentials Course for Moray Carers

This course is designed to empower carers in Moray, whether paid, unpaid, or volunteer, with essential digital skills to enhance their caregiving.

[Learn more](#)



DMHIC: Innovators Q&A for Innovate UK Mindset 3 Funding - Webinar

For innovators interested in applying for up to £300k Innovate UK Mindset 3 funding, Scotland's Digital Mental Health Innovation Cluster event will provide insights into funding eligibility, the application process, and how your XR (Extended Reality) initiatives can align with Innovate UK's goals for cutting-edge innovation to grow the UK economy.

We are hosting an interactive Q&A session tailored for Scottish organisations and those interested in working with Scottish innovators to develop XR solutions to support mental health. Jane Guest, Knowledge Exchange Manager & Mindset's Programme Support colleagues from Health Innovation

Network South London (HIN) will be attending to answer your questions and offer guidance on leveraging this funding to accelerate your XR innovation.

[Register now](#)

British Heart Foundation Healthcare Innovation Fund

Round 3 is now open and seeking to test and evaluate innovative approaches to the delivery of improved services for patients with cardiovascular disease.

[Learn more & apply.](#)

Invention for Innovation Funding Opportunities

This funding is open to applicants from across the UK, aimed at digital health technologies addressing an existing or emerging health or social care need.

[Learn more](#)

Edinburgh & South East Scotland City Region Deal Report

Discover the insights from the £1.5bn investment in the Edinburgh & South East Scotland City Region annual report 2023-2024.

[Read the report](#)

Digital Health & Care Leadership Programme - Now Open

For NHS Scotland, social care, social work, housing, charity, and third sector

staff seeking leadership development in digital health and care.

[Learn more & apply.](#)

Step Up to Net Zero: Five-Month Funded Work Placements

Support organisations in their circular economy and net zero goals. Perfect for graduates, career returners, or those looking to re-skill.

[Learn more & apply.](#)



**Digital Lifelines
Scotland**

Discover Insights from the Digital Lifelines Scotland: Third Annual Conference

On September 10th, we gathered at Surgeons Quarter, Edinburgh, to celebrate the achievements of Digital Lifelines Scotland. Joined by colleagues from the Scottish Government, Third Sector, Academia, and Industry, the event

highlighted how digital inclusion is helping to reduce drug-related harms in Scotland.

Inspiring stories, panel discussions, and collaborative sessions explored the programme's impact and future opportunities. Read the full blog for reflections and key insights from the day.

[Read the blog](#)

Digital Health and Care Awards 2025 - Nominations open

The annual awards will celebrate innovation and creativity in health, social care, and housing, recognising those driving Scotland's digital revolution.

[Learn more & nominate](#)

FutureScot AI Challenge Shortlist Unveiled

Three public sector bodies have been unveiled on a shortlist for the first Futurescot AI Challenge.

[Read the article](#)

Sustainable Medicines Manufacturing - Funding

Innovate UK and the Department of Health & Social Care to invest up to £1m in expression of interest projects in sustainable medicines manufacturing.

[Learn more & apply](#)

First Minister Pledges to Intensify Support Innovators

First Minister John Swinney has vowed to “intensify” support for innovators and entrepreneurs to make Scotland a start-up and scale-up nation.

[Read the article](#)

NHS NES - Thriving in a Digital Age Pathways

These pathways are intended to build your understanding of the role of digital in health and social care.

[Learn more](#)



Resources

Access our diverse digital health and social care resources, including research, white papers, and international insights, on our website.

[Learn More](#)



Funding

Access The Data Lab's funding finder tool and explore information on our Master's Scholarship funding opportunities.

[Access Funding](#)

Upcoming events

8 October: [Digital Justice & Policing 2024, University of Strathclyde Technology & Innovation Centre, Glasgow](#)

15 October: [Innovators Q&A for Innovate UK Mindset 3 Funding - Webinar](#)

15-17 October: [North American Conference on Integrated Care 2024, Calgary, Canada](#)

22-23 October: [Digital Health AI + Data Event, Olympia London](#)

25 October: [Digital Essentials for carers, Moray college Elgin](#)

31 October: [Digital Glasgow 2024, University of Strathclyde Technology & Innovation Centre, Glasgow](#)

5-6 November: [ECHAlliance Digital Health Society Summit, Virtual](#)

7 November: [Scotland's Health Awards, O2 Academy Edinburgh](#)

26 November: [FUTURESCOT DigitalScotland Summit 2024, Edinburgh International Conference Centre](#)

26-27 November: [WeMind International Forum, World Trade Center, Barcelona](#)

03-04 December: [EHTEL 25th Anniversary Symposium, Brussels, Belgium](#)

18 February 2025: [Digital Health and Care Awards 2025, Edinburgh](#)

13 March 2025: [Public Sector Data Summit 2025, Dynamic Earth](#)

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