



Summer Conference 2025

Crowne Plaza Newcastle, 10-12 June 2025

Conference Programme

Tuesday 10 June 2025

19.30- 21.30	Buffet dinner There will be an informal dinner for members. Food will be self-service, and you are welcome to arrive and leave at any time.
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Wednesday 11 June 2025

08.30	Registration and coffee
09.00	Welcome Ed Hughes, Chief Executive, Council of Deans of Health Professor Alison Machin, Chair, Council of Deans of Health
09.10	Policy update Council of Deans of Health Policy Team
09.40	AGM and strategy launch Ed Hughes, Chief Executive, Council of Deans of Health Professor Alison Machin, Chair, Council of Deans of Health
10.45	Break
11.15	Workshop 1- Fitness to Practise Dr Sharon Arkell, Chair of Regulation Strategic Policy Group, Council of Deans of Health Andrea Cameron, Chair of EDI Strategic Policy Group, Council of Deans of Health Workshop 2 – One year of Labour: where are we with political engagement? James Hallwood, Head of Policy and External Affairs, Council of Deans of Health
12.15	Lunch
13.15	Efficiency and Innovation: meeting financial and time demands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Jason Oakley, Head of School, University of Portsmouth • Dr James Vinales, Head of School (Health Sciences), University of Gibraltar
14.45	Break

15.15	Workshop 3 – Principles of generative AI Professor Ruth Paterson, Chair of Innovation and Pedagogy Strategic Policy Group, Council of Deans of Health Workshop 4 – Placement opportunities in social care
16.15	Free time
19.00	Drinks Reception
19.30	Dinner With guest dinner speaker Professor Andy Long, Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive, Northumbria University

Thursday 12 June 2025	
09.30	Deep dive discussion: Student Recruitment
10.15	Deep dive discussion: Student Retention
11.00	Break
11.20	Solutions: Student Recruitment and Retention
12.20	Concluding remarks and event feedback
12.30	Lunch and end of meeting