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# AHPs in the Digital Space: A wee story from Scotland

*Connection over perfection*



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# Enabling, Connecting and Empowering: Care in the Digital Age

Scotland's Digital Health and Care Strategy

Scottish Government and COSLA



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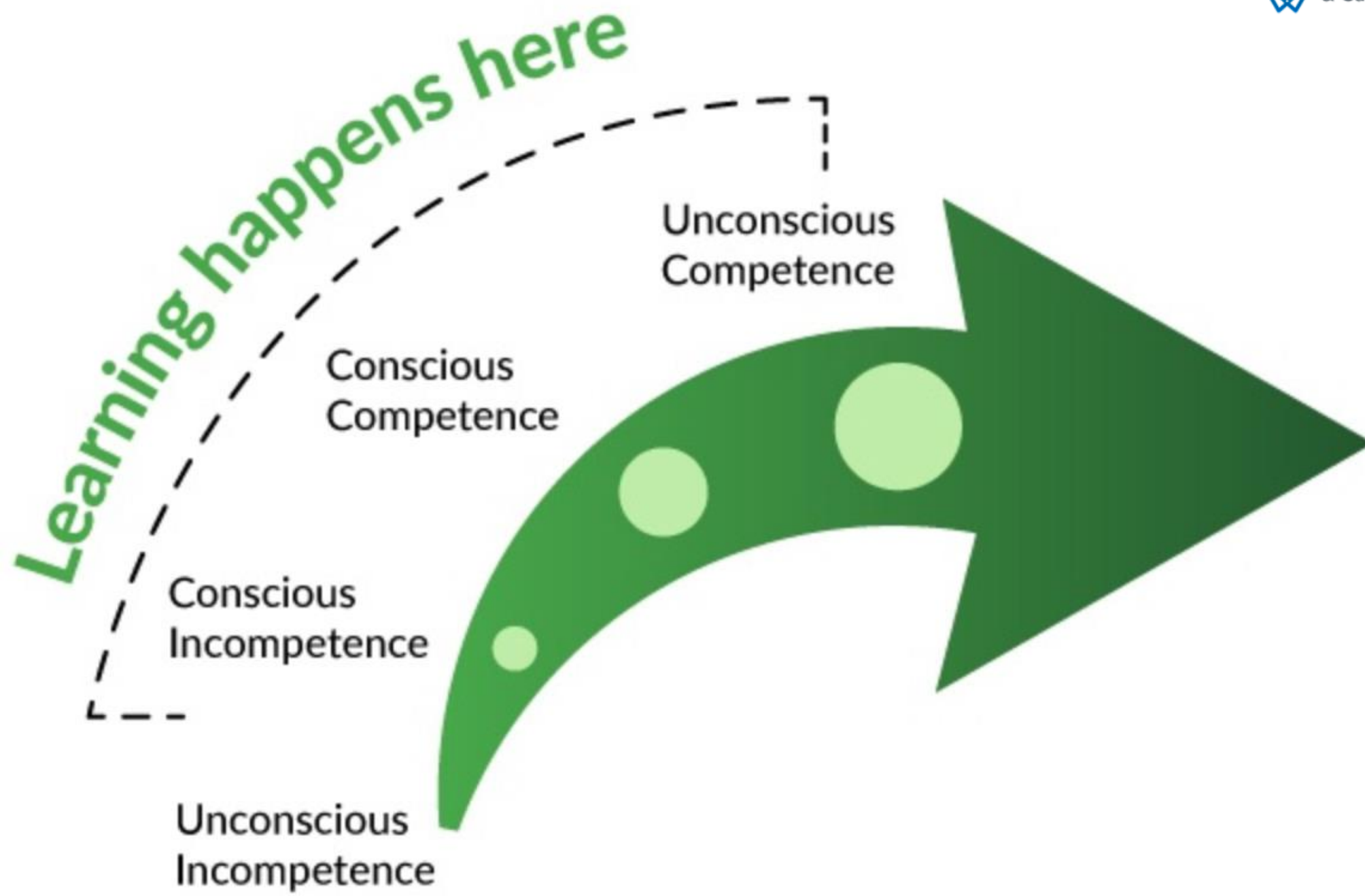
Digital Health  
& Care Scotland

