



Northern, Yorkshire and Humberside  
Digital and Information Forum

**20<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
**Virtual NYHDIF forum via MS-Teams**  
**Notes**

**1. Welcome/apologies, minutes/matters from July meeting**

James Rawlinson -NYHDIF Chair, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and reminded people that bookings for the NYHDIF Conference in November are now open and encouraged everyone to secure their bookings. He also asked that members complete the questionnaire re funds sent out by Alastair Cartwright.

It was agreed to have an agenda item in January regarding RPA and AI – with updates on how organisations are using it.

**2. Partner updates:**

- **Sue Meakin - Information Governance**
- **Ed White - Emerging Leaders**

A half day workshop being held at Xcape on 11<sup>th</sup> October, with some of the NYHDIF Committee attending in support.

**3. Update from the Federated Data Platform team - Tom Bullimore, NHS England**



Introduction to FDP -  
NYHDIF.pdf

**4. Spotlight on Ola Zahran - CTO at Yorkshire Ambulance Service**

Recently awarded the King's Ambulance Service Medal

Ola started by sharing some of her background, saying she has been working for Yorkshire Ambulance service for last 19 years and has an engineering degree, computer and communication degrees and masters.

She has had a number of posts in London working as a Unix specialist and moved to Wales as an IT consultant and network and systems manager.

She started working for the Ambulance service when they were merging the three services in Yorkshire. Ola outlined the work done with 111, ambulance crews, online and remote training to name just a few areas. Ola is deputy chair of the national Digital ambulance group and has also chaired the national Digital Infrastructure group, another projects she

has led at the national level is intelligent routing, this has helped improve performance and response for the service.

An EPR system bespoke to YAS has been prototyped with Rotherham Trust and it is intended to expand this further.

YAS are also pilot site for Yorkshire Care Record to aid with handover and it is now live in seven organisations.

Ola concluded by saying that the King's Ambulance Service Medal was an honour and that it is a credit to all of us as usually this award goes to the clinician or a doctor.. Never has anyone in digital had this recognition. She said that for us as a community is good and being also recognised at that level as a female.

## **5. Guest supplier item –**

**Good Things Foundation - Robert Shapiro**

## **6. AOB**

## **7. Next Meeting:**

**NYHDIF Conference – 14<sup>th</sup> &15<sup>th</sup> November at Cedar Court, Harrogate**  
**Booking Form link: <https://forms.office.com/r/tEmZuLTDb8>**