

# Giuseppe Sollazzo

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## Experience

### 2020 – > Head of AI Skunkworks & Deployment / NHSX, London

I'm setting up a skunkworks team able to rapidly develop, experiment, iterate, and deploy AI-based solutions within the healthcare ecosystem.

### 2018 – 2020 > Head of Data / Department for Transport, London

I built the DfT's central data capability in terms of data technology/engineering, transformation delivery, policy, commercial approach. I managed a portfolio of programmes including the definition of a data strategy, the launch of digital products, and service management. I was instrumental in data acquisition and response during several national emergencies.

### 2009 – 2018 > IT Lead / St George's Hospital Medical School, London

Responsible for 80+ business-as-usual digital services and support for 30,000 users, research computing, innovation portfolio, including cloud enablement and launch of Tier-3 HPC facilities.

### (part time) 2013 – 2016 > Co-Founder & CTO / DigiTail Comics, Remote

Launch of an e-comics platform with Italian comic publisher RenBooks.

### 2007 – 2008 > Digital Transformation Manager, Healthcare / Noemalife, Italy

End-to-end transformation programmes in healthcare, including live services in clinical labs/hospital wards.

## Selected freelance work

UKRI/Innovate UK assessor – e.g. SBRI Modernising Energy Data

EU Commission Expert – e.g. monitor for the H2020 Polivisu Project

NHS England – report into health Open Data, with [recommendations](#) for best practice and strategy

Power to Change – report into community-level use of data, [best practices](#), and design of a data platform

Various data-science projects (e.g.: "[Average face of US Congress](#)" for the BBC)

## Non-exec & Advisory

### 2018 – > Lay Advisor, Member of the Informatics and Audit Committee / Royal College of Ophthalmologists, London

Audit of the National Ophthalmology Database, and advice on medical informatics

### 2020 – 2020 > Chair of Governors / Devonshire Hill Primary & Nursery School, London

Also: Chair of the Resources Committee, 2016 – 2020; overall, Governor, 2015 – 2020

### 2015 – 2016 > Trustee / Common Cause, London

Digital services and financial audit. Due diligence. Leading the liquidation process.

## Education

Imperial College London, drop-out from PhD Computing

MSc and BSc Computer Science, University of Bologna

## Recent comms activities/coverage

RAI Radio3 Scienza, [interview](#) on data in public communications

[When the EU won Eurovision... and what it teaches us about Brexit](#), The New European

[Keynote](#): Transport Data Initiative, Introducing DfT's Transport Data Strategy, also covered by [Highways Magazine](#)

How Big Data is transforming Public Services, [The Guardian](#)

## Other

Government Digital Service, Service Assessor (Tech)

Open Data Institute, Open Data Individual Champion 2016

Times Higher Education/JISC, [50 most influential Higher Education professionals on social media 2016](#)