*Digital transformation is at its best when it is diverse, multi-disciplinary, iterative, adaptable and led by those with the skills, knowledge and competencies to do so.*

## ***Digital skills and leadership***

*Digital skills are seen as core skills for the workforce across the health and care sector.*

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotlands-digital-health-care-strategy/>



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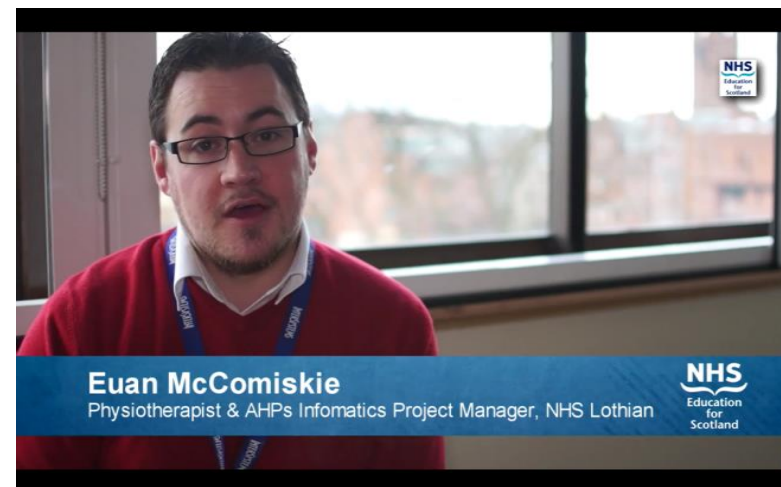
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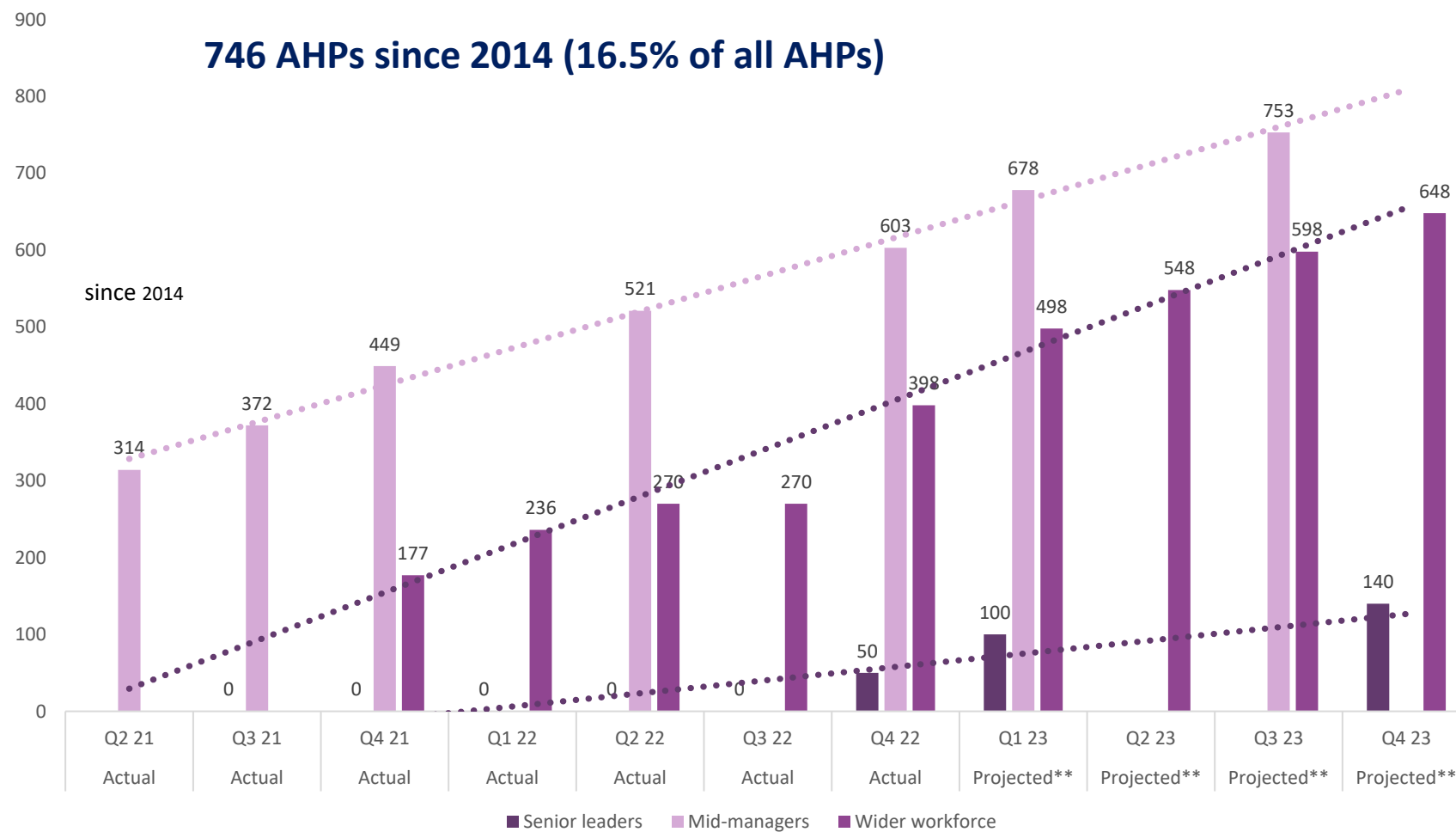




