

## Designing workforce development to enable the application of AI in healthcare



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## Learning outcomes

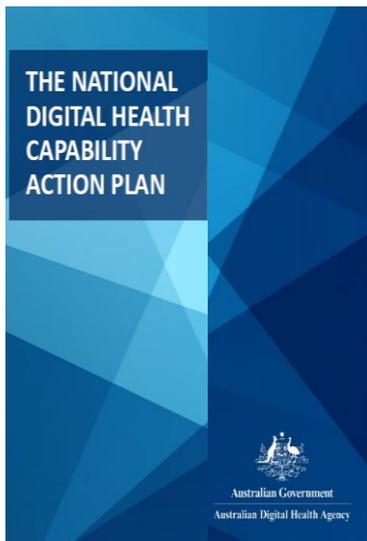
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- Discuss the current needs of the healthcare workforce in understanding the applications of artificial intelligence in healthcare
- Outline potential skills and concepts to be fostered in an artificial intelligence in healthcare education program
- Review case studies of the various methods and approaches for fostering artificial intelligence and machine learning skills and concepts for health professionals



## Various roadmaps in AU

No mention of artificial intelligence





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## AI IN HEALTHCARE ROADMAP AT A GLANCE

1. SAFETY, QUALITY AND ETHICS	2. PRIVACY AND SECURITY	3. GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP	4. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
<b>Priorities</b>			
Ensure patients receive safe and ethical care from AI-healthcare services which have been developed in accordance with ethical principles, a safety framework and are appropriately monitored post-implementation.	Ensure the privacy of an individual's healthcare data and the security of data from cybersecurity threats.	Maximise the benefits and opportunities of an AI enabled healthcare system through a whole-of-government and whole-of-nation approach.	Ensure relevant and targeted research and development programs are available and adequately funded to provide expert guidance in AI healthcare development and implementation.
<b>Key Recommendations</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop a <b>national ethical framework</b> to support the development and deployment of values-based clinical and consumer AI in routine practice. (Timeframe: 1-3 years)</li> <li>2. For healthcare AI to be safe and not harm patients, it needs to be developed and deployed within a <b>robust safety framework</b>. (Timeframe: 1-3 years)</li> <li>3. Improve the <b>effectiveness of national safety monitoring systems</b> so that cases of patient risk and harm related to AI use are rapidly detected and communicated to all relevant parties including consumers. (Timeframe: 1-3 years)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Healthcare organisations should <b>meet minimum standards for cybersecurity</b> to be accredited as healthcare AI users. (Timeframe: 1-3 years)</li> <li>2. AI systems developers and users must <b>protect the privacy of individuals</b> whose data is used to train AI systems. (Timeframe: 3-5 years)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop a <b>National AI in Healthcare Strategy</b> to provide to provide strategic and national governance and leadership. (Timeframe: 1-3 years)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Support the creation and translation of new technologies</b> through existing funding mechanisms through the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF), National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (DISER) and the Australian Research Council (ARC), for example, committing to a national AI-health mission. (Timeframe: 1-3 years)</li> <li>2. Create <b>targeted funding programs</b> to support research and development collaborations between industry and academia. (Timeframe: 1-3 years)</li> <li>3. <b>Allocate funds</b> for one or more Centres of Excellence in AI research and translation in healthcare. (Timeframe: 1-3 years)</li> </ol>

### VISION

An AI-enabled healthcare system delivering personalised healthcare safely, ethically and sustainably.

### MISSION

A fully funded national plan by 2025 designed to create an AI-enabled Australian healthcare system capable of delivering personalised healthcare, safely, ethically and sustainably supported by a vibrant AI industry sector that creates jobs and exports to the world, alongside an AI-aware workforce and AI-savvy consumers.

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### 6. CONSUMERS

Help all Australians, including vulnerable consumers, navigate the complex healthcare system and be active participants in the management of their own care and wellbeing.

5. **Engage consumers** in co-designing AI-healthcare services and systems. (Timeframe: Ongoing)
6. Develop and support **AI healthcare literacy guidelines and resources** for patients and carers. (Timeframe: 1-3 years)

### 7. ADOPTION

Implement AI seamlessly and successfully across the healthcare system at a local, state and federal level to help create a resilient healthcare system.

