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Profile book

Cohort 5

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Introduction

Digital leadership is critical to the future of the NHS, the NHS Digital Academy sets out to equip a generation of change-makers and enablers through its programmes. The PG Dip in [Digital Health Leadership](#), its flagship programme, is delivered by Imperial College London and supported by a wide network of partnerships from the NHS, other health systems and industry partners.

The PG Dip in Digital Health Leadership was established following a 2017 Secretary of State for Health commitment as the concept emerged from [Making IT Work: Harnessing the Power of Health Information Technology to Improve Care in England \(the Wachter review\)](#) and recommendations outlining the need to develop and invest in the capability and capacity of digital change leaders.

Five years on, the programme has supported the development of around 500 digital change leaders across health and care. Through an innovative blended teaching approach, participants are exposed to new and familiar frameworks to successfully lead and deliver digital transformation projects directly in their NHS organisations.

Participants work through online course materials in six modules: Essentials of Health Systems, Implementing Strategy

& Transformational Change, Technology Strategy & Health Information Systems Implementation, User-Centred Design & Citizen-Driven Informatics, Decision Support Knowledge Management & Actionable Data Analytics and Leadership & Transformational Change. Participants gather for live teaching through in-person and virtual Leadership Forums throughout the year, and graduate with a Postgraduate Diploma from Imperial College.

We proudly introduce Cohort 5 to you: an impressively diverse group of CIOs, CCIOs and professionals in related digital leadership roles from across the NHS. They bring a wealth of clinical and non-clinical digital transformation experience across health and care in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and we are excited to see the impact they will have within their organisations and beyond.

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Head of the Digital Health Leadership Programme

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Lead Data and Tech

Primary Region of Work:

Greater London

Work Area Focus:

Artificial Intelligence, Analytics,
Health Technology.



Emma Allenger

**Head of Digital Programme
Management**

Primary Region of Work:

Northwest Ambulance Service

Work Area Focus:

Digital Improvement Programmes.



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**Senior Pharmacist - Clinical
Configuration Manager**

Primary Region of Work:

West Midlands

Work Area Focus:

Implementation and Clinical
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Electronic Patient Records

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**Assistant Director of Programmes
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Primary Region of Work:

National

Work Area Focus:

Frontline Digitisation (Electronic
Patient Records), National Policy,
Data and Intelligence.



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IT Clinical Lead Adult Physical Health

Primary Region of Work:
South West

Work Area Focus:
EPRs and Digital Clinical Safety.

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Dean Birch

Director of Digital Delivery

Primary Region of Work:
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Work Area Focus:
Digital Strategy.



Grace Birch

CIO

Primary Region of Work:
North West

Work Area Focus:
Technology, PMO, Systems,
Transformation, IG, Innovation.

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**Chief Clinical Information Officer,
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Work Area Focus:
Clinical Information Systems.

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Director of Digital Delivery

Primary Region of Work:
Midlands

Work Area Focus:
Responsible for the Digital Operational teams at University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust. Working closely with Trust divisions and the wider ICB on service delivery as the team manage all the clinical systems in use across the Trust, alongside development and integration needs and digital innovation and improvement in the use of the systems.



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Clinical Digital Innovation Lead

Primary Region of Work:
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Work Area Focus:
Community Services, Digital Innovation, Clinical Safety, Remote Monitoring.

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Work Area Focus:
Acute Trust, Digitising Inpatients, Shared Care Records.

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Product Strategy Lead

Primary Region of Work:
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Work Area Focus:
Citizen Facing Technology.

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Glenn Collett

Principal Relationship Manager

Primary Region of Work:
North East, Yorkshire and the Humber

Work Area Focus:
Large Scale Transformation into Regions, Implementation of National Policy.

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Itai Collier

Lead Nurse EPMA project

Primary Region of Work:
North West

Work Area Focus:
Stakeholder and change management of transformational projects; Environmental scoping and strategic planning; Managing time, cost and quality of projects and workstreams; Reviewing policies and procedures to incorporate changes due to implementation of digital solutions.



Laura Cook

Digital Clinical Lead

Primary Region of Work:
South East

Work Area Focus:
AHP clinical background with seven years experience working on EPR development and shared care records in a mental health trust; also a clinical safety officer.



Aasha Cowey

AD of Digital Strategic Transformation

Primary Region of Work:
South East

Work Area Focus:
Strategy, Business Planning, Workforce Development, Partnerships.

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Primary Region of Work:

South East

Work Area Focus:

Strategy, Clinical Applications,
Solution Design and Implementation.



