



Northern, Yorkshire and Humberside  
Digital and Information Forum

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2025**  
**Virtual NYHDIF forum via MS-Teams**  
Notes

## 1. Welcome/apologies

James Rawlinson -NYHDIF Chair, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and outlined the content of the meeting:

- Update on AI and productivity initiatives.
- Progress of the Emergency Leaders program.
- Insights into cybersecurity measures.
- Updates on regional digital transformation projects.

## 2. Digital Transformation Initiatives

Glen Collet from NHSE updated the meeting on various digital transformation initiatives, including AI integration, cybersecurity, and regional digital maturity.

- Glenn provided an update on AI and productivity initiatives, including the AI Ambassador network and the AI virtual hub.
- Emphasis on the importance of AI in improving productivity and the need for regional collaboration.
- Encouragement for participants to join the AI Ambassador network and AI virtual hub for practical applications of technology. Ambassador network growth from 115 to 3,000-4,000 members.
- Digital maturity assessment launch on April 1st, lasting until May 9th.



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Below are some of the links:

- [Digital Partnering National System Information for Digital Leaders - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#). 3
- [AI Team - General - Microsoft Teams](#). 4
- [Artificial Intelligence Playbook for the UK Government \(HTML\) - GOV.UK](#). 5
- [National Diagnostic AI Forum presentations - AI in Diagnostics - National Workspace - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#). 6
- [Architecture, Standards and Interoperability - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#). 20
- [NHS.net Transition Guidance – NHS.net Transition Support Site](#). 21

### 3. Regional Digital Transformation Update

Cat De Jonge - presented an overview of the regional digital direction, portfolio, and emergent themes from the ten-year plan.

- Emphasis on digital inclusion, interoperability, and the impact of digital transformation on service delivery.
- Recognition of the need for a holistic approach to digital transformation, considering workforce, estate, infrastructure, finance, operations, and leadership.
- Cat to share a consolidated MI system for tracking digital transformation progress.
- Variance in digital maturity across different regions and organisations.
- Challenges in aligning national and regional digital priorities.
- The importance of digital inclusion and addressing digital coercion.
- The need for clear guidance on prioritising digital initiatives.

### 4. Emerging Leaders Program Update

Rochelle Featherstone and Melanie Feeley provided an update on the Emergency Leaders program, including the recent two-day residential and upcoming workshops.

- Focus on building connections, enhancing skills, and preparing future digital leaders.
- Positive feedback on the program's progress and the importance of regular touchpoints and mentorship.



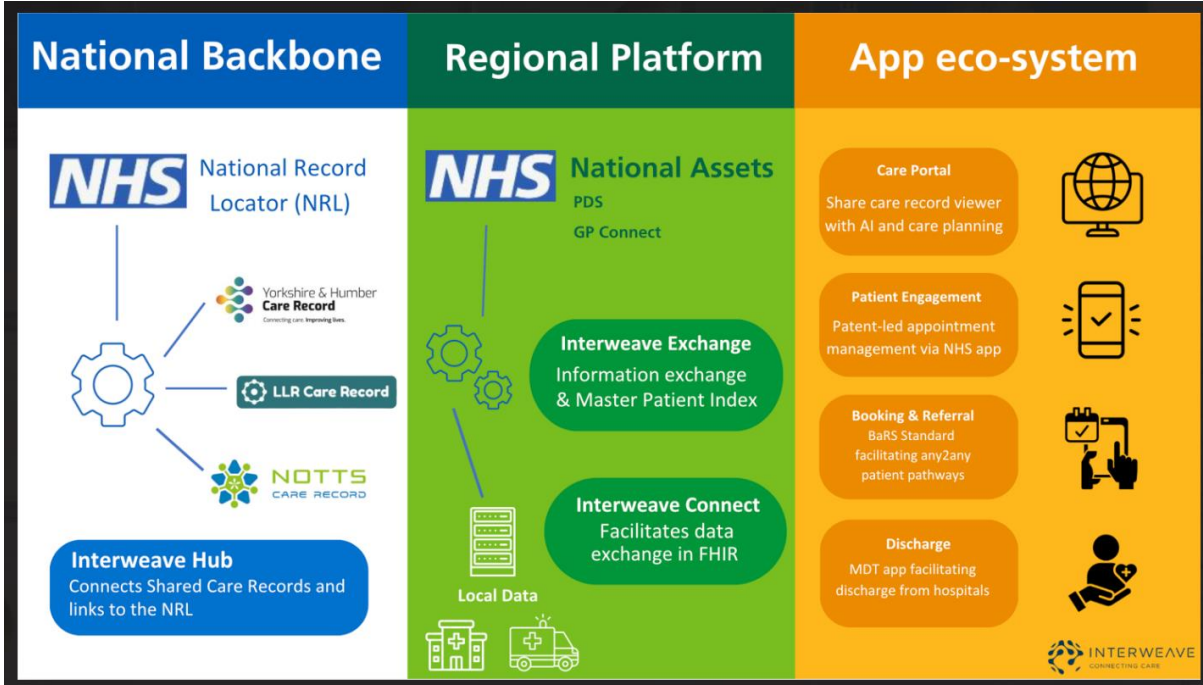
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Leaders Updates.pdf

Emerging leaders on the 2025 program are:

Name		Organisation
Ruth	Ali	West Yorkshire ICB
Chris	Edwards	Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust
Rochelle	Featherstone	Humber and NY ICB
Melanie	Feeley	Calderdale, Kirklees, Wakefield
Carrie	Forrington	North Lincolnshire and Goole FT
Rebecca	Savage	West Yorkshire ICB
Anita	Simey	Leeds Community Healthcare
Brooke	Thawley	West Yorkshire ICB
Kris	Weavill	Humber and NY ICB

Ed	White	Humber and NY ICB
Kelly	Wright	Rotherham FT
Andrew	Caunt	Yorkshire Ambulance Service

## 5. Update from Ian Clucas and Interweave



## 6. Update from Tony McGraw – Data Retention



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## 7. Deep Dive into Cyber from Matt Lukin NHSE



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### Cybersecurity Strategies and Threats in NHS England

Matt outlined the key security concerns and strategies to mitigate risks over the next five years within NHS England.

- Highlight the current cybersecurity landscape, identify major threats, and propose strategic recommendations to enhance security measures.

Overview:

Matt spoke about the current cybersecurity landscape, emphasizing the risks posed by third-party suppliers and the frequency of cyber attacks on the UK healthcare sector.

He covered the main cybersecurity threats, including ransomware, cyber espionage, and other cyber-enabled frauds and discussed vulnerabilities within the healthcare sector, such as weak boundary protection and inadequate identity authentication.

Key Concepts and Theories:

- Ransomware: A type of malicious software designed to block access to a computer system until a sum of money is paid.
  - Cyber Espionage: The act of obtaining secrets and information without the permission and knowledge of the holder of the information.
  - Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA): A security system that requires more than one method of authentication to verify the user's identity.
  - Shadow Connections: Unauthorized connections that bypass governance processes, creating blind spots in IT security.
  - Artificial Intelligence (AI): The simulation of human intelligence in machines programmed to think and learn.
  - The frequency of cyber attacks on the UK healthcare sector is increasing, following the general trend in the UK government and other sectors.
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- Matt provided details on how to turn on MDE isolation and suggested the possibility of organizing a three-day workshop for MDE training.

## **8. Next Meeting:**

**NYHDIF – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025 In-person (1st floor Meeting rooms Xscape Colorado Way, Glasshoughton, Castleford WF10 4TA)**