1. **Identify national challenges** where AI can significantly enhance outcomes and effectiveness of current and emerging healthcare services and create national beacon sites where these challenges can be addressed. (Timeframe: 1-3 years)
2. To ensure **cost-effective and appropriate procurement and operation** of AI, support administrators and managers with best-practice guidance on system features (e.g. local calibration, transparency, explainability, implementation, and update). (Timeframe: 1-3 years)
3. **Identify proven AI technology and products** for implementation in healthcare to support procurement decisions. (Timeframe: 3-5 years)
4. **Establish a program** to ensure the nation is able to take advantage of AI to manage future crises and learn from our response to the COVID-19 challenge. (Timeframe: 1-3 years)

### 8. INDUSTRY

Support the development of a local healthcare AI industry to become globally competitive and deliver significant clinical and economic benefits to Australia.

1. **Identify new industries, export opportunities, jobs and capabilities** to shape future policy development. (Timeframe: 1-3 years)
2. **Provide support and incentives** where they are needed to ensure local industry is competitive nationally and internationally. (Timeframe: 1-3 years)
3. **Quantify economic benefits, costs and indicators** of AI enabled healthcare in national health priority areas (e.g. ageing, disability, mental health). (Timeframe: 1-3 years)
4. **Develop best practice industry standards** for AI developers and users to comply with regulatory and legislative requirements. (Timeframe: 2-5 years)
5. **Develop mechanisms** to allow ethical and consent-based access to clinical data for industry to support AI development. (Timeframe: 1-3 years)



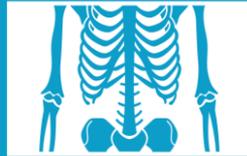
## Why do we need AI education?



Advancing  
technology



Enhanced efficiency



Improved diagnostics  
& treatment



Ethical  
considerations



Research &  
development



## Who do we need to educate?



Health Professionals,  
Researchers, Health  
Service Managers



Medical, Nursing, Health  
Science degree  
students & trainees



Data Scientists, IT, Business  
Analysts, EMR Analysts,  
Software Engineers



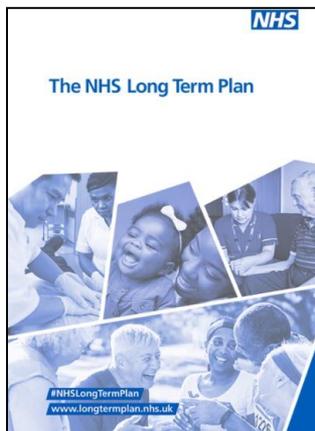
Hospital Administration,  
Hospital CEOs, Hospital  
decision makers



Policy Makers,  
Regulators



## UK landscape on digital health technologies



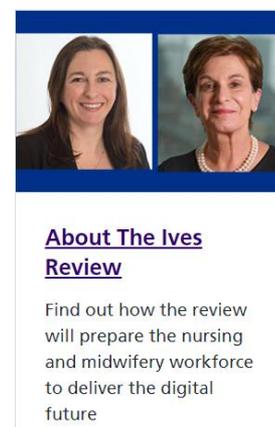
NHS Long Term Plan  
2019



Topol Review 2019



Goldacre Review 2022



Ives Review  
2023



## How should we train healthcare professionals in AI?

Educational resources should be developed to educate and train all healthcare professionals in: health data provenance, curation, integration and governance; the ethics of AI and autonomous systems/tools; critical appraisal and interpretation of AI and robotics technologies



# How are we using AI in the UK?

Type	Definition	Example
Automation/Service Efficiency	Eliminate or decrease the need for manual tasks	Patient chat-bot
Diagnostic	Supplement & enhance use of medical images	Automated detection of osteoporotic fractures in CAT scans
P4 Medicine	<b>P</b> redictive, <b>p</b> reventative, <b>p</b> ersonalised & <b>p</b> articipatory	Tracking of disease transmission in public health surveillance
Remote Monitoring	Monitoring devices that collect data which can be shared with HCPs to monitor patients remotely	Diabetes remote monitoring
Therapeutic	Evidence-based therapeutic intervention, prevent, manage or treat a disorder	Eg mental health chatbot



## Digital Health Education at University of Manchester



Show that digital can work

Simple narratives which show how incremental changes can make a big difference



Develop new career structures – learning from the clinical bioinformatics example

Data Scientist, Data engineer, Research Software Engineer



Embed digital early in training

Work with Royal Colleges/GMC to develop frameworks



Support existing workforce through CPD

MOOCS, Accredited Scientific Practice, Flexible portfolio training



Decision making by people who understand digital and AI



# Designing AI capability frameworks



## PERSONAS

**Michael Smith**  
Clinical Scientist (R&D)

Research scientist working in radiotherapy, AI implementation, evaluation and development. Experience in medical imaging, medical devices, radiation oncology, statistics, data-science.