Pav Deagon

**Lead Pharmacist - Pharmacy
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Primary Region of Work:

Greater London

Work Area Focus:

Pharmacy Informatics, Digital Medicines.



Zia Din

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Primary Region of Work:

West Midlands

Work Area Focus:

Digital Clinical Leadership.



David Fitzgerald

Divisional Director of Operations

Primary Region of Work:

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Work Area Focus:

Identifying, Evaluating and Implementing
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Deputy Chief Clinical
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Primary Region of Work:
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Work Area Focus:
Working in a large pathology network, involved in laboratory information management systems, trust EPR system development of pathology ordering and results and wider aspects of pathology data flow to improve patient care.

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Kerren Friend

Programme Manager

Primary Region of Work:
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Work Area Focus:
Digital transformation in social care, Supporting implementation and delivery of digital care technologies.

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Vicky Furfie

CCIO - Community and
Mental Health Division

Primary Region of Work:
North West

Work Area Focus:
Patient Held Records, Video Consultations, Mental Health, Community, Projects, Clinical Safety, EPR (Meditech and EMIS).

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Rebecca Garrett

Digital Governance Lead, Clinical
Safety Officer

Primary Region of Work:
South West

Work Area Focus:
Doctor by background, moved into Digital Transformation two years ago. Has been clinical lead on multiple transformation projects within the NHS, including solutions for Digital Task management, Acute Take Tracking and VTE assessment. Passionate about reducing digital exclusion and leveraging the benefits of digital solutions to improve health equity.

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Consultant Anaesthetist.
Clinical Lead NHS Digital

Primary Region of Work:
Yorkshire and the Humber

Work Area Focus:
Frontline Digitalisation.

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Maria Harris

Digital Medicines Nurse

Primary Region of Work:
South West

Work Area Focus:
Electronic Prescribing Medicines
Administration (EPMA) and EPR.



Harry Harrison

Inclusion Director

Primary Region of Work:
North West

Work Area Focus:
Population health and health inequality
data to identify areas of challenge
within the health and social care
system; Inclusion Director for a
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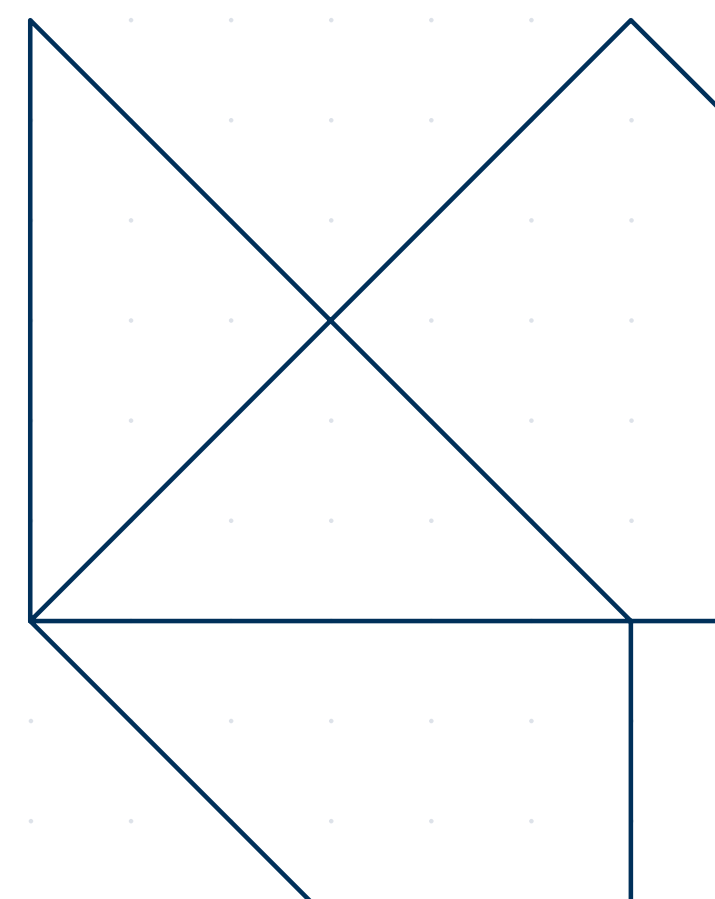
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Director of Digital and Governance

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Work Area Focus:
Strategic Leadership.

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Helen Haumann

Director of Digital Delivery

Primary Region of Work:

East of England

Work Area Focus:

Shared Care Record across Health and Care, Levelling Up Digital Maturity, Digital Strategy Development and Implementation, Data Strategy Development and Implementation, Social Care Digitisation.



Lin Hlaing

**Specialty Trainee Registrar ST6
Acute Internal Medicine**

Primary Region of Work:

National

Work Area Focus:

Transformation and Improvement Projects.



