WEST MIDLANDS
IMAGING NETWORK

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

19th Oct

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Remembering Dr Udara Kularatne

We are saddened to share the news of the passing of Dr Udara Kularatne, Consultant Musculoskeletal Radiologist at UHNM.
Udi was a highly respected colleague whose expertise, kindness and dedication touched many patients and staff. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and worked with him.
Our thoughts and condolences are with his family, friends and colleagues.
Rest in peace, Udi

AI SIG



Members of the AI SIG met on 15th October in Birmingham. The event was sponsored by Compleo who facilitated a conversation on the region's AI needs and challenges. We also had talks from Dr Srivastava on the benefits of their AI fracture detection software and the benefits that it has given to the patients and staff in ED as well as cost releasing benefits. We also had presentations from the team at Aston University on their new AI education literacy tool. See below for more details. Samir Ather from OUH presented his OXCAIR solution and Aston University student Wissam presented his PHD project on

pneumonia detection. The day concluded with a discussion on the AIDF2 business case next steps and the offering of additional capital funding for trusts. Please contact Iszara.blake1@nhs.net if you would like to discuss this further. Meeting notes and slides to follow.

MedAI Learn

Launch of MedAI Learn

Aston University, in partnership with UKRI, Sandwell and West Birmingham NHST and West Midlands Imaging Network, have developed MedAI Learn, a free tool, for AI capability assessment and personalised learning tool for medical imaging professionals.

What the tool does

- A short assessment of your knowledge of AI in healthcare, with a focus on medical imaging
- Personalised learning recommendations based on your results and role
- Videos from our courses, recorded lectures and learning materials, from fundamental concepts to advanced imaging applications

How to get started

1. Complete the Expression of Interest and Consent Form. It includes the Participant Information Sheet, so you can read about the study before giving consent.
2. Read the short guide and watch the introductory video.
3. Sign up and complete the assessment to receive your personalised learning recommendations.
4. Once you have tried the recommended materials, share your views through our anonymous feedback survey.

You can join an in-person workshop to try the tool with the research team and help shape its next version.

- **Date:** Friday 20th November 2026
- **Time:** 10:00–12:30, followed by lunch
- **Venue:** Aston University, Birmingham

The workshop includes short talks on AI in medical imaging, a guided introduction to the tool, time to explore your personalised learning materials, and a discussion of your experience. Places are limited, so please register for the workshop by **2nd November 2026.**

If you have any questions, please contact a.abdelhameed1@aston.ac.uk.

CDIP Procurement update

Following the successful completion of the individual evaluation phase, the CDIP procurement process is moving into moderation, with sessions commencing from Monday 19 October 2026.

A huge thank you to all SMEs across the region who dedicated their time and expertise to completing evaluations. The high level of engagement and commitment from clinical, operational, and technical colleagues has been instrumental in delivering a robust and transparent assessment process.

Moderation sessions will bring evaluators together to review scoring, discuss differences in interpretation, and agree a final moderated position/score. Full attendance at all relevant sessions is essential to ensure that local perspectives, organisational requirements and specialist expertise are fully represented in the outcome.

Moderation schedule:

SME Group	Moderation Dates	Moderation Contingency Dates
IT Lead- BCDR	19th Oct	2nd Nov
IT Lead- Cyber	20th Oct	3rd Nov
IT Lead- Infrastructure	23rd Oct	4th Nov
Operations- Management	21st - 23rd Oct	4th Nov
PACS/RIS Manager	19th - 23rd Oct	2nd - 3rd Nov
Reporter- Radiologist	19th - 22nd Oct	2nd - 3rd Nov

The moderation phase marks another significant milestone in the CDIP procurement and reflects the continued collaboration and commitment of colleagues from across the region.

The September CDIP Programme Report is now available to view and provides the latest updates on programme delivery, governance, procurement progress, risks, benefits realisation, and key milestones across the region. The report can be accessed on the Futures platform here.

WMIN would like to thank all SMEs, SROs, Executive Leads and Project Teams for their ongoing support.

Other News

Funding Opportunity for Imaging Departments

NHSE has identified an opportunity for Trusts to access SR26 **capital only** underspend funding for imaging-related investments that can be approved, ordered and delivered at pace (2026/27). Eligible schemes may include MRI acceleration software (eligibility criteria apply), network-wide protocol standardisation, productivity and utilisation tools, reporting and image-sharing solutions, paediatric pathway improvements, limited-life imaging equipment and targeted enabling works.
Trusts with potential requirements are encouraged to engage to contact us at nos-tr.wmimagingnetwork@nhs.net to discuss opportunities and determine eligibility.

Building Blocks for Creating Healthcare Environments 2026

Bookings are now open for *Building Blocks for Creating Healthcare Environments* on 12-13 November 2026. Formerly known as *Building Blocks for Clinicians*, the course has been redesigned to bring together clinicians, managers, and estates colleagues to explore how to create better healthcare environments through collaboration.

The two-day programme includes site visits, expert talks, discussions and time spent with an architectural practice, offering valuable insights and practical ideas for improving healthcare spaces. This is an excellent opportunity to step away from day-to-day responsibilities, learn from others facing similar challenges and help shape the future of healthcare environments.

For more information and to book, visit: Building Blocks for Creating Healthcare Environments
For enquiries, contact Emma Stockton at emma.stockton@gosh.nhs.uk

AI in Healthcare: Legal, Ethical & Governance Workshop

Join this half-day workshop to explore how Artificial Intelligence is transforming healthcare across the NHS, while gaining a practical understanding of the legal, ethical and governance considerations surrounding its use. Through expert presentations, NHS case studies and interactive discussions, attendees will learn about the opportunities, risks and responsibilities associated with implementing AI in clinical settings.

Date: Friday 6 November 2026
Time: 9.30am - 1.30pm (Lunch and networking from 1.30pm)
Location: University of Wolverhampton Science Park, Technology Centre, Glaisher Drive, Wolverhampton, WV10 9R

Please click here for more information

Meeting Reminders

Meeting: CDIP Finance Meeting
Date: Friday, 23rd of October
Time: 13:00-14:00

Meeting: CDIP Clinical Forum
Date: Friday 23rd of October
Time: 13:00-14:00

Meeting: WMIN Workforce Forum
Date: Wednesday, 21st of October
Time: 14:00-15:00

Meeting: CDIP Clinical Forum
Date: Friday, 23rd of October
Time: 13:00-14:00

