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Digital Health  
Leadership Programme  
*part of the NHS Digital  
Academy*

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## Introduction

The Institute of Global Health Innovation is one of Imperial College's seven "Global Challenge Institutions" tasked with tackling some of the greatest global health challenges facing the world today.

[Video: Celebrating 500+ alumni of the programme](#)

Centres of Excellence:

- Centre for Health Policy
- Climate Cares Centre
- Fleming Initiative
- Hamlyn Centre for Robotic Surgery
- Helix Centre
- NIHR North West London Patient Safety Research Collaboration



**Academic Director: Professor Ara Darzi**



**Head of Programme: Juliette van Wessem**

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## A very brief history of the programme

**2017**

“The Wachter Review”:  
[Making IT Work: Harnessing the Power of Health Information Technology to Improve Care in England.](#)

*Recommendation: invest in the workforce tasked to deliver digital change in the NHS.*

**2020-2022**

Increased virtual delivery in cohorts 3 and 4 (due to COVID-19). ICL & UoE.

**2018-2020**

Cohorts 1 & 2 delivered by IGHI at Imperial College London (ICL), Harvard Medical School & University of Edinburgh (UoE).

**2022-2025**

Cohorts 5-7 delivered by ICL supported by strategic partners.

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## Ambition

Digital Leadership is critical to the future of the NHS.

Investment in digital infrastructure alongside investment in people.

Equip clinical and non-clinical staff for success when they are assigned to manage digital transformation projects.



Artwork by Darren Butcher from *Portraits for NHS Heroes* in support of NHS Charities Together.

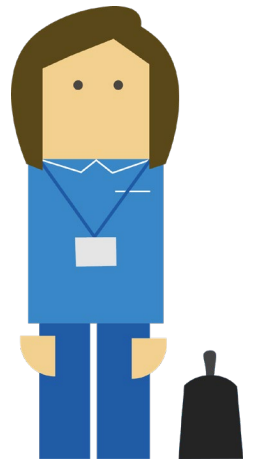


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## Our Participants

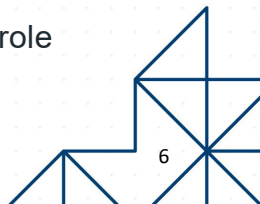
### Employment requirements:

- Participants must either be:
  - directly employed by an NHS organisation as a member of the NHS workforce in England
  - or
  - employed by a social care provider or local authority working across health and care services in England.