**Technology expertise**  
Digital health tech experience  
Experience with AI systems



### Devices owned/used

iPhone • iPad, Laptop/desktop  
PC • Heart rate monitor

### Needs

Time • Money • Food

### Challenges

Information Technology (IT) • Information Governance (IG) • Lack of clear standards/guidelines • Engagement of tech companies with ethical AI and evidence generation

### Goals

Enable robust and ethical implementation of algorithms • Maximise clinical benefit of technology • Appropriate confidence in algorithms and AI for healthcare



"I don't like tech, but used right it's a powerful tool."

### Framework domains

- 6.0 Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- 6.1 Machine learning and natural language processing
- 6.2 Using and implementing AI systems
- 6.3 Evaluating AI systems

## Framework: Archetypes

- Mapped to archetypes rather than individual roles
- Individuals may fit into several archetypes
- For example a nurse who works in informatics may be both a *user* and *embedder* at different times



### Shapers

This can include people in leadership positions in the NHS and other arm's length bodies, regulators, policy-makers and professional educators.



### Drivers

This can include clinical commissioners, service/digital transformation leads, CIO/CCIO.



### Creators

Clinical specialists/scientists, software engineers, data scientists and AI/Computer science researchers



### Embedders

IT teams, data teams, clinical scientists/specialists, clinical safety officers



### Users

End users such as healthcare professionals, clinical researchers and other non-clinical staff that use AI and digital technologies

## Framework: Blooms digital taxonomy

- A 'digital' version of the classic taxonomy
- Moves from lower order to higher order thinking skills
- Reflected in the levels of the various capability statements

Higher order thinking skills



**Creating** Pulling previous elements together to create something new



**Evaluating** Critiquing & checking. Making decisions based on criteria



**Analysing** Break down of information into sub components and determining connections



**Applying** The application of knowledge & processes to situations



**Understanding** Construction of meaning and build-ing relationships



**Remembering** Memory for recall of various facts, material, processes, procedures and definitions

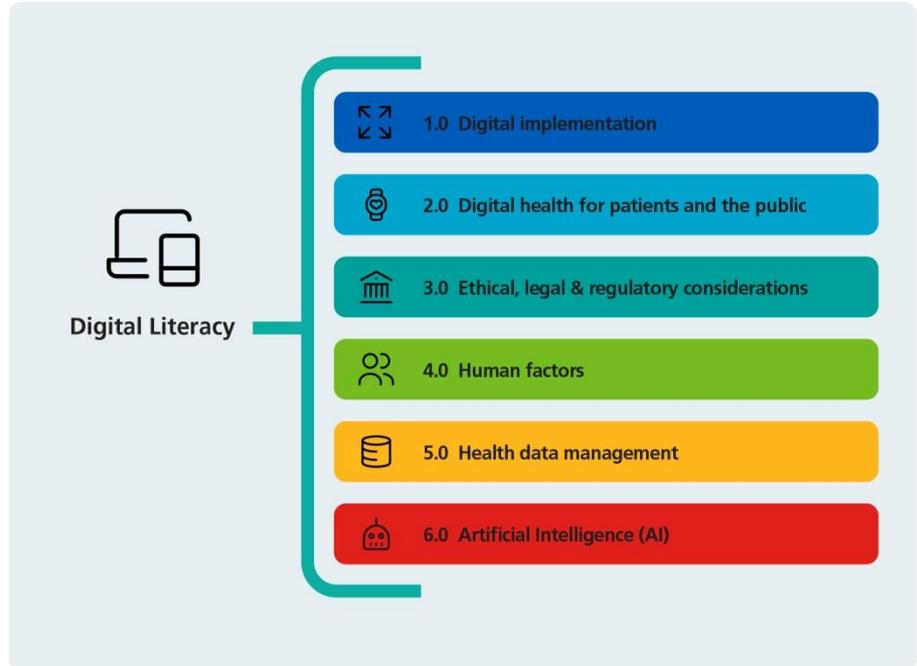


Lower order thinking skills



## Framework: Domains

- The framework is split into 6 primary domains



## Framework: Domains

- Domains also contain various sub-domains



Digital Literacy

### 1.0 Digital implementation



### 2.0 Digital health for patients and the public

- 2.1 Providing direct care with digital technologies
- 2.2 Remote consultation and monitoring



