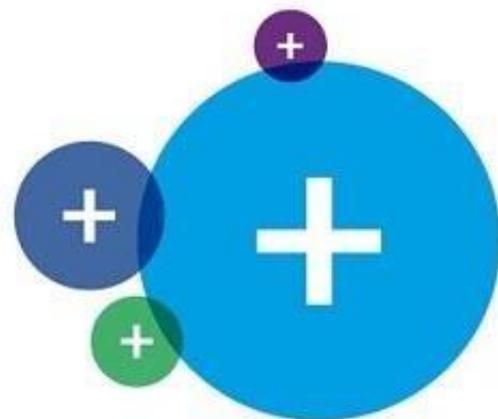# Digital Health Special Report Forward Features List 2018

Special reports are an important aspect of Digital Health's coverage on all matters relating to healthcare IT. Published throughout the year and authored by journalists specialising in the sector, they focus on the specific topics of most interest/importance to those in the NHS/Healthcare IT market.

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The schedule for 2018 is as follows:

Shared care records: 22nd January
With giving the best treatment to a patient increasingly depending on the contributions of a range of health and social care professionals across a broad geography, the need for shared access to records is becoming ever-more pressing. We look at the people, places and organisations successfully meeting this challenge.

Cybersecurity: 14th February
WannaCry ensured cybersecurity topped healthcare IT agendas in 2017, and it is a position it seems unlikely to lose. With the General Data Protection Regulation coming into force in Spring 2018, and an array of legacy Microsoft systems reaching end of support status – despite still being commonly used in the NHS – the need for healthcare leaders to take action is an urgent one.

Picture archiving and communications systems (PACS): 21st February
Evolutions in PACS means they increasingly hold the potential to support the sharing of a wider range of images across a wider geographic area. How can the NHS realise this potential? And what might further developments be in these important systems?

Remote monitoring and self care: 21st March

The explosion in consumer electronic wearables such as fitness trackers shows the potential of this area, but can the NHS find ways to use the information collected by such devices? And can it make NHS-issued wearables and remote monitoring devices part of business as usual?

Diagnostic digital pathology: 18th April

With the Royal College of Pathologists now suggesting it offers potential efficiency and quality benefits, there is a growing sense that diagnostic digital pathology's time has come. How are suppliers supporting the move from microscope to computer? And how will the technology continue to advance as take up becomes more widespread?

Electronic document management: 23rd May

Introducing an electronic patient record (EPR) may make some processes instantly paperfree, but what about all previous hardcopy patient records? And just how can documents generated by a range of electronic systems be appropriately stored and then accessed by the EPR? Could electronic document management setups be the solution?

Medicines management: 13th June

From lockable drug cupboards which enable better management of stock, to e-prescribing enabling safer and more efficient prescription of medicines – there is no shortage of applications for technology in the important field of medicines management. This special report looks at trends in the market, and how such systems are making a difference.

Radiology information systems (RIS): 27th June

Timed to immediately precede UKRC, the main diagnostic imaging event in the UK, an in-depth examination of the latest developments in radiology information systems. How can such systems support sharing of workflow across organisations and areas? Could they support a more sustainable radiology workforce setup?

Observations and vital signs: 4th July

The potential of early warning scores to speedily identify deteriorating patients is well established, but manual calculation can be complicated and prone to error. Digital can help, and as eobservations systems become more mature their potential grows.

What difference are such systems already making to patient safety? And what potential do they have to help further in the future?

Cloud: 12th September
Cloud seems to offer enormous potential benefits for the cashstrapped NHS. But how can vendors give NHS organisations confidence in the idea of sensitive data being stored off site? What will need to happen for cloud to become business as usual in healthcare? And how can organisations be encouraged to see cloud as a key plank of both greater innovation and greater security?

VNA and data storage: 17th October
As imaging modalities become more numerous and more sophisticated, and as more and more documents are stored electronically, the need for suitable data storage grows. Vendor neutral archives not only meet that need, but also sit with the need for interoperability. We look at the value of VNAs, and how they might be used into the future.

Interoperability: 14th November
When Digital Health asked experts for predictions on priorities for the 2017 healthcare agenda, interoperability was frequently mentioned. 2018 seems unlikely to be different. How is the push to develop common standards progressing? What are vendors doing to increase interoperability? And is this a nut the NHS is finally on course to crack?

Medical devices: 5th December
From blood pressure monitors to infusion pumps to spirometers: medical devices are a ubiquitous part of modern day healthcare, and increasingly digital rather than analogue. How can the growing digitisation of devices presents opportunities for better, more efficient, more cost effective care?

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