

10 June 2026

Pathology Portal Board
A meeting of the Pathology Portal Board was held on
Wednesday 3 June 2026 at 2pm via Teams

Professor Sarah Coupland
Registrar

Confirmed Minutes

Present

Professor Jo Martin
Professor Marta Cohen
Sandra Dewar
Dr Owen Driskell
Rebecca Goodwin
Rachel Gowland
Samantha Jayaram
Dr Sarah Pitt
Luke Thrower
Benjamin Witton
Dr Esther Youd

Pathology Portal Lead (**Chair**)
Vice President for Learning, RCPATH
Assessment Manager, RCPATH
NSHCS Representative, NHS England
Learning Platform Technician, RCPATH
Stakeholder Manager, NHS England, TEL
Press and Communications Manager, RCPATH
President, IBMS
Pathology Portal Officer, RCPATH (**Minutes**)
Product Manager Platforms, NHS England, TEL
Clinical Director of Digital Pathology Education, RCPATH

Apologies for absence

Vanessa Bassnett

Joanne Brinklow
Dr Matthew Clarke
Professor Nicki Cohen
Leigh Harrison
Professor Shelley Heard
Dr Adil Jaulim
Professor Ronan McMullan
Olamide Olayinka
Debra Padgett
Karen Partington
Dr Neil Ralph
Dr Bethany Williams
Rebecca Williams-Lock

Marketing and Communications Engagement Lead, NHS
England, TEL
Director of Learning, RCPATH
NIHR Clinical Lecturer, NHS England
Clinical Director of Examinations, RCPATH
Program Manager, NHS England, TEL
Educational Advisor
Clinical Fellow/Evaluation Officer
Clinical Director of Training and Assessment, RCPATH
Learning Platform Technician, RCPATH
President, IBMS
Royal College of Radiologists representative
Head of Technology Enhanced Learning, NHS England
Digital Pathology Representative, NHS England
Stakeholder Manager, NHS England, TEL



1. Welcome and introductions

Professor Martin welcomed everyone to the Board meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 4 February 2026

The minutes from the Board meeting held on 4 February 2026 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of 4 February 2026

3.1 Luke Thrower to create messaging to go out requesting nominations for outstanding trainees.

Luke is working with Sandra to get the documentation together for terms and conditions.

3.2 Professor Cohen to initiate further discussions regarding examination materials.

Luke had not received an update regarding this action.

3.3 Professor Martin to speak to Professor Flanagan

Professor Martin has spoken to Professor Flanagan.

3.4 Jo Brinklow to send Professor Martin the email address for Annette Nicole

Professor Martin now has the email address.

3.5 Jo Brinklow to chase Daniel Ross for budget sheet

Budget sheet has now been received and seen by Professor Martin.

4. Progress Report

The progress report is as written. Professor Martin said there are 7,500 users and half a million launches of the resources, accounting for around a quarter of the launches of the Learning Hub. There is growth in undergraduate content and a focus on getting university students to access the material.



Luke discussed the evaluation report regarding the drop-in sessions for the Pathology Portal which ran from September 2025 to May 2026, as individual sessions they had a couple of attendees and those who did attend found them helpful and gave good feedback. However, with the low attendance rate, it was agreed to discontinue the drop-in sessions and focus on increasing outreach for demonstrations in other networks, for example with undergraduates. The Editorial Board were made aware of the offer so they can feedback to their trusts and networks. Sandra added that there is a message on the College website regarding Pathology Portal demonstrations being available on request.

Benjamin provided an update regarding the organisational changes in NHS England and that a new operating model is in place which will be published later in the year about how the organisation will work. The department of health recognises that digital is a key element in delivery of the NHS and the understanding from the TEL team is that there is no other similar function to them in the current department of health or the wider NHS England, so should still be continuing to develop the Learning Hub as the national platform for the NHS as a Learning Management System identified in the 10 year plan. The focus is currently for the TEL platform team to have a single unified platform and bringing content over from retired platforms. Rachel Gowland added that they are aware of outstanding issues that the Pathology Portal team have raised and are working on those issues, the eLearning for health platform just needs to be closed and then there will be more breathing space for Learning Hub developments. Benjamin will share the roadmap for the Learning Hub so that everyone can see what to expect in the upcoming period.

Action: Benjamin to share the roadmap for the Learning Hub.

Professor Martin said that for every £1 spent on the Pathology Portal, £7-8 has been returned in training and this data is supported from Tableau. Benjamin said NHS England is moving away from Tableau by the end of the financial year and a new visualisation technology will be put in place and the aim is that the dashboards will aim to reproduce the data as it is now.



5. Communications update and stakeholder engagement

Samantha updated that materials and support was provided for the haematology stand at the British Society of Haematology meeting in April. An interview with the Pathology magazine is being worked on with Professor Martin. Samantha is going to work on a communications plan and collect assets together. A meeting is also being organised with Luke and Rebecca to discuss the four-year anniversary content.

6. Any other business

Professor Martin said that a digital pathology firm has expressed interest in sponsoring some studentships to create content on the portal and asked if the board would agree with this. The studentships would report to the Editorial Board in the same way as current student fellows. Dr Pitt asked if this was undergraduate, masters or a trainee. Professor Martin said it could be any of them. With board agreement, Professor Martin said she will put a proposal together.

Action: Professor Martin to prepare a proposal for the digital pathology firm regarding sponsored studentships to support content creation for the Pathology Portal.

7. Date of next meetings 2025

- Wednesday 2 September 2026 (2pm – 3pm)



Action Log - Pathology Portal Board

Date of meeting	Item # from minutes	Action required	Person responsible	Status	Comments
4-Dec-25	3	Luke Thrower to create messaging to go out requesting nominations for outstanding trainees.	Luke Thrower	Open	Luke is working with Sandra on terms and conditions
4-Dec-25	4	Professor Cohen to initiate further discussions regarding examination materials.	Professor Cohen	Open	Professor Cohen has followed up with Dr Clair Evans. Luke to follow up for update.
4-Dec-25	5	Samantha Jayaram and Luke Thrower to further discuss stakeholder engagement plans.	Samantha Jayaram and Luke Thrower	Closed	Luke and Samantha have met and updates are in the minutes.
4-Dec-25	5	Luke Thrower to follow up on production of spotlight posts.	Luke Thrower	Closed	Plan is in place and this work is business as usual.



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4-Feb-26	4	Professor Martin to speak to Professor Flanagan	Professor Martin	Closed	Professor Martin has spoken to Professor Flanagan.
4-Feb-26	4	Jo Brinklow to send Professor Martin the email address for Annette Nicole	Jo Brinklow	Closed	Email address received.
4-Feb-26	4	Jo Brinklow to chase Daniel Ross for budget sheet	Jo Brinklow	Closed	Budget sheet received.
3-Jun-26	4	Benjamin to share the roadmap for the Learning Hub.	Benjamin Witton	Open	
3-Jun-26	6	Professor Martin to prepare a proposal for the digital pathology firm regarding sponsored studentships to support content creation for the Pathology Portal.	Professor Jo Martin	Open	