Shivaraj Huller

Informatics Specialist (Digital Nurse)

Primary Region of Work:

West Midlands

Work Area Focus:

Emergency Care, Secondary Care, Primary Care.



Penny Kechagioglou

**Chief Clinical Information Officer,
Deputy Chief Medical Officer and
Consultant Clinical Oncologist**

Primary Region of Work:

West Midlands

Work Area Focus:

EPR Development, Digital Transformation, Digital Health.



Adham Khalek

Divisional Medical Informatics Lead

Primary Region of Work:

South East

Work Area Focus:

Data Visualisation, Quality Improvement, Clinical Change Management and Adoption.

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Sadie Khwaja

ENT Consultant

Primary Region of Work:

North West

Work Area Focus:

Adopting and adapting patient clinical digital systems, designing and developing new digital systems with patient led service.



Emma Kirkbride

Head of Health and Social Care Systems

Primary Region of Work:

Midlands

Work Area Focus:

Clinical Systems Implementation, Deployment and Support, System Integration and Interoperability, Application Development, System Design, Pathway Design and Development.

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Elisa Lakhani-Hector

Head of Enterprise Architecture

Primary Region of Work:

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Work Area Focus:

Aligning Business and Technology by enabling executives to make better informed decisions; Service delivery improvement; Adaptive governance; Digital best practice.

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Hui Yi Lee

Lead Pharmacist - Electronic Prescribing and Medicines Administration (ePMA)

Primary Region of Work:
South East

Work Area Focus:
Digital Transformation, Clinical Safety, Interoperability.

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Yat Li

Consultant Anaesthetist, Acting Deputy CCIO

Primary Region of Work:
West Midlands

Work Area Focus:
CCIO, CSO, Clinical Informatics, Clinical Lead Innovation, Quality Improvement, IT procurement, application, development and implementation.

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Work Area Focus:
ICS Digital Strategy, Digital Mental Health, Digital Inclusion.

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Yinka Makinde

Director of Digital Workforce

Primary Region of Work:
National

Work Area Focus:
Workforce (specialist and general), Innovation.

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Remy McConvey

Chief Clinical Information Officer,
Associate Medical Director,
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Primary Region of Work:
North West

Work Area Focus:
Clinical informatics, Service change
and transformation, Data in
clinical services, EPR usability.



Lily Megaw

Assistant Director - Digital Community
Transformation

Primary Region of Work:
National

Work Area Focus:
Leading a national policy and strategy
programme to improve digital maturity
and capabilities within community health
services, Delivery of national policy to
integrate care.

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Chris Mulgrew

Chief Clinical Information Officer and
Consultant Nephrologist

Primary Region of Work:
South West

Work Area Focus:
Implementation and optimisation of
an integrated EPR across the
organisation. Implementation of
clinical digital technologies and
solutions across the Trust.

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Maternity Programme Manager and
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Work Area Focus:
Digital Maternity Services.

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Mark Needham

Director of Contracting and Programme Director - Digital First

Primary Region of Work:
South East

Work Area Focus:
Primary Care, Social Care, Virtual Care, Digital Remote Monitoring.



Matt Oakes

Head of Business Intelligence

Primary Region of Work:
North West

Work Area Focus:
Business Intelligence, Informatics.



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Associate Medical Director and GP, CCIO

Primary Region of Work:
East Midlands

Work Area Focus:
CCIO and CSO for the Trust.



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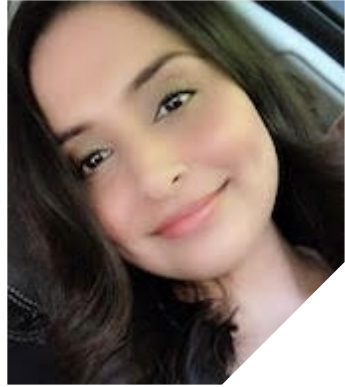
Head of Software Development

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South East

Work Area Focus:
Application Development and Process Automation. Drive Process Improvement and Digital Transformation while delivering improved user experience and value to the Trust, clinical and corporate colleagues and the people who use our services.

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Future Vision and ICS Strategy**

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National

Work Area Focus:
Digital Transformation, Policy
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Andy Payne

Digital Health Architect

Primary Region of Work:
South West

Work Area Focus:
Interoperability, Citizen-facing Digital
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Head of Nursing and Quality

Primary Region of Work:
South West

Work Area Focus:
Nursing.

