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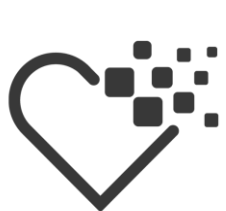
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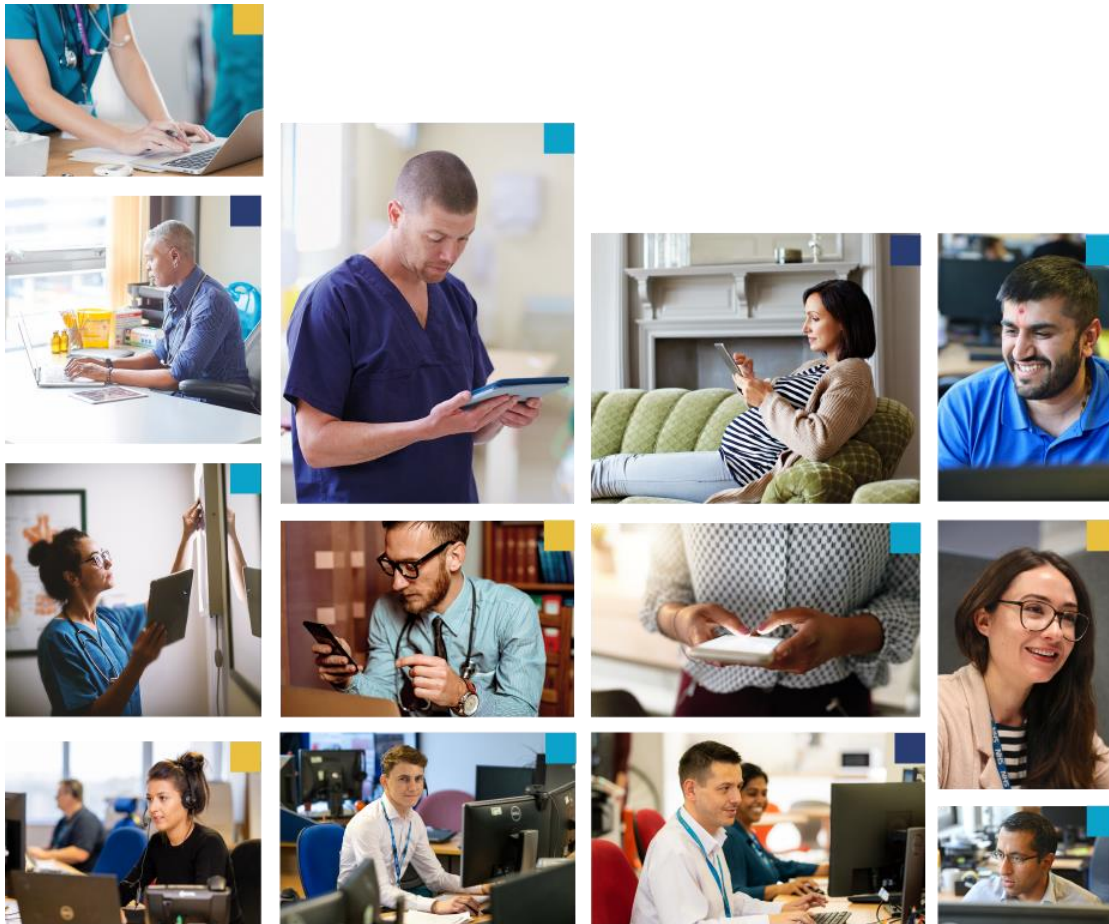
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A systems view on digital health

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Digital Health and Care Wales

provides the national digital, data and technology services to support health and care delivery in Wales.

helping to improve health and care services and achieve better health and wellbeing outcomes



Digital
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Wales a devolved, diverse nation



Wales a devolved nation of 3.1 million

Financial challenges combined with high demand

Aging population in Wales aged over 60* - over **800,000**

48% have a long-standing illness

594,000 patients waiting to start treatment

Staff shortages becoming increasingly acute



Diverse geography, with urban centres and remote rural areas - Legacy of heavy industry and its impact on health and the economy

Health and the economy

- Health and economy intrinsically linked
- Ill health costs the economy £43bn a year
- The UK performs less well on health care outcomes
- Must grasp opportunities presented by digital



Policy Context in Wales

- Wellbeing of Future Generations Act
- Foundational Economy Approach
- Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023
- A Healthier Wales
- Refreshed digital and data strategy



DHCW's strategy

Our purpose:

To make digital a force for good in health and care

Our aims:

- Provide a platform for enabling digital transformation
- Deliver high quality digital products and services
- Expand the digital health and care record and the use of digital to improve health and care
- Drive better values and outcomes through innovation

Our principles:

- Put people first
- Simplify everything we do
- Design for more digital, more data
- Find more value
- Learn from the past, embrace the future

DHCW's priorities

- More data
- Open architecture
- Empowering people
- Digital medicines
- User-centred design
- Digital maturity
- Digital inclusion
- Cyber security



The case for digital investment

- Embracing digital is pivotal to improving outcomes
- Research shows the value of digital investment to the economy



Challenges

Changing culture

Different approach to investment and service planning

Developing new workforce models



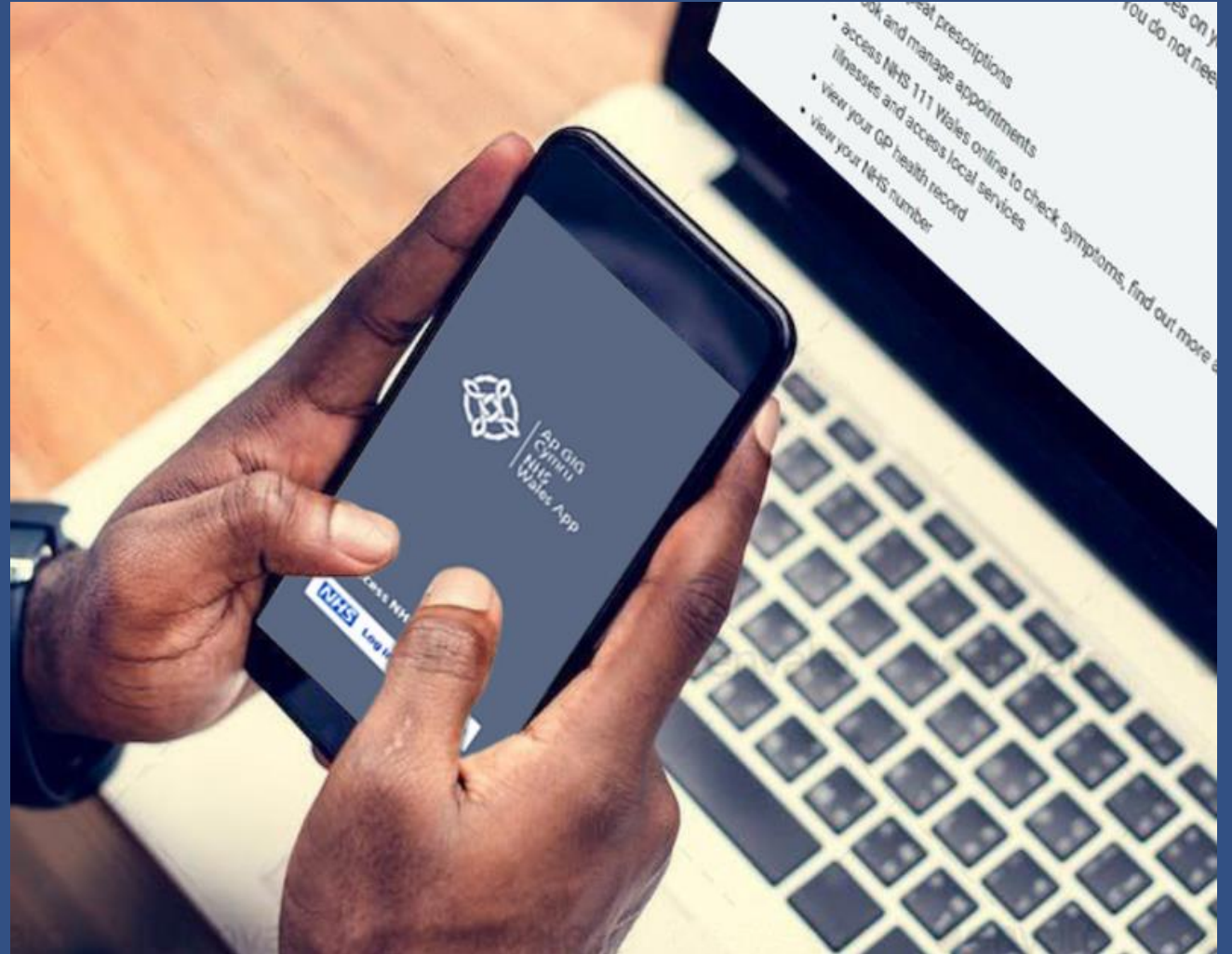
Key points

Digital is a force for good

Must be seen as a determinant of health

Need to drive change

It's all about people



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