### 3.0 Ethical, legal & regulatory considerations

- 3.1 Ethics
- 3.2 Legislation and regulation



### 4.0 Human factors

- 4.1 Management, leadership, and planning
  - 4.1.1 Management
  - 4.1.2 Leadership



### 5.0 Health data management

- 5.1 Data management and processing
  - 5.1.1 Data collection and context
  - 5.1.2 Data storage
  - 5.1.3 Data visualisation and reporting
  - 5.1.4 Data processing and analytics
- 5.2 Data/cyber security
  - 5.2.1 Data privacy and confidentiality



### 6.0 Artificial Intelligence (AI)

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- 6.3 Evaluating AI systems
- 6.4 Robotics



## Example:

- Each domain contains a number of individual capability statements split across 4 levels
- Related archetypes are displayed below each statement

### 6.0 Artificial Intelligence (AI)

AI refers to the ability of machines to mimic human intelligence or behavioural patterns. In practice this often refers to the automation of various activities that involve tasks like finding patterns in data, and making predictions.



#### LEVEL 1

**A.** I understand that AI is an umbrella term used to define digital technologies capable of performing tasks commonly thought to require human intelligence. I am aware AI is common in modern technology and can list uses of AI outside healthcare (e.g. voice recognition, recommender systems, self-driving cars, image and video processing)

• S • D • C • E • U

**B.** I can provide examples of AI systems used in healthcare and understand their potential benefits and risks (e.g. imaging diagnostics and decision support tools)

• S • D • C • E • U

**C.** I am aware that “machine learning” is a subset of AI and is an umbrella term used to refer to techniques that allow computers to learn from examples/data without being explicitly programmed with step-by-step instructions

• S • D • C • E • U

#### LEVEL 2

**D.** I am aware that all AI applications in healthcare are defined as ‘narrow’ AI that are trained to perform a particular and specific task

• S • D • C • E • U

**E.** I can identify the contribution that AI could make to healthcare processes in my area of practice and how it has potential to benefit the organization, workforce and patient

• D • C • E • U

**F.** I can articulate the risks and limitations of AI relevant to my professional area and consider them in my use of AI

• D • C • E • U



### Digital Academy

#### LEVEL 3

**G.** I can explain intellectual property issues pertaining to AI models and how this impacts on AI algorithms co-developed between the NHS and commercial providers

• D • C • E

**H.** I can define the sub-fields of AI and machine learning and their key applications (e.g. computer vision, audio processing, knowledge representation, natural language processing, expert systems)

• S • D • C • E • U

#### LEVEL 4

**I.** I can describe the main types of bias that could affect AI systems (e.g. reporting, selection, group attribution, implicit)

• D • C • E • U

**J.** I can take steps to identify and mitigate bias in AI systems, such as designing models inclusively (human centred design approaches), training with representative data and testing for bias

• D • C • E

**K.** I understand the importance of and promote transparency of AI models used within my area of practice. For example, identifying the type of model used, training data, methods and potential model limitations and weaknesses

• C • E

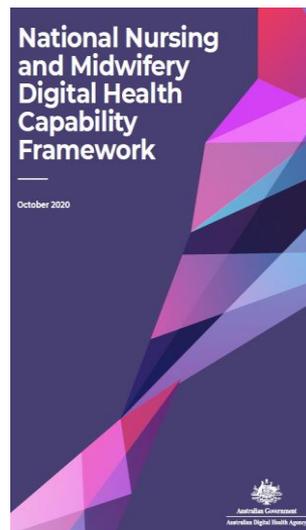
**L.** I understand the benefits and limitations of AI explainability. I keep abreast of research and developments in this area and am aware of the potential impact on confidence in clinical decision making

• C • E



## Various capability frameworks in AU

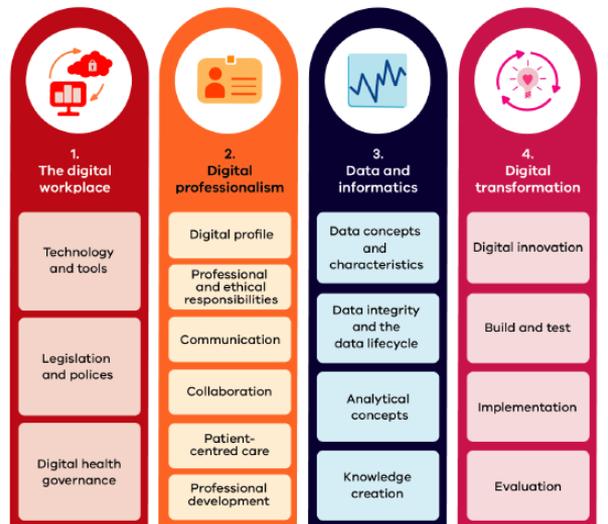
Barely mentions artificial intelligence





## What are the key capabilities for Digital Health/AI in AU

Figure 3: Domains and sub-domains



'Focusing on what allied health already do well and how we can improve on that in a digital setting ... the communication, the collaboration, the holistic viewpoint, the patient being front and centre of everything we do.'