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**Chief Nursing Information Officer and
Clinical Safety Officer**

Primary Region of Work:
South East

Work Area Focus:
Strategy, Design, Implementation,
Optimisation of Digital Solutions
within the trust and the wider ICS
partners. Minimisation of clinical risks
through the use of digital technologies
and improving the management
of clinical risk across the trust.

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Dilip Pillai

**Digital Clinical Lead for EPR, Locum
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Work Area Focus:
EPR Implementation, Clinical
Process Mapping.

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Orla Price

Lead General Practice Pharmacist

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Northern Ireland



Hetal Purmanan

Lead Pharmacist ePMA and Digital

Primary Region of Work:
South East

Work Area Focus:
Working with Pharmacy and IT
departments in all aspects of digital
medicines from planning, design,
configuration and development,
testing, training, implementation and
support. Leading and managing ongoing
development and maintenance of the
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Arvind Rajasekaran

**Consultant Respiratory Physician,
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Primary Region of Work:
West Midlands

Work Area Focus:
Population health, Population
management, EPR, Digital integration.

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Rishi Ramessur

Ophthalmic Surgeon and Fellow in the Department of Digital Medicine

Primary Region of Work:
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Work Area Focus:
Helping stakeholders navigate technical, operational, cultural, and clinical challenges associated with implementation of digital health solutions into clinical workflows. Employing data-driven and evidence-based approaches to enable change through technology, from early stage discovery through to scaled implementation.

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Claire Rees

Digital Programme Manager

Primary Region of Work:
North West

Work Area Focus:
Various areas at ICB Level.



Robert Richardson

Principal Clinical Scientist

Primary Region of Work:
Greater London

Work Area Focus:
Radiotherapy specific hardware and software management, Wider Trust Integration.



Ben Rigg

Head of Digital Programmes

Primary Region of Work:
North West

Work Area Focus:
Digitally enabled changePortfolio, Programme and project management, Business Analysis, Business Change, PMO.

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Engagement Lead - Standards for Interoperability

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Work Area Focus:
Standards, Interoperability, Strategy, User research, Communications, Stakeholder engagement.

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Associate Director of Digital Transformation Delivery

Primary Region of Work:
South East

Work Area Focus:
Strategic and tactical change, Transformation programme delivery, Digitising pathways and processes, Innovation in the use of electronic patient and health records.

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Matthew Sanderson

Consultant Psychiatrist, Associate Chief Clinical Information Officer

Primary Region of Work:
North West

Work Area Focus:
Online Consultation, Digital Inclusion, Data Quality.



Jamil Shah Foridi

Clinical Fellow in Digital Health, CEO

Primary Region of Work:
West Midlands

Work Area Focus:
Communications, Accident and Emergency Triage, AI.

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Communication and Engagement Director

Primary Region of Work:
Midlands

Work Area Focus:
UX, Public-facing Digital.

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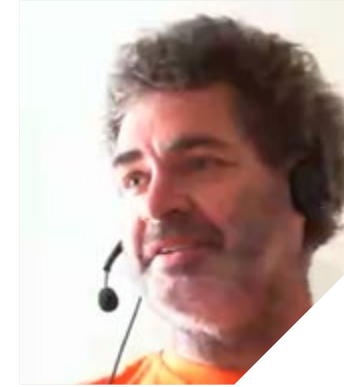
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Clinical Informatics Lead for Community and Children's Services

Primary Region of Work:
Wales

Work Area Focus:
Community Nursing Pan-Wales, Enabling nursing care through the use of digital technologies.

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Deputy Head - National Data Service

Primary Region of Work:
National

Work Area Focus:
Data Warehousing, Data Engineering, Data Management, Service Design.



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Programme Director Urgent Care Plan

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Greater London

Work Area Focus:
Care Planning.

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Jason Walker

CCIO

Primary Region of Work:
Wales

Work Area Focus:
Digital Health Record, Patient Pathways,
Development of a Patient-Facing App.

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Digital Midwife

Primary Region of Work:
North West

Work Area Focus:
Maternity Digital Records.



Sam Wheeler

Assistant Director of
Business Intelligence

Primary Region of Work:
South West

Work Area Focus:
Analytics, Data and Intelligence.



Adam Whiting

Deputy CIO

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Work Area Focus:
BI Transformation, EPR Strategy, IT
Operations Transformation.



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Chief of Data and Digital, The Health Economics Unit

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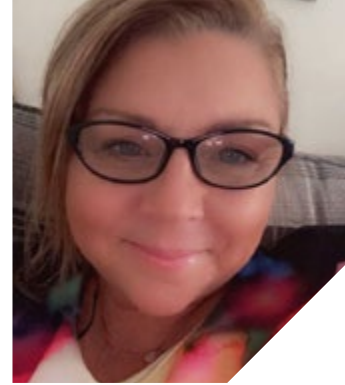
Work Area Focus:

Data and Analytics, focusing on using data and business intelligence informed approaches to delivering safe, effective healthcare at all levels from the individual patient and right through to population health.

