

Subject: The Forum Bulletin – AI for healthcare policy hackathon, COP26 opportunities and more

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IMPERIAL RESEARCHERS INFORM SMARTER REGULATION IN HEALTHCARE AT POLICY HACKATHON

How we can bring more data-driven innovations into healthcare was the focus of a policy hackathon organised by The Forum and the think tank Reform.

Imperial AI academics joined a leading group of experts including healthcare regulators, statutory bodies, NHS leaders and senior policymakers to debate and discuss factors that stifle innovation and how they can be addressed, building upon the award-winning research Reform produced in collaboration with NHSX.

[Read the full story.](#)

TACKLING ONLINE HARMS

The Forum has published a [new Imperial Stories feature article](#) which takes a detailed look at how we can protect young and vulnerable people who use social media and risk exposure to online harms.

With commentary from Imperial academics including Dr Nejra van Zalk, Lecturer in Psychology and Human Factors at the Dyson School of Design Engineering, and Dr Dasha Nicholls, Clinical Reader in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the Department of Brain Sciences, this feature article explores how policymakers should respond to the rapidly changing digital world, particularly regarding young people's welfare.

Read the feature: [Social media and online harms: How can we protect young and vulnerable people?](#)

BLOG POST: ENGAGING WITH POLICYMAKERS AS A RESEARCH SCIENTIST

[The Forum](#) has recently delivered several online policy engagement training sessions with the renowned [Institute for Government](#).

Dr Kam Pou Ha of the [MRC Centre for Molecular Bacteriology and Infection](#) at Imperial has written a blog post outlining her 5 top tips for engaging with policymakers as a research scientist. They include keeping up to date with current events and government priorities and targeting your engagement. [Read the blog.](#)

POST COP26 OPPORTUNITIES

The Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology's (POST) is inviting anyone with expertise in areas relating to COP26 to sign up to their expert [database](#) and, at the same time, share their insights through responding to several questions.

The questions ask experts what they think the UK Parliament and Government's priorities should be while preparing for and delivering COP26. The findings will feed into the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee's inquiry on [Net Zero and UN climate summits](#).

Those who sign up will be entered onto a database of experts who may be contacted by parliamentary staff, or Members of either House of UK Parliament or their staff, in order to help them scrutinise Government preparations for COP26 over the next 16 months.

You can view the [latest updates to POST's work programme, and contact information for all projects](#). Also find out [more information on what contributing to a POSTnote entails](#).

OTHER POLICY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to submit evidence to a parliamentary inquiry or government consultation, get in touch with [The Forum team](#) for support.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

The Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Committee's inquiry into **air quality** is accepting evidence until 7 August 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Environmental Audit Committee's inquiry into **Greening the post-Covid Recovery** is accepting evidence until 14 August 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy's inquiry into **Biosecurity and National Security** is accepting evidence until 7 September 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Treasury Committee's inquiry into **Decarbonisation and Green Finance** is accepting evidence until 28 August 2020. [Find out more.](#)

GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS

The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy's consultation on **Offshore Chemical Regulations and Oil Pollution Prevention** and Control Regulations closes on 6 August 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy's consultation on **energy-related products closes** on 4 September 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs' consultation on **reservoir safety** closes on 10 August 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Department for Health and Social Care's consultation on **front-of-pack nutrition labelling** closes on 21 October 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Department for Transport's consultation on **creating a plan to decarbonise transport** closes on 31 August 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Department for Transport and the UK Space Agency's consultation on **spaceport and spaceflight activities** closes on 21 October 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Environment Agency's consultation on **river basin planning** closes on 24 September 2020. [Find out more.](#)

HM Revenue and Customs and HM Treasury's consultation on a **carbon emissions tax** closes on 29 September 2020. [Find out more.](#)

The Home Office's consultation on **fire safety** closes on 12 September. [Find out more.](#)

Ofwat's consultation on **regulatory reporting for the 2020-21 reporting year** closes on 24 August 2020. [Find out more.](#)

NHS Digital's consultation on the clinical Safety of **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning** closes on 27 October 2020. [Find out more.](#)

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