Digital health capability framework for Allied Health AU, 2021



Figure 8. Framework Domains and Sub-Domains

National Nursing and Midwifery Digital Health Capability Framework AU, 2020.

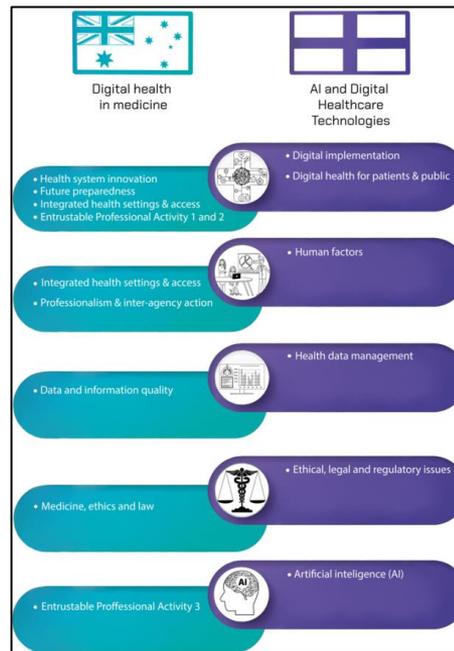
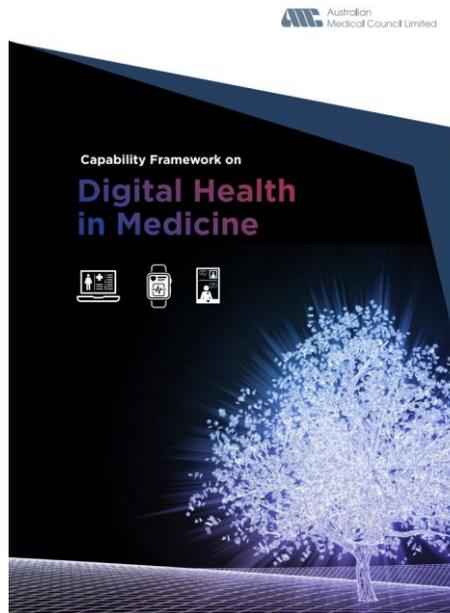
DOMAIN OF EXPERTISE	DESCRIPTION OF COMPETENCY DOMAIN	DOMAIN LEVEL	
A	Health Sciences	Health informaticians interpret health science in order to communicate with stakeholders and contextualise their work.	Understanding
B	Information Science	Health informaticians apply information science to design, develop, capture, analyse, present and preserve high quality data, information, knowledge, and wisdom.	Applying
C	Information Technology	Health informaticians apply information technology concepts to ensure quality information and transaction processing.	Applying
D	Leadership and Management	Health informaticians apply leadership and management principles to functions, projects, and programs.	Applying
E	Social and Behavioural Sciences	Health informaticians apply social and behavioural science principles for evidence informed decision making.	Applying
F	Core Health Informatics	Health informaticians select relevant core competencies for the management of healthcare data, information, knowledge, and wisdom.	Analysing

Australian Health Informatics Competency Framework for Health Informaticians, AIDH, 2022



## Capability Building at a global scale

Australian Medical Council (AMC), NHS England & University of Manchester



**NHS**  
Digital Academy

<https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/newsroom/blogs/digital-health-in-medicine-capability-framework>



## So How Can we Use Capability frameworks?

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- Curriculum design: learning outcomes
  - Educators/trainers
- Self diagnosis
  - Learners/HCPs
- Planning the future workforce
  - Professional bodies (Royal Colleges, Informaticians)
  - Accreditation Councils
- Updates and engagement



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## Activity

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Rank the competencies according to what you think is most important in relation to your own work/place.
  
