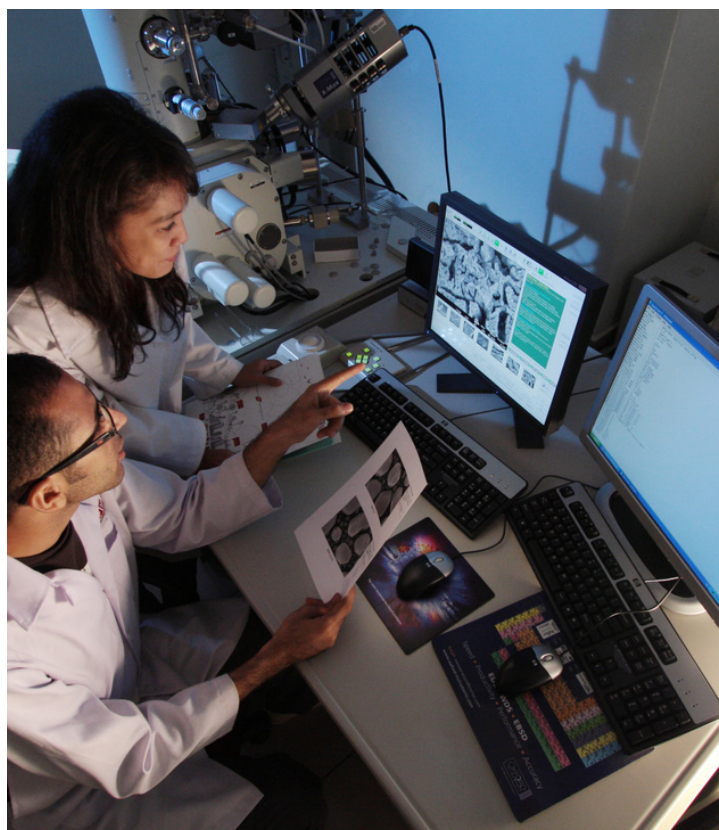




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### TOP NEWS

- OUR NEW NES HEALTHCARE SCIENCE TRAINING WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE
- POSTGRADUATE BURSARY APPLICATIONS GO LIVE 27TH FEB 2023
- NES HCS 'SPOTLIGHT YOUR INNOVATIONS AND WORK' NEW WEBINAR SERIES
- CELEBRATING HEALTHCARE SCIENCE WEEK ON 13TH MARCH - 19TH MARCH 2023

### NEW DEDICATED NES HCS INFORMATION WEBPAGE

We have launched a new dedicated HCS information website. Everything from events to funding opportunities will be posted on this website! [TURAS HCS learn](#) will be redeveloped over the coming months to host only learning material. For all our offerings and guidance, visit our new website. click the link [here](#)



### POSTGRADUATE SCIENTIST TRAINING BURSARY

Applications are invited for a contribution by NES to NHS Boards for an in-service NHS Healthcare Science Practitioner (AfC band 6 and below) to undertake further development. This competitive bursary support is limited to a maximum of £3000 and is for the financial year 2023-24. Please note this application is for funding for one year only, from the commencement of the agreed award programme in 2023-24. If funding is required for the duration of the postgraduate study, then future years' funding must be re-applied for and is not guaranteed.

This support will be open from Monday 27th February to Tuesday 4th April 2023. Expected completion of Assessment by 28th April. Decision early May 2023. To apply click the link [here](#)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NES HCS “Spotlight your innovations and work



We want to see you present the latest innovations in Healthcare Science whether you're a trainee, in your early career or going through an equivalence process. Submit a poster, present an abstract from your MSc, an innovation you have been involved with or a patient case study. This is an excellent opportunity to highlight the work you and your team are doing to improve healthcare in NHS Scotland. By presenting you will gain valuable experience communicating your work – and we'll send you a CPD certificate. Spoken presentations will be online only using MS Teams.

### Key dates in 2023 for “Spotlight your innovations and work”



- **First Webinar- Friday 12th May 12:00-13:00.** (Submission deadline 28th April) Physical Science and Biomedical Engineering
- **Second Webinar- Tuesday 13th June 12:00-13:00.** (Submission deadline 30th May) Life Sciences
- **Third Webinar- Friday 7th July 12:00-13:00.** (Submission deadline 23rd June) Physiological Science
- **Fourth Webinar-Tuesday 22nd August 12:00-13:00.** (Submission deadline 8th August) All Healthcare Science specialisms

**SUBMIT YOUR PRESENTATIONS IN THE FORM [HERE](#)**

## CPD COURSES

Upcoming CPD Training - Please sign into TURAS learn to access courses

- [Training-in-Difficulty programme](#)  
Workshop Tuesday 21st March (13:00-14:00) registration link available [here](#)
- [Early Years leadership programme](#)  
Workshop Friday 21st April (11:00-12:00) registration link available [here](#)
- [Train-the-Trainer programme](#)  
Workshop Tuesday 16th May (13:00-14:00) registration link available [here](#)

### Other Events for the Diary

- **NES Annual Virtual Conference 2023 - Collaboration for Improvement 27 - 28 April 2023.** Programme and registration link click [here](#)

## Creating Learning material in Turas Learn



We need your help to continue to develop our CPD offer and Identify learning gaps in HCS. Do you have some learning or know of a gap in knowledge in your speciality? Then get in touch now.