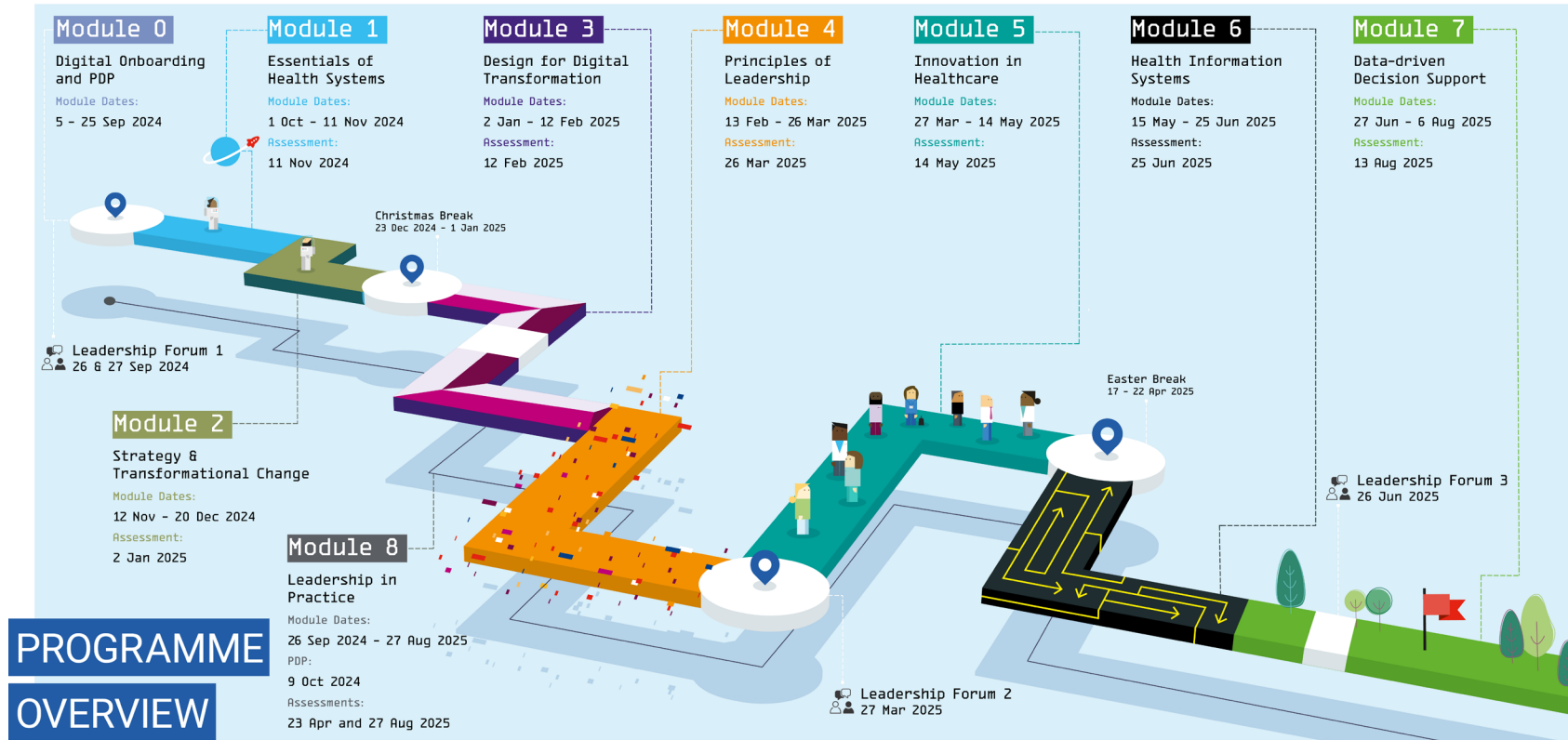


### The programme is aimed at:

- people who hold a leadership role (accountability and responsibility) for digital and/or digital workforce in their organisation
- people whose ability, intelligence, personality and background mean they are willing and able to learn and apply the stuff we'll teach them
- people who have a strong drive to do the right thing through applying their learning and making an impact
- people in a clinical or non-clinical role, a digital expert role or a combination, but able to demonstrate that the role encompasses both digital and leadership requirements



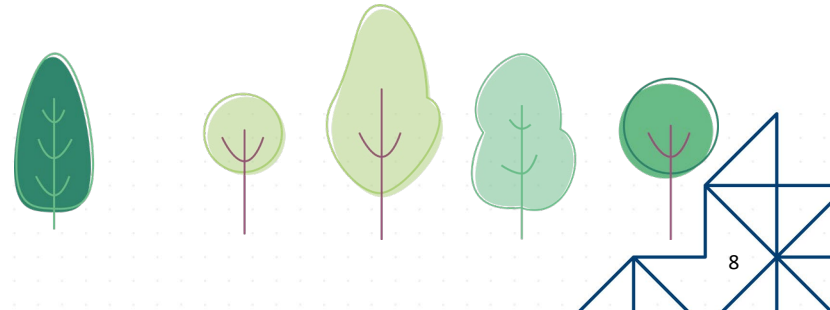
## PG Dip in Digital Health Leadership 2024 - 2025



## Programme Benefits

The Postgraduate Diploma in Digital Health Leadership is the **premium educational programme** that nurtures a new generation of **highly effective and networked informatics** and **digital leaders** across the clinical and non-clinical spectrum.

- Unique combination of Health Informatics & Leadership Training.
- IGHI offers clinical, managerial, technical and policy expertise.
- Partnerships with world-leading institutions and individuals, in the UK and internationally.
- Theory -> Application (case studies, practitioners, peer support groups)
- Progression to MSc at pro-rata tuition (~£5k)
- FED-IP professional registration as Advanced Practitioner





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A wide network of partnerships

## Core stakeholders



## Other health system stakeholders



## Industry partners

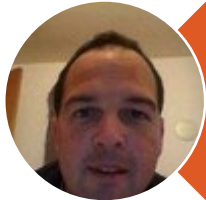


## Immediate Impact (current students)



**Veronica Pirjol, Digital Health Records Configuration Manager, The Royal Marsden NHS FT**

“The Digital Health Leadership Programme with the NHS Digital Academy has profoundly increased my understanding of digital health through meticulously structured modules. It provides the student with the essential tools and skills crucial for effective leadership in the digital health sector.”



**Keith Wilson, Programme Manager, NHS England**

Opportunities like this don't come around often. I have to say that it is a fantastic course which really opens your mind and builds your confidence and leadership skills.



**Deimante Sidlauskaitė, Senior Health & Wellbeing Coach / Inequalities Lead, Westcroft Health Centre / South West PCN**

The experience has been nothing short of inspirational, providing not only a robust foundation in digital healthcare leadership but also a community of peers passionate about shaping the future of healthcare. We're not just absorbing cutting-edge knowledge; we're applying it in real-time, driving digital innovation within our organisations to make the NHS digitally fit for the future.

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## Career Impact & Alumni Community

*Dr Zahrain Bawa, Cohort 4*

Senior Data Lead, NHS  
England and NHS Improvement

Head of Delivery Digital  
Health, NHS England  
2022

*Malcolm Gandy, Cohort 5*

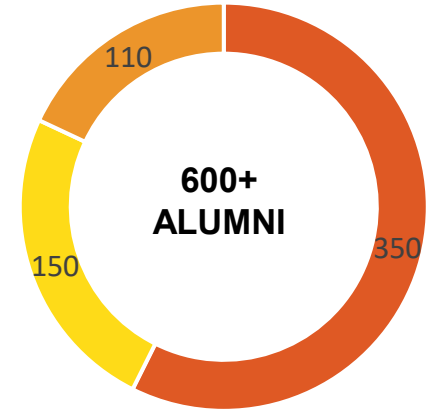
Chief Information Officer,  
Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh  
Teaching Hospitals NHS FT

Executive Director, Mersey  
& West Lancashire  
Teaching Hospitals NHS FT  
April 2024

*Nadia Kuftinoff, Cohort 2*

Programme Coordinator –  
Innovation Adoption, University  
Hospital NHS FT (band 7)

Digital Programme Lead for  
Primary Care (band 8b)  
October 2022



- PG Dip Awarded
- MSc Awarded
- Currently studying

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