- QR code



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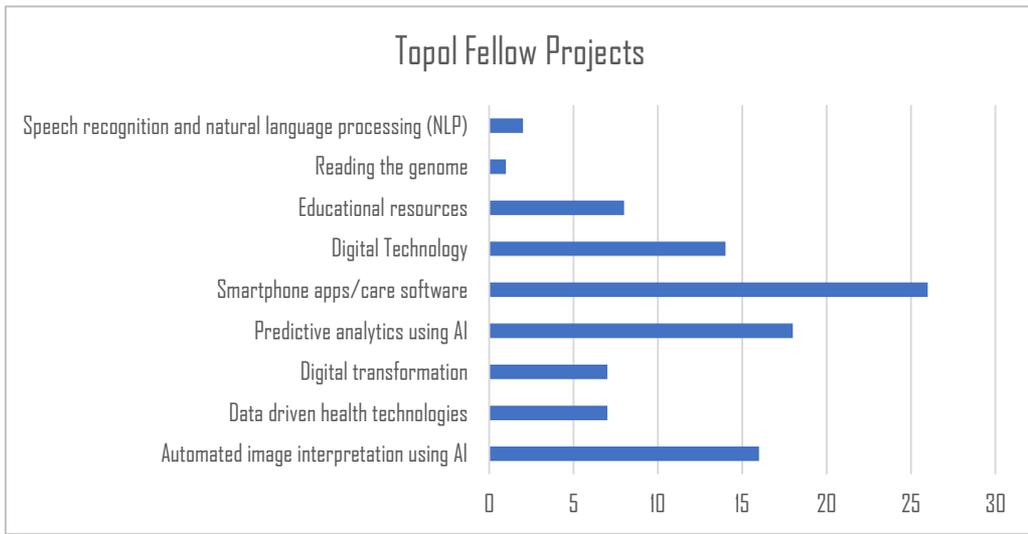


Within 20 years, 90% of all jobs in the NHS will require some element of digital skills Dr Eric Topol

- Aim is for safer, more productive, more effective and more personal care for patients.
- Outlined the skills required. Identifying professions, sub specialisms & consequences on curricula, education, training, development and lifelong learning



## Topol Programme for Digital Health Fellows Health Education England



- Four cohorts 2020 to 2023
- Network of digital transformation champions
- 169 fellows
- AI projects grown in latter cohorts (20% of all projects)



## About the course

Synchronous  
Face to face  
welcome & self-  
assessment

Synchronous  
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1

Pre-course /  
Induction

2

Workshop  
launch

3

Foundations  
of Machine  
Learning

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Identifying  
socio-technical  
barriers to machine  
learning in practice

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CT scan data to  
predict the risk of  
fracture in patients  
with osteoporosis.

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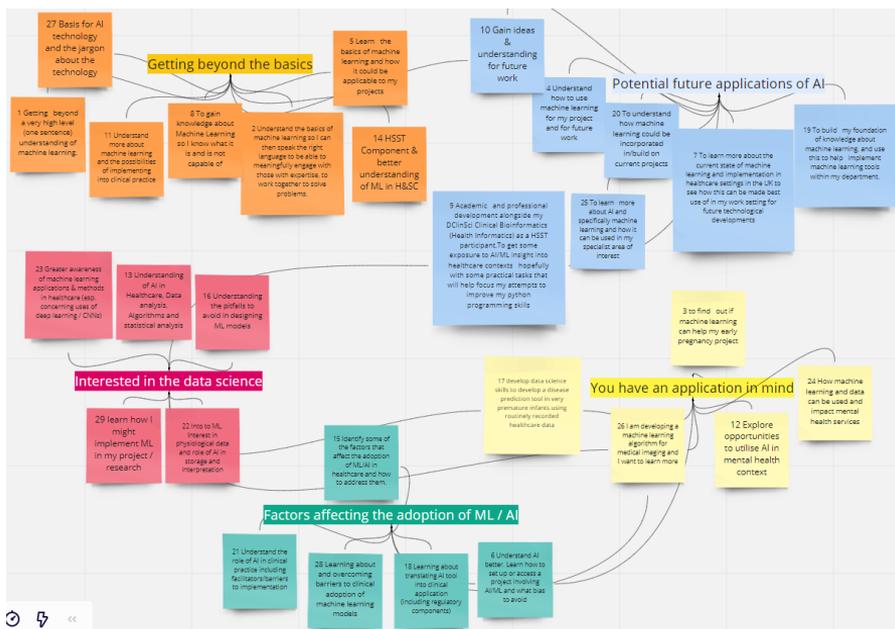
Introducing  
machine learning  
in health data  
science

8

Panel  
Workshop



## Who were our learners?



- Knowledgeability AI capability framework self-check
- Learning objectives focusing on challenges, data and critical engagement