## Growing the reach of digital leadership learning across health & care workforce in Scotland

**746 AHPs since 2014 (16.5% of all AHPs)**

Leadership  
Audience

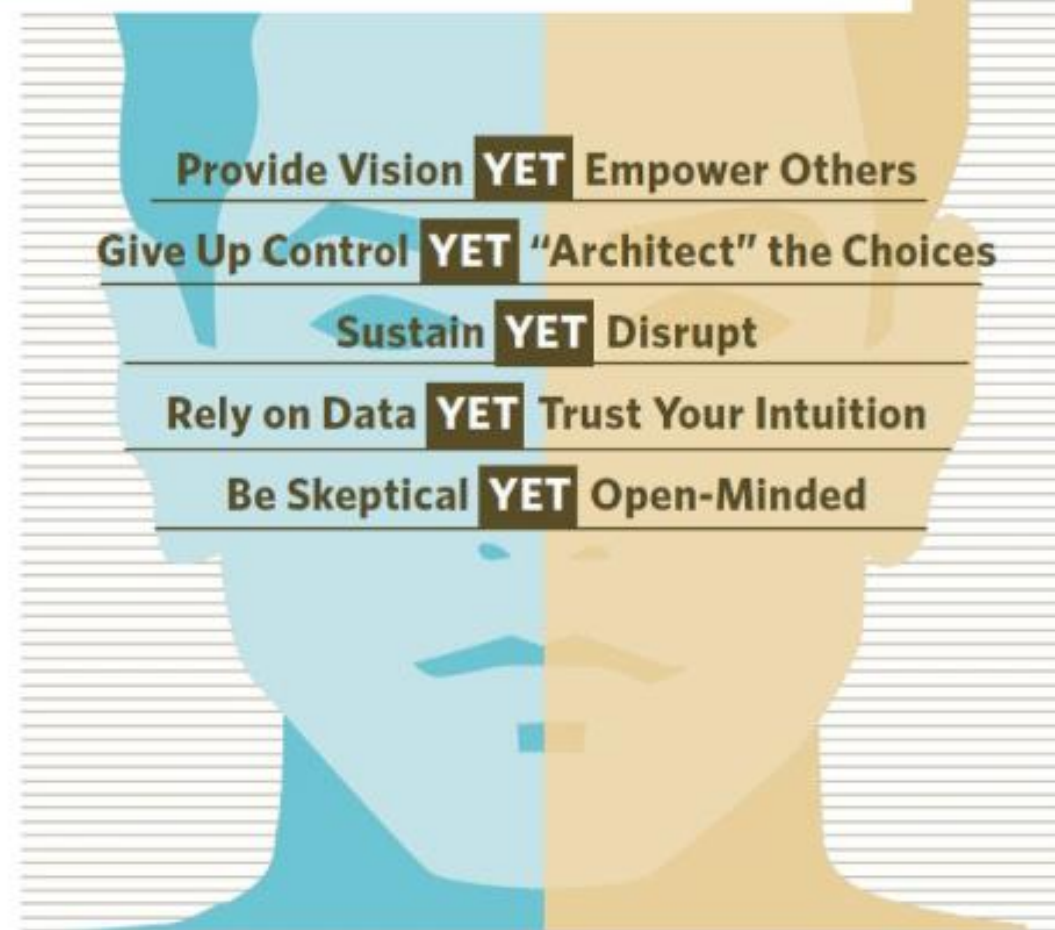






## Digitally Minded Leadership

YOUR ABILITY TO BECOME EQUALLY ADEPT AT USING BOTH SIDES OF YOUR