Email the team at [HCS@nes.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:HCS@nes.scot.nhs.uk) and we can develop the host of TURAS Learn.

See the following link to a variety of resources on Healthcare Science TURAS Learn page - [Link](#)



# CELEBRATING HEALTHCARE SCIENCE WEEK

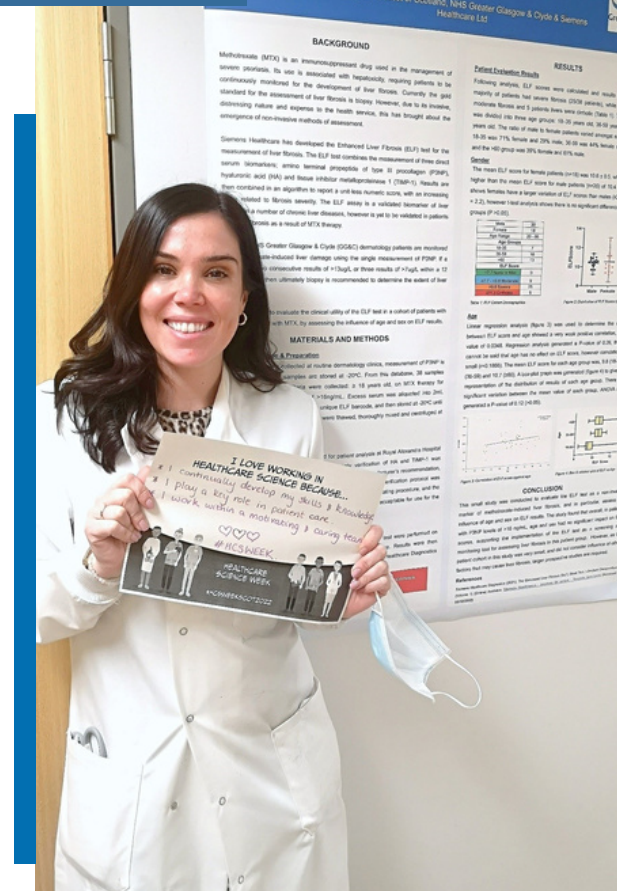
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Healthcare Science Week is an annual week-long programme designed to promote and celebrate the amazing work of Healthcare Science professionals. The aim is to raise awareness of the wide range of careers and roles within Healthcare Science, highlighting the difference they all make to patients' lives.

It gives each one of us the chance to tell the public and other health professionals how science and technology is vital in modern patient care and changes lives for the better. It's also an invaluable opportunity for existing Healthcare Science staff to inspire the next generation by promoting the range of careers within Healthcare Science and their entry routes the new career structures in local schools and colleges.

The NHS Scotland Careers team and HCS NES have a detailed program of events for promotion of Healthcare Science Week. Check their website for any updates [HERE](#).

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?



## What are Healthcare Scientists?

Healthcare Scientists play an important role in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment as well as rehabilitation of patients.

At 5% of the NHS Workforce we healthcare science staff are essential members of the healthcare team.

- Healthcare Scientists played a vital role in COVID-19:
- Development of a vaccine
  - Development and delivery of testing using PCR
  - Scientists were critical to ICU, cardiac and critical care
  - We were involved in the PPE development and medical equipment

As Healthcare scientists we use Scientific knowledge by developing, evaluating, and introducing technologies into our NHS.

Healthcare Scientists are involved in 80% of all patient diagnosis and treatment pathways.

NHS Careers

Getting involved in Healthcare Science Week is easy and there are many ways you can take part.