## What worked?

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook window titled 'Untitled24'. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Insert, Cell, Kernel, Widgets, Help) and a toolbar with icons for file operations and code execution. The notebook content is divided into sections:

- Task 3:** 1. Add the medical condition irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) to the past medical history (PMH) in the dictionary and print the result. A green 'Show Solution' button is visible.
- In [ ]:** An empty code input field.
- Hide Solution:** A button to toggle the solution visibility.
- In [11]:**

```
med_data["PMH"].append("IBS")  
print(med_data)
```

{'name': 'Mike Smith', 'dob': '13/12/1979', 'age': 40, 'MHS': 'hypertension', 'atrial fibrillation', 'IBS'}
- In [ ]:** Another empty code input field.

A red arrow points from the 'Show Solution' button to the solution code block. A zoomed-in view of the 'interact' widget is shown in a separate window, displaying a dropdown menu with the following options: Doctor, Nurse, Physio, and Pharmacist. The 'Physio' option is currently selected.

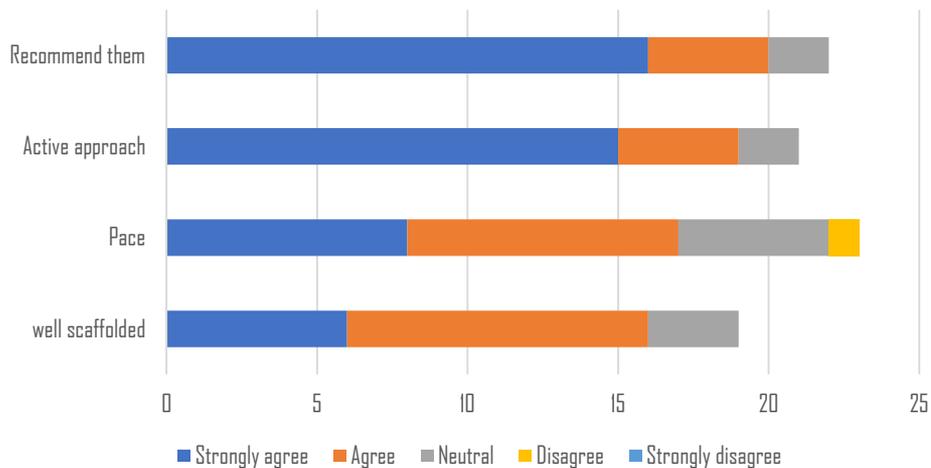
## Jupyter Notebooks

- web based interactive notebooks, short blocks of code & instructional content
- build self-paced learning incrementally
- Hide & reveal answers
- Interactive widgets such as dropdown lists



## What worked?

Feedback on Jupyter Notebooks

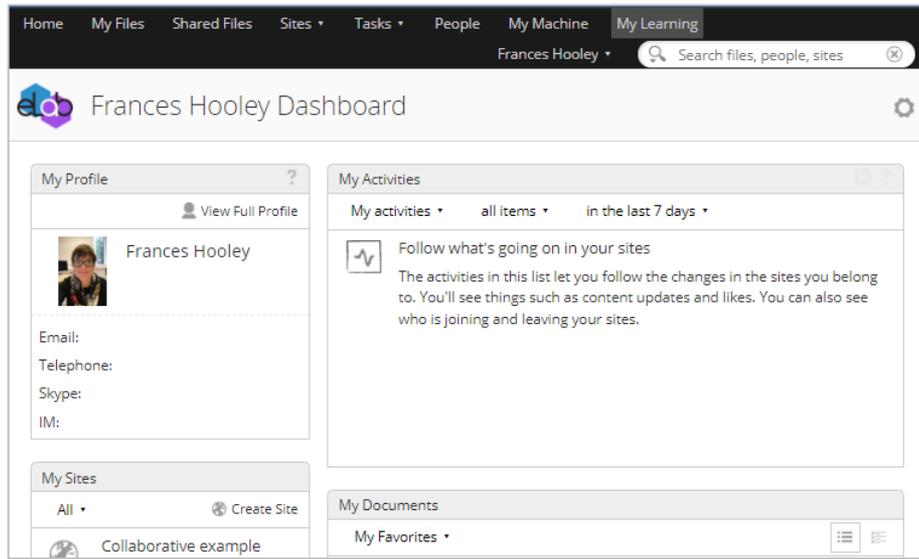


Please add any other comments about Jupyter Notebooks

- It was great to be able to do some "coding" and see how it work in practice
- Really useful to work through. Hopefully they'll continue to be available so I can go back to them
- They were really easy to use, and much more understandable than a less interactive format eg written info
- Reminders of syntax would have been useful for writing code rather than copying and pasting lines of code from above
- really great idea - a good way to understand different elements of ML and understand which coding languages are useful to learn
- excellent resource, well paced learning and good foundation for future involvement in AI
- this was so interesting and stimulating even if I won't use day to day
- would be helpful to have an example of how to import own data from csv



