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AI COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

An Academy for Healthcare Science Webinar

Friday 11th December 2026
11:00am - 12:00pm

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Overview

This AHCS webinar will explore the recommendations published in September 2026 by the National Commission into the Regulation of Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare and their implications for healthcare science.

The AHCS are delighted to welcome Dr Mani Hussain from the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), who will provide an overview of the recommendations, discuss professional regulation and liability, and consider the potential impact on research, innovation and service delivery.

Chaired by Professor Chris Hopkins, AHCS President, the webinar will also include a round up and fireside chat with Dr Hussain, led by Professor Hopkins. A Q&A session will follow, giving attendees the opportunity to put questions to the panel.

Please note: this webinar will be recorded and be made available for public access.

Programme

Topics and Speakers



Introduction

Professor Chris Hopkins, President of the Academy for Healthcare Science



AI Commission Recommendations Presentation

- Overview of the AI Commission Recommendations
- Professional Regulation, Liability & Professionalism
- Impact on Research, Innovation and Service Delivery

Dr Mani Hussain, Deputy Director - Provider Assurance, Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency



Round Up and Fireside Chat

Professor Chris Hopkins & Dr Mani Hussain



Q&A Session

Profiles



Chair

Professor Chris Hopkins

President, Academy for Healthcare Science

Recognised nationally for his leadership and impact, Professor Chris Hopkins has played a pivotal role in advancing healthcare science, innovation, and research throughout the UK health sector. A Consultant Clinical Scientist with an international reputation in translational research, he has led initiatives spanning diagnostics, medical technologies, digital health, artificial intelligence and clinical pathway change, helping to accelerate the adoption of innovation into frontline patient care.

He is President of the Academy for Healthcare Science, Acting Director of Research, Innovation and Value at Hywel Dda University Health Board and Clinical Director within the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, where he leads pioneering collaborations between the NHS, academia, industry and government to deliver innovation driven improvements in patient outcomes and healthcare delivery.

Professor Hopkins holds honorary chairs at Swansea University and the University of Wales Trinity Saint David and advises nationally through senior roles with the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency and Health Technology Wales. A Fellow of four leading professional institutions, he is recognised for his sustained national contribution to healthcare science leadership, innovation and NHS transformation, including receiving the NHS England Chief Scientific Officer's Excellence in Healthcare Science Research and Innovation Award.

Profiles

Speaker



Dr Mani Hussain

Deputy Director - Provider Assurance, Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency

Dr Mani Hussain is a healthcare regulator, pharmacist, and senior healthcare leader with over 25 years of experience across healthcare regulation, clinical governance, medicines optimisation, and system transformation. A key leadership role includes supporting the National Commission into the Regulation of Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare, where he led the work on AI assurance, governance frameworks, organisational accountability, and the safe adoption of AI technologies across healthcare systems. His focus is on enabling innovation while ensuring patient safety, transparency, public trust, and measurable clinical benefit.

Dr Hussain has held several senior national leadership roles, including Director of Primary and Community Care and Deputy Chief Inspector at the Care Quality Commission (CQC), where he helped shape regulatory approaches to healthcare quality, safety, and improvement across England. He has also served as a Caldicott Guardian, providing strategic oversight of information governance and data protection.

Dr Hussain has extensive NHS leadership experience, including roles as Chief Pharmacist, Associate Director, and Deputy Director of Primary Care and Medicines Optimisation. Throughout his career, he has led major programmes focused on healthcare innovation, prescribing governance, clinical effectiveness, and service redesign.

Dr Hussain brings together practical healthcare leadership with expertise in medical law, regulation, and emerging technologies. He holds an MBA with Distinction, an LLM in Medical Law with Distinction, and has completed executive programmes at the University of Oxford in Artificial Intelligence, AI Ethics, Regulation and Compliance, and Executive Leadership.

As an international speaker, Dr Hussain is recognised for his thought leadership on the opportunities and risks of AI-enabled healthcare. Drawing on experience spanning frontline clinical practice, executive leadership, regulatory oversight, and policy development, he provides a unique perspective on how healthcare organisations can harness AI responsibly to improve patient outcomes while maintaining safety, trust, and accountability.

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