LEADERSHIP BRAIN WILL DETERMINE HOW SUCCESSFUL YOU ARE AT DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION.





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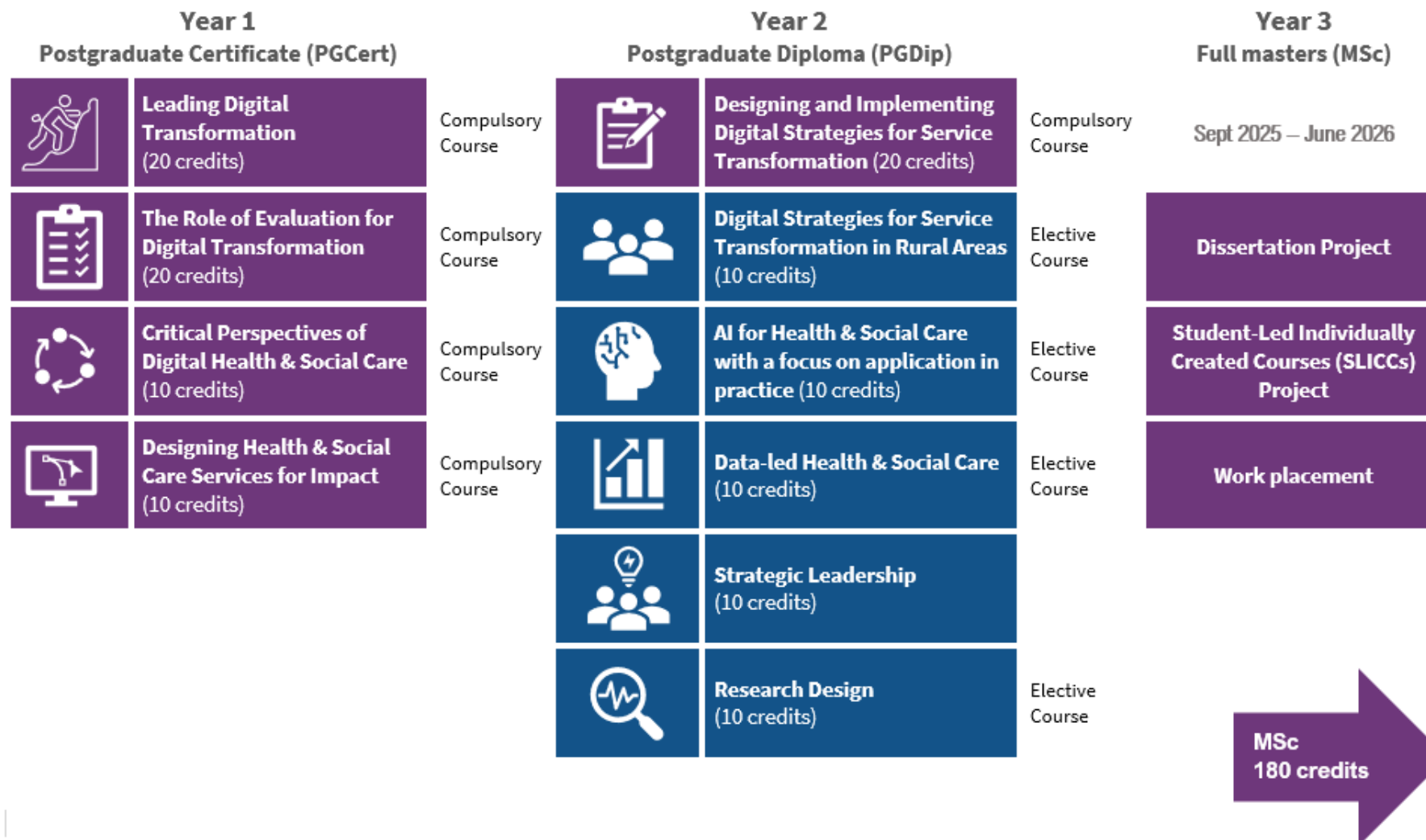
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# AHP DIGITAL COMPETENCIES UK-WIDE SURVEY

