

Autumn Conference 2025

Marriott Hotel, Cardiff

Conference Programme

All sessions take place in the Cardiff Suite unless otherwise stated.

Monday 13 October 2025

19.00 Drinks Reception

Bute Bar

19.30 Dinner

Guest Speaker: Dr Ian Mathieson, Director of Education Strategy and Transformation, Health Education and Improvement Wales

Tuesday 14 October 2025

08.45 Registration and exhibitors

Bute Bar

09.00 Welcome

Ed Hughes, Chief Executive, Council of Deans of Health

Professor Alison Machin, Chair, Council of Deans of Health

09.15 Council update

James Hallwood, Head of Policy and External Affairs, Council of Deans of Health

09.45 In conversation with Paul Rees MBE

Paul Rees MBE, Chief Executive, Nursing and Midwifery Council

Facilitated by Professor Alison Machin, Chair, Council of Deans of Health

10.35 Refreshments and exhibitors

Bute Bar

11.00 Challenges in higher education: are we leading in crisis?

Professor Sir Steve West CBE, Vice-Chancellor, President, and CEO, University of the West of England, Bristol

Facilitated by Ed Hughes, Chief Executive, Council of Deans of Health

12.00 Student Leadership: lessons and moving forward

Beryl Mansel, Director, Student Leadership Academy; Associate Professor, Swansea University

Facilitated by Professor Marc Griffiths, Vice-Chair, Council of Deans of Health

12.45 Lunch and exhibitors

Bute Bar

13.35 Transformational leadership in nursing and healthcare education

Sue Tranka, Chief Nursing Officer, Welsh Government

Facilitated by Dr Mohammed Jakhara, Trustee, Council of Deans of Health

14.30 Refreshments and exhibitors

Bute Bar

14.50 NHS 10-year health plan: what next for the sector?

- Jane Hadfield, National Lead, Talent for Care and NHS Apprenticeships, Workforce, Training and Education, NHS England
- Beverley Harden MBE, Deputy Chief Allied Health Professions Officer, NHS England
- Dr Ian Mathieson, Director of Education Strategy and Transformation, Health Education and Improvement Wales

Facilitated by James Hallwood, Head of Policy and External Affairs, Council of Deans of Health

16.00 End of conference