Digital Nursing, focusing on eobs and the development of digital clinical skills across the nursing and wider healthcare workforce.

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Clinical Safety, Governance, Digital Development, Pathways.

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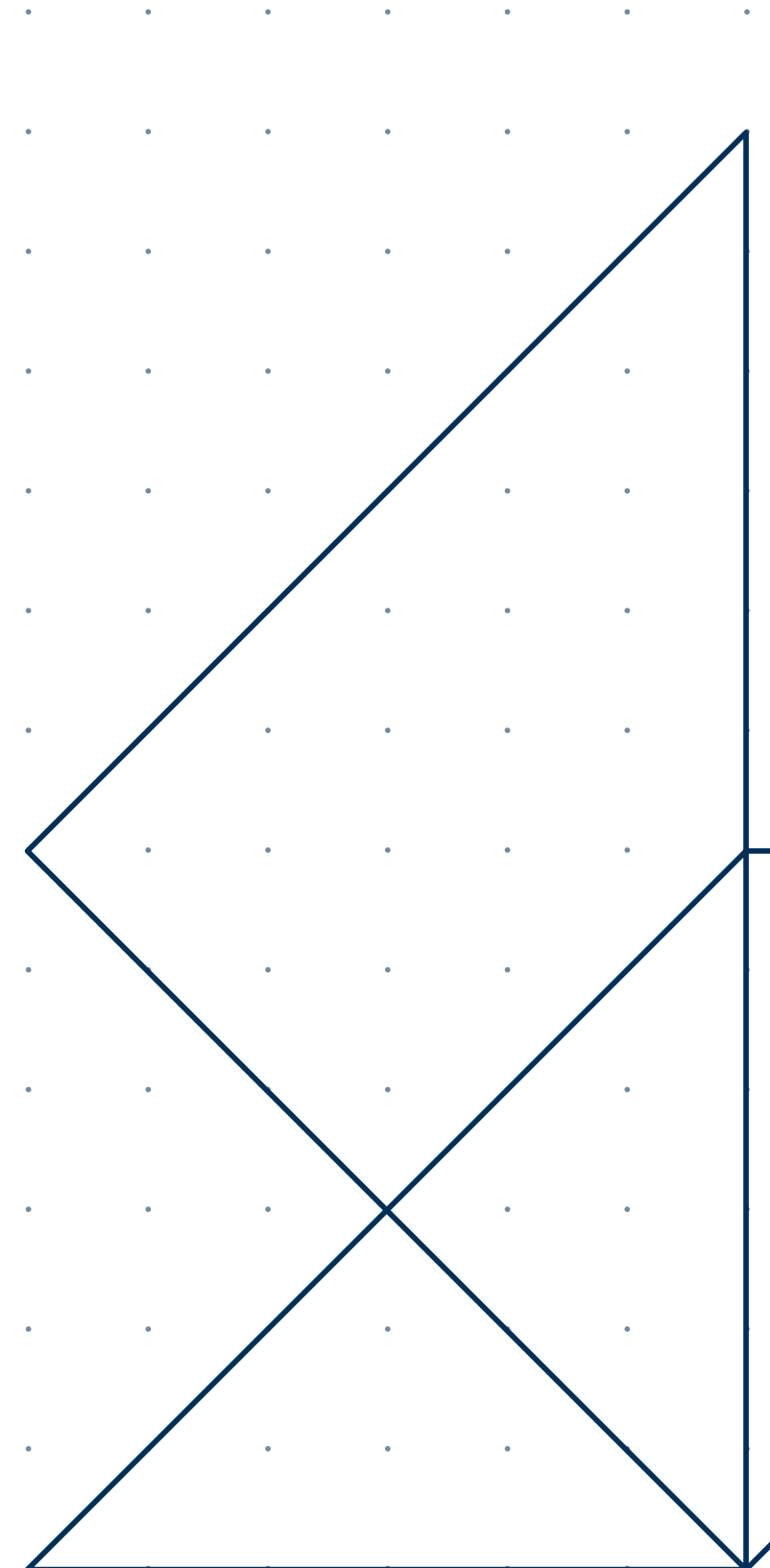
Mariah Zavery

Advanced Oncology Informatics Pharmacist

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Work Area Focus:

EPMA (Electronic Prescribing and Medicines Administration), Oncology Treatment Configuration, Medicines safety for clinical systems.



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