

# NHS Python Community Board

21st June 2021 | [Meeting Summary](#)

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## Board Members

### Attendees

Alex Cheung - NHSE/I (**Chair**)  
Dr Mark A. Bailey - Gloucestershire Royal Hospital  
Haris Shuaib - Guy's & St. Thomas NHS Foundation Trust  
Juan Adriano - Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust  
John O'Connell - NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit  
Craig R. Shenton, PhD - NHSX  
Mary Amanuel - NHSX  
Arouba Zubair - NHSX  
Jonathan Pearson, PhD - NHSX

### Apologies

Sophie Williams, PhD - Barts Health NHS Trust

## Agenda Items

1.	<b>Welcome and Check-in</b>
	The Chair welcomed attendees to the board.
2.	<b>Goals of the NHS Python Community</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There was an open discussion on the purpose of the NHS Python community.</li><li>• The goals and principles of the python community were updated as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promote the use of python in the healthcare by celebrating success and recognising contributions across the community</li><li>• Reduce barriers to entry by highlighting best practice with regard to software, IT operations, security, and coding in the open</li><li>• Open source and publish code to public GitHub repositories under appropriate licences (such as MIT, OGLv3, and GPLv3) alongside suitable open datasets or synthetic data so that our work can be further developed, re-used, and improved upon by everyone in the community</li><li>• Break down silos of expertise and improve technical communication and collaboration across the NHS, health and social care sectors</li></ul></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Champion diversity, inclusion, and representation in tech by making coding accessible to all members of the community regardless of background or current level of ability</li> <li>• Once the terms of reference are agreed by the board, the goals and principles of the NHS Python Community will be uploaded to the website.</li> </ul>
3.	<b>Engagement and Communication Channels</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The community is about building links, collaborating, getting rid of silos, and working towards members talking about and sharing their best-practice code.</li> <li>• Conferences and events, like show and tells, could be organised digitally and in-person in the near-future to share and celebrate success stories. Installing python has been an issue for many members; the possibility of having a meet up around how individuals have managed to set-up Python was discussed.</li> <li>• In terms of communication at present, Slack for communications and MS Teams for events and meetings were agreed upon collectively.</li> <li>• Additional ideas of content are encouraged - these can be suggested in Slack.</li> <li>• At present, we have the Resources and Events tab where various python resources are shared. Alongside the Blogs, Code of Conduct, and Contact tabs.</li> </ul>
4.	<b>Terms of Reference</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Terms of Reference for the NHS Python Community board was created and is currently being signed-off by the Board.</li> <li>• It has been proposed that board members will sit for a term of one year.</li> <li>• The Board is seeking to find a PCN and ICS representation on the board</li> </ul>
5.	<b>Questions/AOB</b>
	<p>The board closed with the following ideas that are still in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terms of References 2021 - which will be signed digitally upon mutual agreement.</li> <li>• Collaborative Events</li> </ul> <p><b>Next board meeting date:</b> 27 July 2021</p>