

Public Services Delivery Scotland / Scottish Government Healthcare Science Annual Event 2026 'Leadership Through Change and Innovation'

1 September 2026

Programme

Delivered online via MS Teams

Session 1: HCS in Scotland Strategic Approach		
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.		
Chair: Sarah Smith, Healthcare Science Associate Director, Public Services Delivery Scotland		
Time	Topic	Speaker
09:00	Welcome and Introduction	Chair
09:10	HCS in Scotland and the Health and Social Care Service Renewal Framework Q&A	Professor Catherine Ross Chief Scientific Officer Scottish Government
09:50	Workforce Coding	Karen Brazier HCS Professional Advisor Scottish Government
10:05	Right Touch Assurance Assessment; Professional Standard Authority	Speaker to be confirmed
10:20	Panel Q&A	Chair
10:30	Close	Chair

Session 2: Public Services Delivery Scotland Education Updates

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 updates on our Education, Skills and Competence Frameworks and Genomic education.

Chair: Lorna Crawford, Head of Programme (Quality Assurance), Public Services Delivery Scotland

Time	Topic	Speaker
11:00	Welcome and Introduction	Chair
11:10	HCS Education in Public Services Delivery Scotland	Sarah Smith Healthcare Science Associate Director Public Services Delivery Scotland
11:30	Genomics Education Resources	Jenna Jenkinson Senior Educator (Genomics) Public Services Delivery Scotland
11:50	New Approaches to Promotion and Engagement	Claire Cameron Principal Lead (Communications / CPD) Public Services Delivery Scotland
12:10	Panel Q&A	Chair
12:30	Close	Chair

Session 3: HCS Across the UK

At this session, you will hear about developments across the UK with talks from various colleagues including the President of the Academy for Healthcare Science sharing his aspiration for Healthcare Science and the Clinical Lead for Healthcare Science in Scotland will share her experience.

Chair: Bianca Brownlee, Principal Lead (CPD / Quality Assurance), Public Services Delivery Scotland

Time	Topic	Speaker
13:00	Welcome and Introduction	Chair
13:10	Academy for Healthcare Science	Professor Chris Hopkins President Academy for Healthcare Science
13:30	National Clinical Leadership in Scotland	Lorna Crawford Head of Programme (Quality Assurance) Public Services Delivery Scotland
13:50	Healthcare Science in NHS Wales	Sarah Bant Associate Director of Workforce Transformation (Healthcare Science) NHS Wales
14:10	Panel Q&A	Chair
14:30	Close	Chair

Session 4: HCS Change and Innovation

Healthcare Science has always played a key role in innovation within the NHS. Our final session explores those changes and innovations that have been successfully adopted in service. The session will close with us hearing from 3 Healthcare Scientists who entered our poster competition. They will communicate the change / innovation within their own Healthcare Science specialism.

Chair: Andy Dunne, Head of Programme (CPD), Public Services Delivery Scotland

Time	Topic	Speaker
15:00	Welcome and Introduction	Chair
15:10	Challenges with Decentralised POCT Governance	Ryan Cooper Point of Care Testing Lead Public Services Delivery Scotland
15:25	Poster 1	
15:35	Poster 2	
15:45	Poster 3	
15:55	Q&A	Chair
16:15	Close	Chair