

Stakeholder Briefing – Issue 27

Key Messages and links to 6th January 2021

Welcome to Health Education England's stakeholder bulletin.

In this bulletin we will provide:

- COVID-19 latest updates
- Overview of HEE education and training news
- An update from your regional office

HEE COVID-19 LATEST UPDATES:

We have created a [COVID-19 update webpage](#) for October 2020 onwards. It will provide guidance and information from HEE, which applies to all students and trainees. This webpage also includes [HEE COVID-19 Surge Guidance](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca e-learning sessions now available

HEE e-Learning for Healthcare worked in partnership with Public Health England and NHS England and NHS Improvement to develop the COVID-19 Vaccination e-learning programme. The e-learning programme is designed to provide the health and care workforce involved in the national COVID-19 vaccination programme with the knowledge they need to confidently promote high uptake of the vaccine and deliver the vaccine programme effectively.

The programme consists of a core knowledge session, the COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine BNT162b2 Pfizer-BioNTech session, the COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca session and accompanying assessment sessions for each.

All those undertaking this e-learning should complete the core knowledge session as this is designed to provide essential knowledge about COVID-19 and the key principles of immunisation needed to deliver the vaccine. Learners should then complete both vaccine specific sessions as these provide more detailed information including how the vaccine works, how it should be stored, prepared and administered and any contraindications, precautions and potential vaccine reactions.

The assessment sessions should be completed after each session.

For more information about the COVID-19 Vaccination programme, including details on how to access, visit the [e-LfH website](#).

To date there have been more than 770,000 session launches of the e-LfH COVID-19 vaccination programme with more than 28,000 nursing and midwifery

professionals, over 21,000 medical and dental professionals and over 7,000 students already completed the e-learning sessions.

Vaccination of frontline health and social care workers including students and trainees on placement

The healthcare worker operational guidance with standard operating procedure has now been published, [Coronavirus >> Operational Guidance: vaccination of frontline health and social care workers](#). Please note this includes temporary, locum or 'bank' staff, including those working in the COVID-19 vaccination programme, students, trainees, and volunteers who are working with patients.

Healthcare Learners' Coronavirus Advice Guide

The [Healthcare Learners Coronavirus Advice Guide](#) aims to serve as an aid to healthcare learners to provide them with useful hints, tips and advice to use during the current COVID-19 pandemic and to protect against other infections. The advice given in this document has been collated from questions posed to HEE and experiences shared by healthcare learners working on the front line

HEE TRAINING AND EDUCATION CORE PRIORITY UPDATES –

We are supporting all professions to rapidly grow to meet the needs of patients by:

New initial education and training standards for pharmacists approved by the General Pharmaceutical Council

HEE has welcomed the new initial education and training standards for pharmacists recently approved by the [General Pharmaceutical Council](#). These standards will ensure that skilled pharmacists will play an integral part in the future healthcare workforce.

Interim Foundation Pharmacist Programme update – Extension of application deadline

The Interim Foundation Pharmacist Programme launched in Autumn 2020 to support pre-registration pharmacists whose training and registration have been disrupted by the first phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. This programme is also helping to accelerate [pharmacist early years' education and training reform](#), in line with the [NHS People Plan for 2020/21](#) and with the new initial education and training standards for pharmacists recently approved by the [General Pharmaceutical Council](#) (see above).

The programme has been designed to ensure that most of the learning happens in the workplace while providing a host of online resources, to help participants balance their personal development with their work commitments, and to prepare for the delayed GPhC assessment. [The GPhC has recently confirmed that the assessment dates will be in March 2021 and in the Summer.](#)

All participants are given access to OpenAthens, the SCRIPT e-learning programme for Foundation Pharmacists and a library of resources on the NHS Learning Hub.

We are happy to announce that the closing deadline has been extended until 10th May 2021: Please encourage provisionally registered pharmacists to [register](#) for the programme and find out more on the [IFPP website](#).

