



Summary minutes: first meeting of National Commission into the Regulation of AI in Healthcare (15 October 2025)

Background:

The National Commission into the Regulation of AI in Healthcare was announced on 26 September 2025 as an independent, non-statutory advisory group hosted by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). Its purpose is to advise on creating a new regulatory framework for AI products in healthcare, supporting the ambition for Great Britain to be the fastest and safest place to regulate AI and software as a medical device.

The Commission will meet monthly until May 2026 and is tasked with publishing recommendations by summer 2026.

Summary of discussion:

- The meeting opened with a welcome from the Chair, and an overview of the reading materials, notably a short document outlining the desired future state of Artificial Intelligence (AI) regulations (“what good looks like”).
- Commissioners introduced themselves, highlighting their expertise and expectations from the Commission. The session reflected a diversity of experience, including healthcare, data science, AI, regulatory science and policy.
- Key themes included the importance of safety, equity, public trust, and the need for a regulatory framework that supports innovation and global competitiveness while recognising that patient safety is paramount. The Commission discussed the value of rapid evaluation cycles, sharing learning across health systems, and the role of the MHRA in convening work to understand public and patient attitudes and information needs.
- Commissioners were encouraged to contribute ideas for a future call for evidence and engagement process. The next formal meeting will take place in November, with ongoing engagement and iterative work through the working groups.
- Commission members agreed to explore how upcoming surveys on public and practitioner attitudes to AI could include questions relevant to the Commission. They also agreed to develop and share a plan for the call for evidence and engagement process.



Attendance:

Professor Alastair Denniston (Chair), Professor of Regulatory Science and Innovation, University of Birmingham; Honorary Consultant Ophthalmologist, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust; Executive Director, Centre of Excellence for Regulatory Science in AI & Digital HealthTech (CERSI-AI)

Professor Henrietta Hughes (Deputy Chair and Chair of Health Systems Working Group), Patient Safety Commissioner

Professor Neil Lawrence (Chair of Technology Working Group), DeepMind Professor of Machine Learning, University of Cambridge; Chief Scientist, Trent AI

Professor Cathie Sudlow (Chair of Devolved Authorities Working Group), Head of School of Population Health Sciences, University of Edinburgh and Director of UKRI Adolescent Health Study

Dr Brian Anderson, Chief Executive Officer, Coalition for Health AI (CHAI)

Dame Jennifer Dixon, Chief Executive, The Health Foundation

Dr Paul Goldsmith, Non-Executive Director MHRA; Chair, MHRA's Regulatory and Safety Committee; visiting Professor, Institute of Global Health Innovation, Imperial College London; Consultant Neurologist, Clinical Senate

Dr Vish Ratnasuriya MBE, General Practitioner; Chair, Our Health Partnership; Co-Founder, Primary Care Accelerator; Honorary Associate Professor, University of Birmingham

Dr Gabriella Spinelli, Director, RADIANT-CERSI Centre for Regulatory Science & Innovation in Digital Health & Healthcare AI, Brunel University London

Dr Barry Stein, Chief Clinical Innovation Officer; Chief Medical Informatics Officer; Founder, Center for AI Innovation in Healthcare; Attending Vascular and Interventional Radiologist, Hartford HealthCare, Connecticut, USA

Richard Stubbs, Chief Executive, Health Innovation Yorkshire & Humber

Professor Richard Susskind CBE KC, President of the Society for Computers and Law, Special Envoy for Justice and AI to the Secretary General of the Commonwealth

Apologies:

Dr. Ricardo Baptista Leita, CEO, HealthAI - The Global Agency for Responsible AI in Health