

# Enhancing Generalist Skills Programme

## Trailblazer Newsletter 1 – Summer 2021

Dear Trailblazer Leads and Colleagues,

We are delighted to share our first Enhancing Generalist Skills Programme newsletter with you. We hope you will find the newsletter informative and a helpful way to keep up to date. As well as sharing our national team updates, we invite you to submit short summaries of your work to feature in upcoming editions. We look forward to telling you and hearing from you about the meetings held, stakeholders engaged with as well as shining a spotlight on the brilliant work you are doing across the regions. As always, we welcome feedback, so please feel free to contact us or the MERP team for any suggestions about how we can continue to improve our communications with you.

Best Wishes,



Jo and Tahreema

*National Clinical Advisors - Enhancing Generalist Skills Programme*

### **Assurance Board**

The first Generalism Assurance Board was held on 4 May 2021, chaired by Professor Adrian Brooke and attended by a wide range of senior HEE staff. Helen Johnson presented the East of England Trailblazer proposal which was well received. We plan to invite a trailblazer rep to each Board to shine a spotlight on the progress being made.

The Board agreed to meet bi-monthly with a plan that within the next three meetings, it will evolve from an internal HEE only group to a wider system group with representatives from NHSEI and other key stakeholder organisations being invited.

## Future of the Trailblazer Network

We have reviewed how the network runs and how we envisage it will evolve over the coming months.

The meeting on **this month** will be the *Trailblazer Network: Regional Update* meeting, focusing on the work you are producing and progress made. Two trailblazers will be nominated to host a longer presentation, whilst the other five regions will give a five minute highlight briefing.

On alternate months, the *Trailblazer Network: Show and Tell* will be held, where the central programme team will provide updates and present new educational developments.

## Bidding Process

Thank you for meeting with the programme team over the last couple of weeks. The team felt the discussions were very insightful and are looking forward to reviewing the bids.

We are pleased to confirm that Swanwick Morris have agreed to be part of the review panel together with Andrew Milner, Jo Szram and Tahreema Matin. We will have the outcomes of the bids back with leads by 30 June 2021.



## Putting the spotlight on:

### The Wellbeing Steering Group

The second Wellbeing Steering Group was held on 18 May 2021, Sophie Wienand-Barnett (HEE Clinical Fellow) is the Chair of the bi-monthly meeting. The group's aim is to provide guidance on ensuring the wellbeing of the enhancing generalist skills programme learners and faculty is supported. The next meeting is planned for July 2021 and will focus on how several of the Royal Colleges address wellbeing. If you would like to be involved or have interested wellbeing champions in your regions, please contact us with their details.

Sophie says, "We have a fantastic group with a wealth of experience in wellbeing. In this meeting we had a presentation from Roo McCrossan (Consultant Anaesthetist and Chair of the Trainee Committee at the Association of Anaesthetists) highlighting a broad range of measures they have incorporated nationally to foster wellbeing. Their campaigns #KnockItOut, #FightingFatigue prompted lots of discussion. We also heard from Debbie Ford (Consultant Psychologist at Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals) who presented a thought provoking way of assessing wellbeing.

Our next steps are to plan an online resource hub for our trailblazers, also outlining key principles to consider from the contributions we have received from our group and wider community. We welcome further good practice and recommendations of subject matter experts from our trailblazer networks and their stakeholders.”

### SharePoint

We have launched a Trailblazer SharePoint and Teams Site for all key documents including the meeting administration, and other key documentation from other groups within the programme. We look forward to inviting you to join this side soon!

### Stakeholder Engagement

The team are meeting with stakeholders to provide the wider system with the key information, outcomes and benefits of the programme. These include: the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC) Joint Academic Training Forum; HEE AHP Leads, Foundation School Directors, Healthcare Scientist Leads, Dental, Pharmacy and Primary Care Deans; NHSE Personalised Care Institute, members of the NHS Leadership Academy, UCL Pathways team and the BMA JDC leads. Feedback has been positive and we look forward to continuing to engage with our system partners over the coming weeks and months. If you have contacts who would like more information, please feel free to use the slides available on the SharePoint or ask the team for availability to support your discussions. We are very happy to help!



1 June 2021 – New National Fellow Sophie Smith to start with the Generalism Programme

4 June 2021 – Deadline for Bidding Process

Mid-June – Programme identity launch from partners NELSCU

15 June 2021 – Trailblazer Network

22 June 2021 – Educational Development Group

Early July – Global Roundtable

Mid July – first 3 of 6 Educational Development Module Workshops to be ran by Swanwick Morris

Late July – Academic Roundtable

Early September – final 3 of 6 Educational Development Module Workshops to be ran by Swanwick Morris

We hope you find this newsletter informative, if you have any items you would like to cover or would like the team to focus on for the next edition, please do contact the team via [merp@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:merp@hee.nhs.uk)

The deadline for submissions to the next newsletter will be **31 July 2021**