



NHS Education for Scotland / Scottish Government Healthcare Science Annual Event 2025

10, 20 and 25 February and 7 March 2025
(via MS Teams)

Who Should Attend?

This event is suitable for all colleagues within our Healthcare Science (HCS) community across NHS Scotland and beyond.

Our Event

This event is a collaboration between NHS Education for Scotland and Scottish Government, providing an eclectic mix of themed sessions hosted online on MS Teams in February/March 2025. We hope this online format presents increased flexibility and accessibility, particularly for our colleagues in remote and rural locations. Regardless of identity or specialism, it is an opportunity to hear about topics of interest to our HCS community and to contribute to it. Our event is completely free and also offers trainees the opportunity to showcase their poster work.

Poster Competition for Trainees

Can you design an engaging poster that clearly communicates and celebrates research or innovation within your HCS specialism or service? Communicate the science, engineering or technology involved, explain why your innovation is so significant and how it has a positive impact on patient outcomes. Our poster competition is open to all current HCS trainees with a National Training Number.

We recommend using Microsoft PowerPoint or Canva to design posters, they should be saved in PDF format and submitted to HCS@nes.scot.nhs.uk by **Friday 31 January 2025**. This is to enable them to be judged by our panel in advance of the event.

Posters will be displayed in an online gallery and 3 winners will be chosen to give 10-minute presentations during our last session on **Friday 7 March**. Regardless of whether you win, we plan to use all submitted posters during our Healthcare Science Week campaign in March 2025. There will be prizes of £200, for individual submissions, or up to £500 for joint submissions of up to 3 trainees, towards CPD support.

For further details and to register please click on the following link:

<https://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/events/>

Closing Date for Poster Submissions: 31 January 2025*

*Please send poster pdfs to: hcs@nes.scot.nhs.uk

Closing Date for Registering: One Week Prior To Each Session

(Deadlines: 3 February, 13 February, 18 February, and 28 February)

Queries: hcsevents@nes.scot.nhs.uk



What are the sessions all about?

Session 1: HCS Strategic Approach (Monday 10 February – 09.00 am - 10.30 am)

During this session, hosted by the Chief Scientific Officer for Scotland, we look at the Healthcare Science profession through a national scope. Outlining developments and planned work in relation to the Scottish Government's Strategic Approach to Healthcare Science in Scotland. An interactive session with opportunity to share your experiences and ask related questions.

Session 2: HCS Education (Thursday 20 February – 10.00 am - 11.45 am)

Our second session will begin by providing an overview of the current educational landscape within Healthcare Science and will then explore ongoing developments in more detail. These developments include the Healthcare Support Worker (HCSW) Level 2-4 career framework, the Accelerated Biomedical Science programme, Genomic education, and advanced practice.

Session 3: HCS Leadership (Tuesday 25 February – 1.00 pm - 2.45 pm)

We often hear that Healthcare Scientists are well equipped to provide leadership, but how do we achieve that and what does it look like in practice? In this session you will hear stories of clinical, academic and interprofessional leadership from colleagues within our own community. You will also have a greater understanding of the impact that HCS leadership can have, and leadership opportunities which are currently available.

Session 4: Innovation in HCS (Friday 7 March – 10.00 am - 11.30 am)

Healthcare Science has always played a key role in innovation within the NHS. Our final session will explore current opportunities for innovation and research available to Healthcare Scientists and share examples of successful clinical adoption within service. The session will close with us hearing from 3 trainees who entered our poster competition. They will communicate their own research or innovation within their HCS specialism, before one of them is crowned the overall winner of our poster competition.