

# NHS Python Community Board

27th July 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  
Sophie Williams, PhD - Barts Health NHS Trust  
Craig R. Shenton, PhD - NHSX  
Mary Amanuel - NHSX  
Arouba Zubair - NHSX

### Apologies

Jonathan Pearson, PhD - NHSX

## Agenda Items

1.	<b>Welcome and Check-in</b>
	The Chair welcomed attendees to the board.
2.	<b>NHS.pycom - Community Events</b>
	<p>There was an open discussion on ideas surrounding community events and setting standards to which types of events the python community wants to host.</p> <p>The following ideas were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exploring data using hackathons and training days</li><li>• Connecting individuals with analysts currently using python</li><li>• Encouraging collaboration through code sharing and editing</li><li>• Approaching journals for an NHS python community editorial</li><li>• Blogging on the website</li></ul> <p>A survey has been sent to pycom members on slack. The results will inform us on what kind of events our members want and at which frequency.</p>
3.	<b>Celebrating success through the website and other channels</b>

	<p>Celebrating success by gaining python community badges based on different learning pathways that follow the Association of Professional Healthcare Analysts (AphA) and the Digital, Data, and Technology Profession (DDAT) Frameworks.</p> <p>The following channels were discussed to celebrate success:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AnalystX</li> <li>• Eventbrite to advertise events</li> <li>• FutureNHS</li> <li>• Journals</li> <li>• Podcasts</li> </ul>
4.	<b>Slack Feedback</b>
	<p>There was a lot of positive feedback regarding slack usage by the community.</p> <p>Additional functions in Slack (like polling) were explored to ensure that Slack is being used in the most optimal way.</p>
5.	<b>AOB</b>
	<p>The board closed with the following ideas that are still in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative &amp; Feasible Events Plan</li> </ul> <p>For transparency, it was agreed that board members will have their profiles published on the NHS Python Community website.</p> <p><b>Next board meeting date:</b> 07 September 2021</p>