## What worked?



## eLab

- Project-based learning
- Secure platform to use different data
- Virtual Learning Environment – Sites self-contained Wikis, Jupyter Hub, data source
- Tackle 21<sup>st</sup> century health data problems



## What worked?

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### eLab feedback sample

Easily accessed, and easy to use. Thanks!

Easy to navigate and pretty straightforward generally

easy to use. Good to have as a reference rather than looking through loads of emails

Useful for keeping all of the links and resources in one place

really good, easy to use and guides you through modules nicely

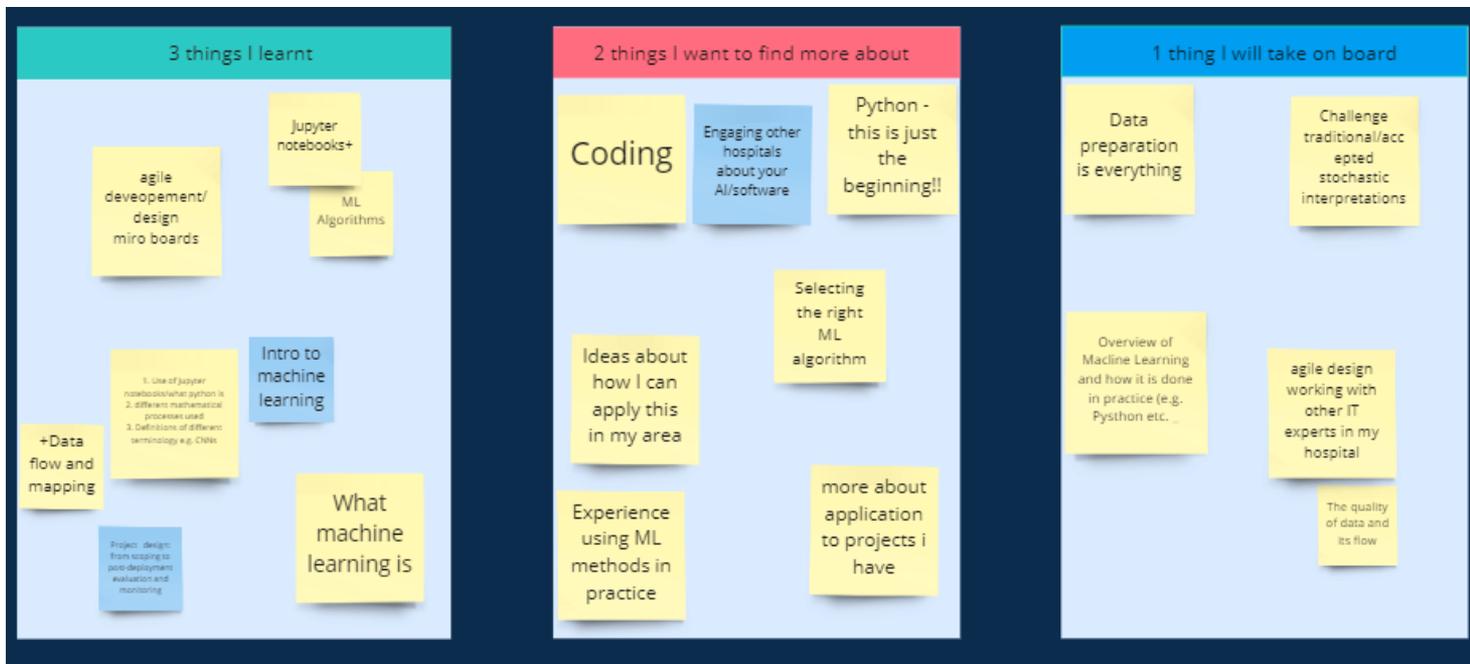
Once I got used to it, it was easy to use with all information in one place

Easy to use and find what I wanted.

great place for all information in one place. I hope I can still access it in the future



## What worked?





## Where next?

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- Predict more AI related projects
- More data science skills evident
- Diverse needs still need to be managed
- More personalisation
- Case studies, practical and applied learning

