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2026 Organisers' Statement of Attendance

This statement provides an initial announcement of attendance figures for Healthcare Estates 2026. Further information will be published once a more detailed analysis of the attendance profile has been completed.

Healthcare Estates 2026 achieved record attendance, bringing the healthcare engineering, estates and facilities management community together for two days of practical learning, innovation and conversations that will shape the sector's future.

With 192 speakers and 246 exhibition stands representing an even greater number of companies, the event put the sector's most pressing priorities at the heart of its conference programme and exhibition.

This year's theme, "Mind the Gap – Are we heading for a two-tier estate?", prompted lively discussion about improving existing healthcare facilities alongside delivering the next generation of hospitals.

That engagement extended throughout the event: visitors explored products and equipment firsthand, delegates undertook thousands of hours of CPD, and peers exchanged experience and ideas to help tackle shared challenges. Across the exhibition floor, conference sessions and networking events, the emphasis was on making connections and finding practical ways forward.

Event-related activity on LinkedIn during and immediately after the event reinforced Healthcare Estates' position as the definitive meeting place for the community. Exhibitors celebrated valuable conversations with NHS teams, clients and partners, while visitors praised the opportunity to see solutions in action, gain practical insights and learn directly from peers and sector leaders.

The message was clear: Healthcare Estates brings together the people, expertise and ideas needed to move the sector forward. Participants left Manchester with stronger relationships, fresh perspectives and the enthusiasm to turn conversations into collaboration—and insight into action.

Type of Attendee	Day 1	Day 2	Total	Increase on 2025
Visitors & Delegates (incl. speakers & chairs)	3202	1902	5104	8%
Exhibitors	1713	1334	3047	20%
Total	**4915**	**3236**	**8151**	**9%**

Total Attendance **8,151***
Exhibitors **246**
NHS Organisations Represented **144†**

**Including 2,178 participants who attended both days*
† Includes Trusts, Health Boards, ICBs and national NHS bodies

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