Professional Development Newsletter January 2024

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Welcome to the latest Professional Development newsletter, brought to you by the Data Science skilled team Professional Development Capability team.

The newsletter team are always happy to receive constructive feedback, and we invite you to send us any contributions you may have.

There are some items that are available via legacy systems available to former NHS Digital colleagues. We have marked these with

If you cannot access something of interest to you, please reach out.

Thanks for reading! – PD newsletter team

Highlights

Competency Framework – zooming into...Delivery

As we adjust to delivering in the new team structure; using potentially unfamiliar tools like Confluence, JIRA and DevOps, getting to grips with new projects and new stakeholders, it's the perfect time to refresh our understanding of what makes good delivery.

Delivery is the translation of the insights we produce into actionable outcomes. Keeping a delivery-focussed mindset is key to achieve value for money and improve lives for service users. Without it, we cannot fulfil our mission to drive the digital transformation of the NHS!

Delivery comes in different shapes and sizes, whether it's being accountable for your own tickets or ensuring your team is focused on the top priorities – each of us play our part.

Check out these top tips from our Competency Framework :

- Break down complex objectives into clear tasks to deliver incremental value with each iteration
- Regularly sync-up with stakeholders to understand priorities and manage delivery expectations
- Be a role model to others by demonstrating a focus on delivery, whilst being open to new ideas and continuous improvement

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Check out the resources to boost your delivery skills on the Training Framework and our full collection on the Training Brochure Can you spot something missing? Contact us!

Events

Lots of exciting things coming up! See the full calendar here , and a small selection below.

ONS/HDR Health Data Science Seminars

Thursday 25th January, 14:00-15:30, Online

This event, 'Digital footprints', will feature presentations from guest speakers: Dr Anya Skatova, Senior Research Fellow at the University of Bristol, Professor Will Dixon, Professor of Digital Epidemiology, The University of Manchester and Professor Tim Chico, Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, from the University of Sheffield.

Genomics England Research Seminars

Tuesday 30th January, 14:00-15:00, Online

This seminar series showcases the latest research using data from the National Genomic Research Library. Two projects will be presented: 'Investigating microRNA-associated variation in the Epileptic Encephalopathies' and 'Effects of Ancestry in the 100,000 Genomes Project Cancer Pipelines'. (January is clearly Genomics month, with the Festival of Genomics & Biodata starting tomorrow!)

Data Bites #48: Getting things done with data in government - smart data special

Monday 26th February, 18:00-19:20, Online & London

In an exciting, quickfire format, each speaker has eight minutes to present on data in government. Next month's speakers include Ben Goldacre among others.

See more future events on our confluence calendar

Know of any events we should feature next month?Let us know by clicking the "Contribute" button, or here.

Knowledge Sharing

Blog: Delivering user centred dashboards

Harry Kelleher, Lead BI Developer, shares his experience building dashboards that make a difference, and how a product thinking approach has been the key to unlocking system-wide value.

Stay tuned for an update on what seminars & show and tells will look like in the new team. Please bear with us as it is likely to be a learning process! Contact Mia Noonan for more information..

Training Opportunities

How much do you actually know about the NHS? Check out the The NHS explained free online course: how the health system in England really works.

With the release of the Generative AI Framework for HMG, Civil Service Learning now includes a set of open learning relating to Generative AI, including a technical curriculum, that is a helpful collection of free resources from Google, Microsoft and AWS.

Check out all the resources in the Training Brochure! Can you spot something missing? Contact Harriet Sands.

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