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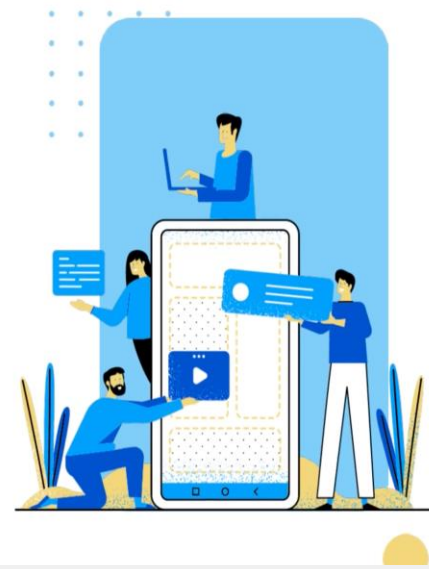
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## Digital competency: a survey of UK allied health professionals

Christopher Tack ✉, Lesley Holdsworth, Alex Wilson, Euan McComiskie, Pippa McCabe, Wendy Wilkinson, Mathew King

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- Mean confidence and motivation to use digital technologies at work was moderate to high (7.34/10 and 8.33/10, respectively).
- Domains with high degrees of competency: *Data Management*, *Clinical Informatics*.
- Domains with low competency: *Decision Support*, *AI*, *Machine learning*, *Meta-Competency and Records*, *Assessments and Plans*

Caveat but all high priority for improvement



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### Core Competency Framework for Clinical Informaticians

[Click here to view the protocol and report for the Core Competency Framework, setting out the workings and detailed findings.](#)

#### Domain 1: Health and Wellbeing in Practice

##### Categories

- 1.1 Clinical Concepts and Language
- 1.2 Clinical Governance
- 1.3 Models of Care Delivery
- 1.4 Health Administration and Services
- 1.5 Informatics Strategies
- 1.6 Informatics in Health
- 1.7 Scientific and Research Skills

#### Domain 2: Information Technologies and Systems

##### Categories

- 2.1 Information Systems and Technologies Concepts and Development
- 2.2 Working and Communicating with Project Stakeholders
- 2.3 Selecting and Procuring Information Systems and/or Technology

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## Can webinars support the implementation of video consultations at pace and scale within the allied health professions?

