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Joined Up Health and Care 2019 to explore real answers to integrated care

NHS pioneers, think tanks, and inspirational leaders to address the October 2019 Joined Up Health and Care conference, hosted by InterSystems in Birmingham

ETON, 19 September 2019 – Professionals from across the country will come together to seek real answers on how to deliver closely integrated services, as the Joined Up Health and Care conference returns for its sixth year on 10th October at The Vox in Birmingham.

Hosted by InterSystems, a global leader in health information technology, the conference will see speakers give real-world examples of interoperability and integration in action in health and care, as well as inspirational accounts of the leadership needed to succeed. Delegates will hear how better sharing of information, co-ordination of care and patient empowerment can be achieved, as well as the real meaning of technology advances for the NHS.

Matthew Honeyman, policy researcher at The King's Fund, will delve into the fundamental challenges facing policy-makers who want to see the widescale adoption of effective digital technology across the health and care system, and what organisations like NHSX can learn from overseas.

Speaking ahead of the conference, Honeyman said: “Realising successful adoption lies in the complex and hard-to-predict interactions between people, organisations and technologies. This challenge is faced by health and care providers delivering services on the ground, through to the newly created NHSX now tasked with driving health tech policy. I am looking forward to discussing these issues at Joined Up Health and Care and examining how the NHS and the wider care community can overcome such obstacles.”

Looking further into the capabilities that organisations need to seamlessly coordinate patient care, Charles Alessi, chief clinical officer for the world-renowned Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society will provide delegates with insights into the organisation’s Continuity of Care Maturity Model.

Liz Jones, digital project manager at Lincolnshire Sustainability and Transformation Partnership, will give an account of such continuity in action. She will detail the advances in care enabled through Lincolnshire’s Care Portal, a project which is joining-up care regionwide and helping to avoid arbitrary cuts.

At the conference Jones will explain how the system is helping more than 5,000 health and care professionals access crucial information from multiple organisations’ systems in a single shared record, enabling faster, informed decisions. More systems continue to be integrated in a project that has created a blueprint for connected, interoperable healthcare, and that will soon engage patients directly in an impressive transformation journey.

The conference will also explore initiatives and buzz words such as FHIR or Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources. David Hancock, healthcare executive advisor at InterSystems will direct a panel of industry leaders around how FHIR can help the NHS now and in the future, whilst machine learning & artificial intelligence will too feature at the conference, with discussion led by InterSystems Alex MacLeod. Dr Yossi Cohen, physician executive at InterSystems will also explore population health and the shift from reactive care to proactive health. Whilst Ramon Vullings, author, cross-industry expert and ideaDJ, will examine the idea of organisations working together via platforms, in ecosystems.

And in a motivational address, Cathy O’Dowd, the first woman in the world to climb Mount Everest from both its north and south sides will give a personal account of overwhelming challenges in high-risk, high-stress environments. She will share her experiences of one of the last great mountaineering challenges – the Mazeno ridge of Nanga Parbat - where international climbing teams had tried 10 times over three decades – and all failed.

Joined Up Health and Care has become an important conference on the healthcare calendar, attracting high profile speakers, which last year included four-time Olympic gold medallist Sir Matthew Pinsent.

Chris Norton, InterSystems, said: “Every year Joined Up Health and Care attracts influencers from NHS leaders, to technology innovators, media, and crucially people at the heart of delivering our health and care services. Importantly, it has become a stage for sharing best practice so that our partners who are dedicated to delivering the best services for patients, can take away ideas and practical lessons that can be used to drive forward transformation in their own organisations.”

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About Joined-Up Health & Care

The annual Joined-Up Health & Care conference takes place at The Vox in Birmingham on 10th October 2019. The main event starts at 8.45 on 10th October, but there is a pre-conference welcome reception the evening before, on 9th October. Full details of the event, the programme, and how to register are available on the InterSystems JUHC website:

<https://www3.intersystems.com/juhc2019/overview>

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