



Position Statement

Subject: **Digital Health Clinical Safety Officer (CSO) Council**
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Establishing the CSO Council

The Digital Health Networks Clinical Safety Officer (CSO) Council has been established as a dedicated forum to support and drive the digital clinical safety agenda. Recognising the growing importance of clinical safety in digital health, the Council provides a platform for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and advocacy within the healthcare system.

It is important to emphasise that the CSO Council is currently an unelected body, composed of invited members who bring expertise and leadership in clinical safety. This initial phase will allow the Council to operate effectively for a full year before any decision is made regarding a transition to an elected panel. The Council will assess its impact, engagement, and structure before considering alignment with the Digital Health Advisory Panel election cycle.

Council membership and representation

The Council is comprised of Clinical Safety Officers and professionals working in clinical safety roles across the NHS and select industry representatives in a non-voting capacity. The initial group includes:

- Ben Jeeves, Chief Clinical Information Officer, T-Pro
- Kaye Reynolds, Lead Digital Health Clinical Safety Officer, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust
- Tosin Akinlabi, Clinical Safety Officer, University Hospitals of Northamptonshire
- Peter Barfield, Digital Clinical Specialist Nurse and Clinical Safety Officer, University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
- Faye Clough, Clinical Safety Officer, Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

- Kimberley Dawson, Senior Digital Clinical Safety Officer, Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Keith Gomes-Pinto, Chief Medical Information Officer, Clinical Safety Officer, and Clinical Lead, Dorset ICB
- Sascha Mullen, Chief Nursing Informatics Officer and Clinical Safety Officer, Frimley Health NHS FT
- Sharon O'Connor, Chief Nursing Informatics Officer and Digital Clinical Safety Officer, NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board
- Stephen Roche, Clinical Services Programme Lead: Digital Clinical Safety and Clinical Safety Officer, NHS South, Central and West

Invitation to the CSO community

We are committed to inclusivity and engagement with the wider CSO community. To foster broad participation, the Council operates an open group policy, encouraging community members to join discussions, contribute insights, and engage with Council activities.

- Community members are invited to complete a simple [registration of interest](#) form which will be used to align priorities and workstreams with community member experience.
- There will be opportunities to contribute to specific workstreams and attendance at the Council's meetings on an ad-hoc basis.
- We encourage feedback and suggestions through our [CSO online discussion forum](#) and other Digital Health engagement platforms.

Council priorities and outputs

The Council has set clear objectives to shape and strengthen the national approach to digital clinical safety. Our focus areas include:

- Shaping the national agenda for clinical safety by influencing policy and best practices.
- Providing a cohesive voice for Clinical Safety Officers across the healthcare sector.
- Raising awareness of the CSO role and responsibilities to drive greater recognition and support.
- Acting as a critical friend to NHS England's Clinical Safety team and digital leaders, providing insights and feedback.
- Producing tangible outputs to support digital safety initiatives, including guidance, case studies, and best practice frameworks.

Engagement and next steps

We welcome active participation from the CSO community to ensure that the Council remains representative and impactful. Key engagement opportunities include:

- Join our discussions on the [CSO online discussion forum](#).
- Complete the [registration of interest](#) form.
- Engage with our outputs and provide feedback on priorities.
- Participate in events such as Rewired and Summer Schools.

We look forward to working collaboratively to strengthen digital clinical safety across healthcare and invite all interested CSO community members to get involved. Together, we can drive meaningful progress in ensuring the safe and effective implementation of digital health innovations for our patients and citizens.