



## SDD 2021 rescheduled to 16-20 May 2022

With great regret, we have taken the decision to postpone SDD 2021, from November to May.

We've decided to do this for a number of reasons, including the following:

- New UK cases are currently running at over 30,000 per day, and the rate of hospitalisations and deaths have also increased in recent weeks
- A number of scientists have highlighted the risk of an "autumn wave" in the UK, as the weather gets colder and schools re-open after their summer break
- Any re-imposition of social distancing rules would make it impossible to run the event
- While fully vaccinated people from many countries can currently enter the UK without being required to self-isolate, travel restrictions and quarantine rules imposed by the UK government can change at very short notice

### Speakers & agenda

We're pleased to confirm that most of the speakers who were scheduled to present sessions and workshops have already confirmed their availability for the new dates in May, so we're planning to stick closely to the original agenda – we'll fully update the schedule by November.

### Already registered?

If you had already registered to attend the conference on the original dates, haven't taken up the option to cancel and claim a refund when we previously rescheduled, and would like to keep your booking and attend on the new dates in May 2022, you don't need to take any action – your booking will automatically carry over.

We guarantee that you won't lose out in terms of the price that you originally paid – when registration re-opens later this year, we won't offer any early-bird rates that are lower than the ones that were in place when the conference was postponed.

However, if attending in May is a problem for you, please contact us via email at the following address by **Thursday 30th September** if you wish to cancel your booking and claim a refund - please include your name, organisation, and booking reference: **SDD2020@cwt-me.com**

### Registration to re-open in October

Registration for new attendees will be closed for a few weeks, while we update various details – we'll open again for new bookings by the end of October, so if you're interested in securing a place please check back in a couple of months or follow us on Twitter for updates: [@sddconf](https://twitter.com/sddconf)

We hope to see you in May!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nick Payne'.

**Nick Payne**  
SDD Conference Organiser