

1st eHealth Hub Legal Workshop @MedCity Conference London

eHealth Hub hosted its **first legal workshop** on *'The key legal considerations for SMEs in the eHealth space'* in London, 15 June 2017.

The workshop was hosted as part of **London Tech Week** and the **MedCity conference** *'Addressing today's health demands: Fit for patients, for investment.'*

The conference was attended by participants including those from the NHS, Digital Foundry, Asthma UK, Pfizer, Tech London Advocates Healthcare, Medcity, Queen Mary University of London Life Sciences Institute, King's College London, Innovate UK and Silicon Valley Bank

Clemence Tanzi and Patrick Cahill from eHealth Hub started with an overview of the project, which followed by Tom Gummer from Kennedys LLP and Charlotte Laverty from Queen Mary University of London covering the legal issues.



Their workshop provided insight into the **main legal issues for eHealth SMEs** including **data protection** (and the changes in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)), **intellectual property, regulation** and **commercial contracts**.

The audience was eager to understand how to implement practically the changes brought by the GDPR. The new regulation is expected to impact companies handling personal data greatly and will come into effect in 2018. Attendees asked for instance whether companies have to inform every single patient about the changes, or if a simple notification via their website would be considered as enough notice under the new regulation. (The ICO website was noted to be a good resource to get practical guidance for companies).

Attendees were also keen to talk about privacy by design solutions, such as software which imbeds GDPR requirements in the companies' own software. The automation of Data Protection requirements seemed to be an appealing options for companies.

A question was also asked about how to find reliable legal specialists in other E.U countries, for a future eHealth venture operating in the U.K and Italy, and were pleased to learn about eHealth Hub and how it may help them.

The **next eHealth Legal workshop** will take place next **6th July 2017** at the Health Summer University in Castres. Participation in the workshop is free but registration is mandatory at [link](#)