Lesley Holdsworth ✉, Debbie Provan, Gail Nash, Marc Beswick, Carol Curran, Iain Colhart, Ailidh Hunter

Published Online: 8 Feb 2021 | <https://doi.org/10.12968/bjhc.2020.0127>

# Our Connections....

## AHPScot — B L O G —

AHPs across health and social care.

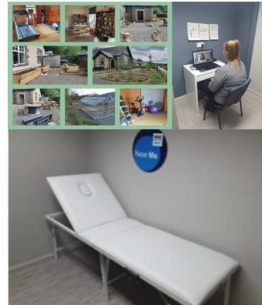
Category: Digital Health & Care



### Occupational Therapy in Primary Care: The benefits of being a "Daydream Believer"

Are you a daydream believer? Are daydreams an effective coping strategy? Are they a way of self managing difficult situations? ... [More](#)

#AHPCF2021, #dNMAHP, #occupational therapy



### Community Hubs: Bringing Near Me to all

Due to the pandemic the need to reduce people coming into buildings paused the Community Hub model for Near Me ... [More](#)

#Digital, #Digital Health and Care, #dNMAHP, #Near Me



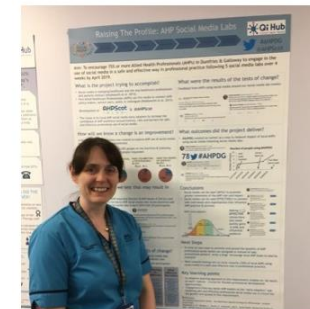
### Group Telerehabilitation in the COVID-19 Era: a New Approach

Person-centred experience for telerehabilitation following Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction Introduction: The rationale for this project is to co-design (1) alternative ... [More](#)

### Occupational Therapist's innovative use of Near Me during COVID-19 and beyond

Occupational therapists by nature have been inquisitive and creative when considering ways to meet the needs of people accessing their ... [More](#)

#dNMAHP, #Near Me, #occupational therapy, #Rehabilitation



### Reflections on European Day of SLT: Optimism in an Emerging Digital World.

By Laura Lennox The 6th March is European Day of Speech and Language Therapy (SLT). It's a time to raise ... [More](#)

### Primary Care

Marc Beswick is the National Lead for the Near Me video appointments service in Scotland. In his latest blog he ... [More](#)

#Covid-19, #dNMAHP, #Near Me, #Primary Care



### Allied Health Professions, The Champions of Near Me

Marc Beswick is an Occupational Therapist and currently the National Lead for the Near Me Network. Here Marc offers his ... [More](#)

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### No Going Back

Written by: Dr Lesley Holdsworth OBE, Clinical Lead for Digital Health and Care, Scottish Government @LesleyAHPD It is exactly one ... [More](#)