In addition, the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) will have two further cohorts of the Foundation Pharmacist Pathway, starting in January and April 2021, to support provisionally registered pharmacists who work in community pharmacy, primary care and Health in Justice. More information can be found on the CPPE website: <https://www.cppe.ac.uk/career/fpp20-21/foundation-pharmacist-programme>

Interim Foundation Pharmacist Programme – New Lunchtime Q&A drop-in sessions

We will be running lunchtime Q&A drop-in sessions for provisionally registered pharmacists and their educational supervisors starting this month:

IFPP Drop-in session for provisionally registered pharmacists

Tuesday 12 January 1-2pm

Join via MS Teams on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

IFPP Drop-in session for educational supervisors

Tuesday 19 January 1-2pm

Join via MS Teams on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

The programme team is sending regular updates about the IFPP. We encourage you to subscribe to these updates by emailing fpp@hee.nhs.uk, stating 'IFPP Updates' in the subject header.

We are ensuring core HEE work to support our NHS colleagues continues:

BMJ and Health Education England shortlisted for the HSJ Partnership Awards 2021

BMJ & Health Education England is delighted to announce that “Evidence on Demand: Best Practice Bring Evidence to the Bedside” has been shortlisted for Best Educational Programme for the NHS at the HSJ Partnership Awards 2021, recognising their outstanding dedication to improving healthcare and effective collaboration with the NHS.

Following the most testing period for the healthcare sector in recent history, this year's awards reinstate the essential role of private and third sector organisations in

strengthening the healthcare system. Being shortlisted for a Partnership Award has ensured that our lifesaving project is nationally recognised, learned from and upscaled.

We are making sure all professions have the training they need to make a difference:

Medical Problems in Pregnancy e-learning updated

Health Education England e-Learning for Healthcare (HEE e-LfH) has worked with the Wellbeing of Women charity to update the Medical Problems in Pregnancy e-learning programme.

The programme is primarily designed for internal medicine trainees but will also be of use to others in ACCS (Acute Care Common Stem), obstetrics and anaesthesia and allied health professionals.

Every year a small number of women in the UK die in pregnancy or the puerperium. The main causes of maternal death are medical complications including cardiac disease, neurological disease and sepsis.

Trainee physicians only encounter pregnant women occasionally and may not have a working knowledge of either the dynamic physiology of pregnancy or the effect this has on interpretation of examination findings and laboratory investigations. This may lead to a delay in the timely and appropriate management of the acutely unwell pregnant women.

The six sessions within the module have been reviewed and updated to represent current knowledge and guidelines. They are:

- The physiology of pregnancy
- Medical disorders complicating pregnancy
- Prescribing safely in pregnancy
- Clinical assessment of the pregnant patient
- Communication and co-ordination of care for the complex obstetric patient
- Common and important clinical scenarios: sepsis and thromboembolism

Each session includes interactive exercises, case examples and short videos. More information and access details are available on the [Medical Problems in Pregnancy](#) programme page.

The [programme evaluation survey](#) is now live and available within the updated sessions.

Updates to End of Life Care (e-ELCA)

A new session on [The Management of diabetes at the end of life](#) has been added to the HEE e-LfH [End of Life Care for All \(e-ELCA\)](#) e-learning programme.

This new session explores the prevalence of diabetes, therapeutic approaches and practical decision making in patients who are approaching the end of life.

Five sessions have also been updated within the programme.

These sessions are:

- [‘I don’t believe you, I’m not ready to die’ – Managing denial](#)
- [End of Life Care for people experiencing homelessness](#)
- [‘Please don’t tell my husband’ – Managing collusion](#)
- [Communicating the plan of management and care](#)
- [Talking with ill people: Considering the surrounding environment](#)

New All Our Health Population Screening session now available

HEE e-LfH has worked in partnership with Public Health England Screening to develop a new population screening session as part of the All Our Health e-learning programme.

Population Screening covers the basics of screening, highlighting its importance and benefits, and gives health and care professionals information on the following NHS screening programmes:

- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
- Bowel cancer
- Breast cancer
- Cervical
- Diabetic Eye
- Pregnant women and newborn babies:
 - Sickle cell and thalassemia
 - Infectious diseases in pregnancy
 - Fetal anomaly
 - Newborn an infant physical examination
 - Newborn bloodspot
 - Newborn hearing
- Young Person and Adult (YPA)

The bite-sized session also encourages colleagues to actively raise awareness of screening to individuals and gives advice on reducing screening inequalities by making individuals aware of the NHS screening programmes and supporting them to make informed choices about screening.

