techUK’s Health and Social Care Programme

Representing hundreds of technology companies in the health and social care sector
Who we are
With health and care systems around the globe facing increasing pressures, the use of digital technology has never been more important.

Supporting a vibrant ecosystem with the potential to become a world leader, techUK is helping its members navigate the complex space of digital health and care in the UK and ensure our NHS is prepared for the challenges of the future.
techUK has over 1000 members, including:
What do our members say about us?

“techUK has provided a basis to create relationships both with other suppliers and industry, helping us build and operationalise our business. It has provided timely information and given us a voice on industry decisions and policy.”

“Being a member of techUK has provided ORCHA with a massive opportunity to influence, connect and grow. techUK have really supported ORCHA’s ability to raise awareness of our work alongside developing new partnerships.”

“EMIS is an active member of techUK, benefitting from collaborative working with the NHS, wider government and other technology suppliers; early access and opportunity to shape and comment on draft government and agency policies and strategy papers; member events, council meetings and wider networking.”
What we do
Our work focusses on:

1. Policy advocacy
   - We provide the means to formulate industry positions to Government, offering an environment in which companies can come together to reach consensus
   - techUK advocates these positions on behalf of industry to key stakeholders within the NHS, central Government, local authorities, and other bodies such as the MHRA and NICE

2. Market engagement
   - techUK aims to lead the debate on new technologies and provide a forum for government, NHS, and social care representatives to engage with tech suppliers
   - We help government access leading industry expertise at an early stage in tackling challenges, and help our members improve their understanding of government requirements
Ten Point Plan for Healthtech (2020)

- 2020 was a year of significant change in the health system’s approach to adopting tech and innovation.
- techUK drafted 10 recommendations to strengthen the UK’s reputation for healthtech.

Right from the Start: Integrated Care Systems (2022)

- In 2022 ICSs were placed on statuary footing.
- techUK set out what Integrated Care Systems should prioritise to get the most out of digital, data, and technology.

Five Point Plan for CareTech (2023)

- Following ‘Next steps to put people at the heart of care’, techUK set out the critical issues facing the adult social care and highlighted the transformative potential of technology-based solutions.
Our Strategic Partners

NHS Transformation Directorate

techUK held a strategic partnership with NHS Digital from 2017. Since the merger of NHS Digital and NHSX, techUK continues to work closely with the Transformation Directorate to hold workshops, conferences, consultations and more.

Integrated Care Systems

We hold regular industry briefings with ICS and Trust CIOs across the country, providing our members with the chance to network and influence the ecosystem, with the aim of ultimately helping to improve outcomes for staff and patients.

Regulators

We work closely with NICE and the MHRA, allowing our members to shape regulation and ensure the government adopts an innovation-friendly approach that still protects patients and citizens.
Events & Opportunities (1)

Health & Social Care Industry Dinner
Dinners in Leeds and London provide a forum for industry to come together to have an informal dialogue around the realities of digital transformation and technology in health and social care.

Regional Roundtables
Working with devolved governments, Health Innovation Networks, and local health systems, we bring together key players to identify the challenges that digital, data and technology can help to solve.

Innovation Days
These provide an opportunity for customers to better understand the products on the market. For example, techUK worked with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service so potential suppliers could present their ideas for the Mass Communication Tool project.
Events & Opportunities (2)

Workshops
Covering a variety of digital health and social care topics, from strategy, to policy and implementation, our workshops offer a chance for in-depth discussion, sharing feedback and collaborative problem-solving.

Health and Care Summit
Our popular Health & Care Summit brings together techUK’s cross-cutting work across the health and care tech sectors, providing a forum for industry leaders to meet and discuss topical issues.

Industry briefings
Our industry briefing series sees a range of digital healthcare leaders update on their current priorities and challenges and outline how industry can help. Speakers include Chief Information and Digital Officers from contrasting ICSs across the UK.
How we deliver
Social Care Working Group

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Frontline Digitisation Working Group

techUK has been working with the NHS England Frontline Digitisation team since February 2022, forming a partnership to bring together EPR vendors.

Meetings with members of the groups are organised monthly, with companies getting the opportunity to engage directly with the programme team and share insights and feedback to help shape the direction of travel.
AI in Health & Social Care

2023 was a pivotal year for artificial intelligence. In 2024, techUK will host roundtables focusing on areas where AI has the greatest potential to transform health and care, including:

- the impact of AI upon diagnostics
- the use of AI in social care settings

Commercial & Procurement

techUK works with the Digital and Technology Category Team in the Commercial Directorate at NHS England. Our regular meetings provide an opportunity for open discussion regarding challenges in procurement processes.

Our members share best practice, explore challenges and opportunities around procurement frameworks and routes to market, and receive regular updates from the procurement team on work to improve processes.

Health & Care SME Forum

This Forum gives businesses working across health and care the opportunity to further their development within the sector, connect with peers and potential collaborators, and engage with key government and industry stakeholders.

The group will seek to tackle issues such as lack of reimbursement pathways for novel technologies, perceived risk associated with SMEs, and more.

Spotlight Series

To explore new topics and provide opportunities for our members to become thought leaders, we host a Spotlight Series, highlighting emerging or contentious issues in health and care technology, for example:

1. Digital therapeutics
2. Virtual wards
3. Digital skills and leadership
Thank you