Some ideas include:

- Share or Create videos
- Organise an event /workplace tour
- Career stories 'A day in the life of..'
- Give a presentation in a school or college
- Your NHS board/department could have a stand in a public area or the foyer of the hospital

## Social media engagement

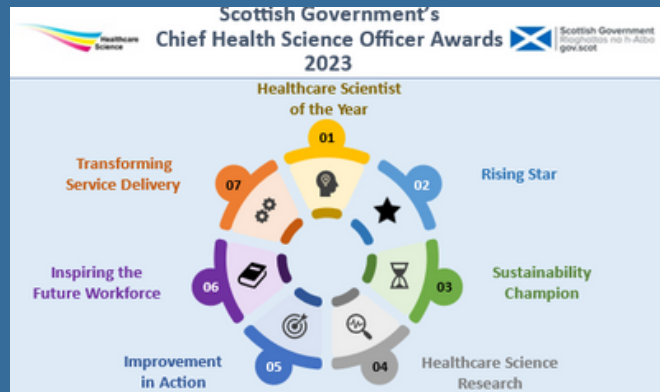
Download our Healthcare Science Week 2023 placard and tell your own story about why you love working in Healthcare Science. Take photos of yourself and colleagues with the placard and share them on social media using the hashtag [#HCSWEEKSCOT2023](#).

HCS NES website [HERE](#) for resources and ideas on how to get involved. If you are getting involved with any promotional activity we'd love to hear from how you and your team and help to further promote your session. Send us an email to [hcs@nes.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:hcs@nes.scot.nhs.uk) with details and we'll help promote your event.

TAG US IN YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA @HCSNES REMEMBER TO USE THE HASHTAG #HCSWEEKSCOT2023.

# OTHER NEWS IN HEALTHCARE SCIENCE

## Scottish Governments' Chief Health Science Officer Awards 2023



Healthcare Scientists are at the forefront of healthcare delivery within the NHS and Public Health in Scotland. Over the last number of years we have seen our workforce demonstrate significant scientific and leadership skills enabling them to deliver their services in new and innovative ways whilst still maintaining high quality. These awards celebrate those skills and expertise and recognise innovation and transformation within our services, leadership within our workforce, and high quality education and service delivery. It also provides a platform to share best practice throughout our profession. Winners will be announced at an online event to be held Thursday 16th March.

## Healthcare Staffing Programme

Thanks to all that attend the Safer Staffing Workshop that attended the NES Event for Healthcare Scientists on 9th February 2023. There was some interactive conversations with strong common themes, such as how to gather workforce and workforce effectively and report in a meaningful way that creates positive outcomes for our professions.

As part of the workshop we reviewed and discussed the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 that aims to ensure appropriate levels of staffing for NHS Scotland and care service providers in order to provide safe and effective care for all patients.

For further information and timelines please see the link ([healthcareimprovementscotland.org](http://healthcareimprovementscotland.org)).

The next steps are as follows:

- Test Boards to be announced. These boards will trial either the full legislation, or part of the legislation and guidance chapters.
- Shared learning from test boards
- Wide network of communication, including professional bodies
- Ensure full HCS representation at the Professional Advisory Group within the Healthcare Staffing Programme

## Congratulations to the Scottish AHCS 2022 Honorary Fellows



Many congratulations to our Scottish Fellows: Catherine Ross, Professor Allan Wilson, Ishbel Gall, Mike Gray and Dr Michael Dolan who received their Honorary AHCS Fellowship award for all their contributions to the Healthcare Science workforce.

# QUALITY ASSURANCE OF TRAINING



We had a great response to the 2022 Quality Assurance processes, and we would like to thank everyone for their participation. All processes, Training Plans, ARCP, and Exit Surveys had over an 80% return rate with communication received from most trainees and supervisors who have been unable to submit their response before now. A full breakdown of the data will be available in the upcoming Annual Report.

In 2023 we are moving all QA processes to a continual process to ensure they are completed at the most appropriate time. The NES HCS team will be in touch with all trainees and supervisors throughout the year to discuss completion. If anyone has any questions or issues, please get in touch and we would be happy to discuss them with you.

See the following link to a details of our Quality Assurance of training on Healthcare Science TURAS Learn page - [Link](#)

## Useful Resources from NES

- NES Healthcare Science training website - [Link](#)
- TURAS Learn Healthcare Science Page - [Link](#)
- NES Healthcare Science website - [Link](#)
- To apply for NES Training Centre Recognition - [Link](#)
- Contact the team via email at [HCS@nes.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:HCS@nes.scot.nhs.uk)

## NES Healthcare Science Core Team

- Dr Robert Farley - Healthcare Science Associate Director
- Claire Cameron - Principal Lead
- Lorna Crawford - Principal Lead
- Andy Dunne - Principal Lead
- Bianca Brownlee - Principal Lead
- Simon Petrie - Business Support
- Charlie Brownlee - Management Accountant

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## Join our mailing list

Following the GDPR implementation, we would encourage recent trainees and NHS recruits in healthcare science to join our Mail Chimp mailing list. Or subscribe with [LINK](#)

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