

# Café Scientifique Headingley

**Monday 13 September 2021 at 7:30pm**  
**Patient Safety in digital healthcare:**  
**Ensuring the intangible**  
**by Ciarán McInerney**



**Outline:** What is safety? Can you touch it, see it, measure it? Concepts like hassle, hazards and harms are often spoken about in discussions of safety but do they capture the essence of safety? Some have argued that safety is a “*dynamic non-event*” or the “*avoidance of harm*”, while others consider it to be the state of everything working *despite* all that could go wrong.

In this talk, Ciarán McInerney will invite attendees into a conversation about what safety might mean for patients in contemporary healthcare that is increasingly digitised. Ciarán will guide the conversation through the topics of safety, technology and healthcare, which overlap to define Patient Safety Informatics.

**Ciarán McInerney** is a Research Fellow in Digital Health and Patient Safety at the University of Leeds. To his background in health sciences, he has added experience of statistics, complexity, systems theory and human factors. He is part of the [Digital Innovation for Patient Safety](#) theme the [NIHR Yorkshire and Humber Patient Safety Translational Research Centre](#) where he studies how digital technology helps and hinders the safety of patients on their healthcare journeys.

**Venue:** The New Headingley Club, 56 St Michael's Rd., Leeds LS6 3BG

**Time:** Club opens at 7:00pm for drinks & the room at 7:30; talk begins promptly at 7:45pm

**Entry:** Donation please for room hire and expenses: **£3 at the door**



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