



CIEH AI and Tech Conference

Half-day conference: Wednesday 1 July 2026

09.15 **Registration and online login**

09.30 **Welcome and introduction**

Chair: Dr Aaron Lawson, Lecturer in Environmental Health, Ulster University

09.35 **Keynote: AI in Action: How AI is transforming public health guidance at UKHSA**

- Exploring how UK the Health and Security Agency (UKHSA) are using AI to produce the latest public health guidance.

Speakers:

- Toby Nonnenmacher, Data Scientist UK Health and Security Agency (UKHSA)
- Felix Feldman, Data Scientist, UK Health and Security Agency (UKHSA)

10:15 **AI in Local Government: Progress, pressures and what comes next**

- Councils are continuing to advance their use of AI, with the majority now applying it across a wide range of service areas. As the sector's maturity grows, new trends, opportunities and challenges are emerging. Including how to sustain responsible AI adoption with innovation and efficiency, and the growing impact of AI-generated complaints and enquiries on council services. Councils are also exploring advanced technologies such as agentic AI, creating new opportunities while raising important considerations around governance, risk and oversight. This presentation will provide an overview of the current state of AI across the sector, drawing on relevant case studies from key service areas to illustrate both progress and emerging challenges.

Speaker: Tom Hindmarch, Digital Policy Adviser – Cyber, Digital & Technology, Local Government Association (LGA)

11:00 **Comfort break & sponsorship videos**

11:20 **Using technology to deliver accurate, reliable occupancy intelligence for UK properties**

Speaker: Ben Yarrow, CEO, Occupid

11:45 **UK's first border control digital transformation**

- Exploring the launch of an AI powered system that fully automates the initial stage of import document checks.

Speaker: Anthony Baldock CEnvH FCIEH, Director of Health and Wellbeing, Ashford Borough Council

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12:25 Smart tools for smarter inspections

- Exploring how AI-powered tools can analyse data on food premises to help EHO's prioritise inspections and target higher-risk activities.

Speaker: Graeme Mitchell, Environmental Health Programme Leader, Liverpool John Moores University

13:10 Closing the Digital Divide: How ready are Local Authorities

- This session will explore what public-sector organisations need to move from early experimentation to responsible, practical adoption. The session will consider where local authorities are making progress, where gaps remain, and what this means for EHOs.

Speaker: Daniel Shorr, CEO of GoLLM, makers of D.A.V.E

13.40 **Closing remarks**

13.45 **End of conference**

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