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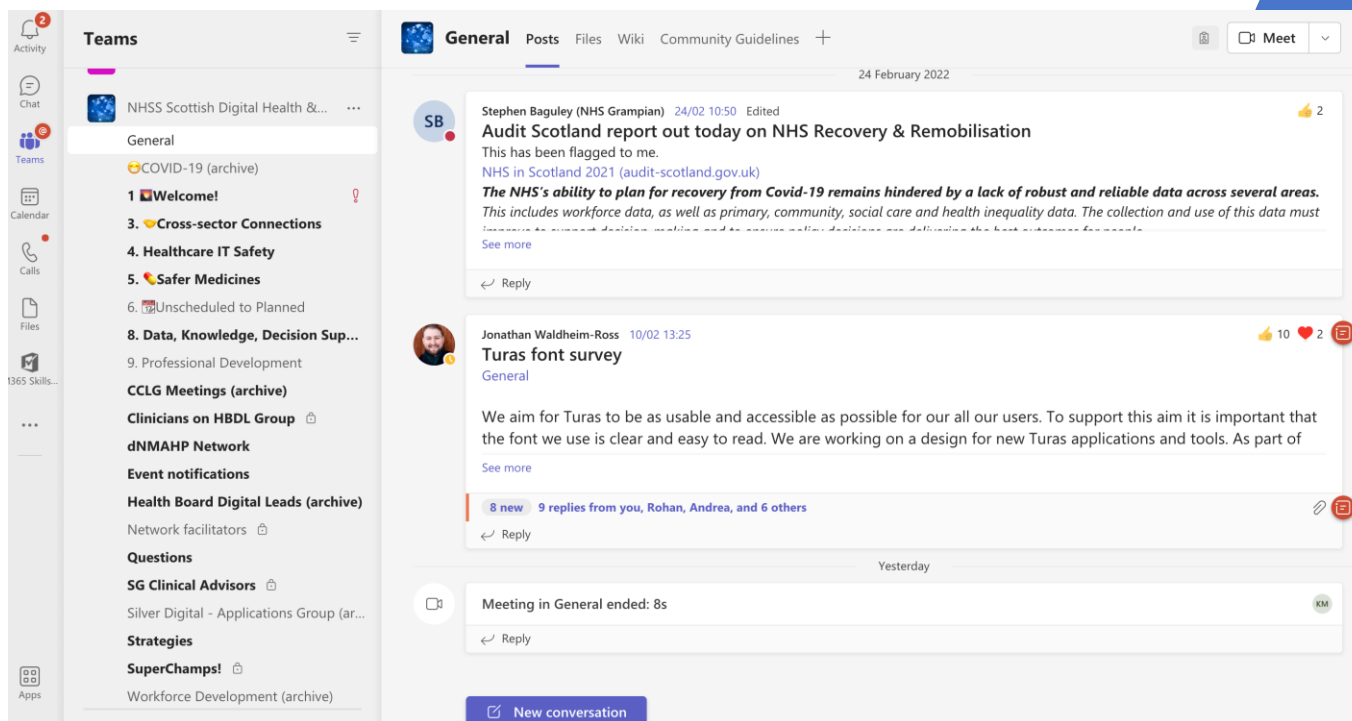
### My placement experience



# Digital Networks in Scotland

## The dNMAHP network

### Scottish Digital Health & Care Network



### Scottish NMAHP Digital Health & Care Network

**dNMAHP Leads**  
Designated Nurse, Midwife  
and AHP **Leads** from all NHS  
Boards & Partnerships

**Network Steering Group**  
Chair – tbc  
SG leads – [Lesley Holdsworth](#), [Mark Fleming](#)  
supported by Alan Milbourne  
Leadership Group of 10



# Our Wider Connections and Collaborations...

## TELEHEALTH

### Telehealth and Digital Physical Therapist Practice Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Global Commentary from Five Countries

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#### ABSTRACT

**Abstract.** Telehealth and digital physical therapist practice have emerged as a response to the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) pandemic to address societal needs for physical therapy. This global commentary discusses the adoption of telehealth and digital practice in five countries (Nigeria, Argentina, Scotland, Canada, the United States). Key variations in technology, payment, clinician acceptance and preferences with telehealth and digital physical therapy were identified globally. From this experience, common barriers and opportunities are discussed. Overall, it is necessary to address regulatory models, infrastructure availability

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# Key lessons

The powers of a unifying objective

Citizen focused pathways need to drive the technology not vice versa

Our ability to work at pace and scale

Good enough is good enough

Workforce has come a long way but competency and consciousness still an issue

We have the foundation for a significant legacy – but need to build on connections

# So, what's next?

- **Transformation requires:**

Workforce with conscious competence (confidence, skills & knowledge)