Colleagues are also signposted to other relevant resources and tools such as [an introduction to population screening](#) which is also available via e-Learning for Healthcare.

For more information or to access the free e-learning session, visit the [All Our Health](#) programme page.

We are making sure all professions have the digital skills they need to make a difference:

**“We must share knowledge more to allow digital transformation”
Faculty of Clinical Informatics – webinar on knowledge sharing – 14 January
2021 12-1.30pm**

The session, presented by Ben Bridgewater (*CEO at the [Health Innovation Manchester](#), an Academic Health Sciences Network*), and Chaired by Sue Lacey Bryant, (*National Lead for NHS Library and Knowledge Services, [director of Innovation and Transformation](#) at Health Education England*), will explore the enablers and barriers to sharing know-how and why it holds the key to achieving digital transformation in order to improve outcomes for patients.

If you'd like to attend, [please sign up via Eventbrite](#).

View upcoming webinars scheduled for 2021 or what recordings of previous sessions on the [FCI platform](#).

REGIONAL UPDATE

Mental Health Programmes

The following overview of Mental Health work from the past year, as well as plans for upcoming Mental Health work, has been added to the HEE website, accessible via the link below. Please feel free to read at your own convenience.

http://news.hee.nhs.uk/interface/external_view_email.php?J925789894082283460043190zzzzz641cd02dd78c409067491d1df9f3715bfb5522b89049547c42595f87418dfd3f33

For more information, please contact Helen.Smith@hee.nhs.uk.

System Recovery and Restoration

Following the success of the December event, a series of workshops have now been planned for the remainder of the year, focussing on key topics within systems and workforce transformation. Within the sessions, which are planned to share best practice, showcase success and develop knowledge, a series of guest speakers have been invited to share expertise and showcase excellence. These events will be championed by HEE, NHSE/I and system leaders considering the Midlands Regional People Board Priorities and the HEE People Plan deliverables

The sessions are open to colleagues from across the systems and have been designed for opt in and out attendance, depending on subject matter and have been designed to provide support to STP/ICS Workforce Leads in planning activity moving forward.

We look forward to seeing you at the events!

In the meantime, for more information please contact Amanda.batthey@hee.nhs.uk or Adrian.tams@hee.nhs.uk

Cancer and Diagnostics Update: Upskilling Provision for Clinical Endoscopy

Upskilling for Clinical Endoscopy in the Midlands has been provided with excellent opportunity with the awarding of the tender to provide endoscopy training and upskilling to Birmingham City University in partnership with Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust.

The upskilling will comprise some unique selling points (USP):

1. **Blended Learning Programme** –adapted to meet the current needs and so all academic content is now taught online, offering greater flexibility especially for working families.
2. **Financial Support** - trainees and their trusts will receive a support package of up to £15,000 plus a travel and subsistence grant
3. **Training Capacity**- HEE has recently awarded new contracts with Higher Education Institutions and this will enable an increased frequency of cohorts and a wider spread of locations

A recent webinar was held to discuss the USP's and the Midlands upskilling provision; an extract from that webinar can be found here.

<https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/91a4d858-44aa-4336-aa51-318be3cb73c4>

The selection process for applicants officially began on Monday 30th November and will run into early January. To support the process HEE has published **Digital Promotional Recruitment Materials** to facilitate the applications and recruitment experience:

The HEE Clinical Endoscopist Training Programme Webpage	The HEE webpage for the CE Programme has been revised to include the above USPs / changes including: Blended Learning Delivery; cohort dates; application process explained, etc. We will be adding in very shortly, quick links to the FAQs document, Clinical Supervisors Guide and Student Guide.
Expression of Interest Form	The form is now digital so managers and applicants can quickly submit their interest online.
Application form for the 30-week Clinical Endoscopist Training Programme	Application forms are as previously also available on the website in an online format.

Application for the 40-week Clinical Endoscopist Programme	
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For more information, please contact CancerandDiagnostics@hee.nhs.uk.

FURTHER INFORMATION

By following [@NHS_HealthEdEng](#) you can keep up to date with new information and resources as they are published. Most importantly are the notifications of webinars being broadcast during the week.

Right now, making sure we are communicating properly is obviously incredibly important. If there's any information you think is missing on [HEE's webpages](#), please let us know by submitting your question to the [HEE Q&A helpdesk](#).