Tools – the enabling factors

Leadership – behaviours, culture & vision to reimagine work

## **NOW.....**

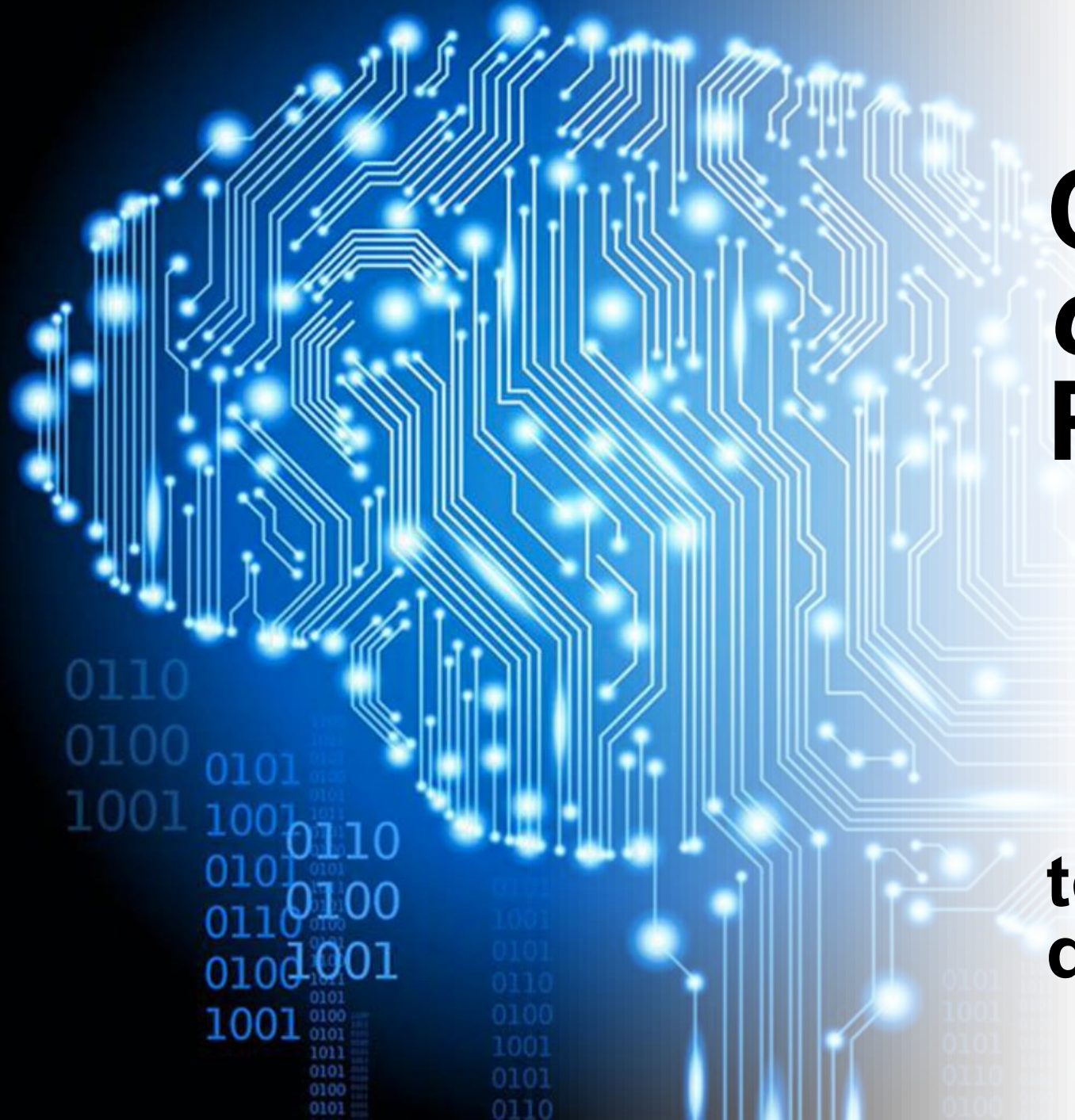
- Need to invest in team development – why?

Real value of digital transformation to service users, organisations and society lies at team/service not individual level

More impact, more quickly

How are we evidencing the value/impact of digital leadership roles? DOAM?

***How can we do this? How can you contribute?***



# **Connection *over* Perfection**

**to achieve our  
digital potential**