

**Health Education England
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This bulletin covers education and training updates.

Health Education England (HEE) is working with partners to support the system-wide response to COVID-19 and ensure education and training news is shared widely.

In this bulletin, we will provide:

- A weekly message from the Chief Executive's Office
- An overview of HEE education and training news
- An update from the [south east region](#) and the local hubs across [Kent, Surrey, and Sussex](#); [Thames Valley](#) and [Wessex](#)
- Signposting to useful resources and contact information.

We are supporting all professionals to grow to meet the needs of patients:

Message from Wendy Reid, HEE's interim Chief Executive

This [week's message](#) focuses on the importance of welcoming new students and trainees into the NHS offering them support and encouragement in an uncertain world - Being the role model we all would like to be is even more important this year. [Read the weekly message here.](#)

GP specialty training acceptances continues to break records – highest number ever seen in the NHS

After the initial rounds of recruitment, there have been 3441 acceptances for GP specialty training, the highest ever figure for this stage in the recruitment process, and the highest number of trainees entering GP specialty training that the NHS has ever seen at this point. This is up 15% from 2019 when there were 2891 acceptances. This has been an increase in numbers for the third year in a row.

HEE is still recruiting to GP this year and the next round opens at the end of this month. The final overall total for this year will be known in the autumn. The published Round 1 and Round 1A figures also highlight good increases in fill rates across other key specialties including, core psychiatry, which has seen a 100% fill rate. [Read the full specialty training update here.](#)

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

HEE's Future Doctor report published

COVID-19 has highlighted how crucial generalist skills are in enabling Doctors to manage complex patient care across different specialties. [HEE's Future Doctor report](#) published this week sets out a vision for future clinical teams and how education and training can evolve so that our future Doctors are equipped with the right skills to deliver care in an ever-changing health care landscape. This vision for the future Doctor outlines how we can reform medical education, so Doctors better understand population needs, develop generalist skills, and work effectively in multi-professional teams. [Read the Future Doctor report update here.](#)

Out of Programme Pause webinar

On Tuesday 28 July at 19:00, HEE, partners, and trainee representatives will be hosting a webinar for medical trainees on an Out of Programme Pause. To join the webinar, please add this [live webinar MS Teams link](#) to your calendar. Questions can be asked in advance and should be submitted via the [Out of Programme Pause webinar question form](#).



The banner is a blue rectangle with a white border. At the top left, the word 'Webinar' is written in white. To the right of 'Webinar' is the NHS logo and the text 'Health Education England'. Below 'Webinar', the title 'Out of Programme Pause' is written in white. Underneath the title, the date and time 'Tuesday 28 July, 7pm' are displayed. The bottom half of the banner features five small portrait photos of the speakers, each with their name and title below it.

Speaker	Title
Prof. Adrian Brooke	Deputy Medical Director (Workforce Alignment), HEE
Dr Jonathan Corne	Postgraduate Dean for Emergency Medicine
Mr Bill Allum, FRCS	Royal College of Surgeons, Chair Academy Working Party on Flexibility
Dr. Victoria Phin	ST4 in Anaesthetics
Dr Kaja Koksa	Core Anaesthetic Trainee

Allied Health Professionals (AHP) placement expansion and innovation

Our national AHP team has recently delivered a variety of webinars and workshops to ensure a robust and sustainable approach to quality placements and learning environments to effectively expand the workforce by growing the number of AHPs in education. If you missed these specific AHP webinars and workshops or would like to access the recordings and presentations, please [visit the AHP placement and expansion innovation webpage on the HEE website](#).

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

HEE e-Learning for Health (e-LfH) updates

COVID-19 programme

The [COVID-19 e-LfH programme](#) is still being well-used by the health and care workforce, and since its launch, in March 2020, there have been 1.6 million session launches.

Recent updates on the COVID-19 e-LfH programme include:

- [Lung Ultrasound \(LUS\) for COVID-19](#)
- [Remote total Triage Model in General Practice.](#)

For more information about the programme, please visit the [COVID-19 e-LfH programme webpage](#).

Additional e-LfH programmes and modules

Additional e-LfH programmes and modules include:

- [Making Every Contact Count](#)
- [e-FACE e-learning programme](#)
- [Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery \(e-LPRAS\)](#)
- [The Management of Burns for Paramedics](#)

For more information about e-LfH, please visit the [e-LfH website](#).

Dysphagia Guide e-learning resource now live

The e-LfH team has worked in partnership with Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists, National Institute for Health Research Devices for Dignity MedTech and In vitro diagnostic Co-operatives, and industry experts to develop the Dysphagia Guide e-learning resource.

The Dysphagia Guide e-learning resource covers the following topics:

- Essentials
- Food
- Quality and Safety
- Training and Resources
- Workforce

For more information about the e-learning resource, including access details, please [visit the Dysphagia programme on the e-LfH website](#).

The Learning Hub – the start of an exciting journey

The Learning Hub is a new digital platform that provides easy access to a wide range of education and training resources for the health and care workforce. Organisations and users can contribute and share resources for those in health and care to access.

For more information about the Learning Hub read the recent [Learning Hub blog](#) and follow [@HEE_TEL](#) on Twitter. If you have any questions or require further support, contact the Learning Hub team via enquiries@learninghub.nhs.uk.

The General Medical Council (GMC) national training survey is now live for Doctors in training and their trainers

The [2020 GMC national training survey](#) is open between 22 July and 12 August. Doctors in training and their trainers can take part. This year's survey is shorter than previous surveys and can be accessed via a mobile device. As well as questions about COVID-19, the survey will ask about clinical supervision, wellbeing, and workload. Please take 10 minutes to complete the survey if you are a Doctor in training or their trainer - your feedback is more important than ever.

The training survey for:

- [Doctors in training can be accessed via the GMC website here](#)
- [Trainers can be accessed via the GMC website here.](#)

To find out more and read the survey guides, visit the [GMC website](#).

Additional information and news:

Virtual Health Careers Conference 2020

On Saturday 25 July, the Virtual Health Careers Conference will be live. The event is open to all school/college students, university students, graduates, parents, teachers, career advisers, health professionals, and interested individuals.

The event has a diverse programme which includes:

- Keynote talks and panels
- Virtual Workshop Hubs
- Interactive Virtual Clinical Skills Zone
- Mentoring & Networking Zone
- Digital Health & Innovation Zone
- Interactive Virtual Exhibition - an opportunity to virtually meet key organisations and access useful resources.

To find out more and register, visit the [healthcareers.live website](https://healthcareers.live).



AHP Armed Forces career changer film

HEE's national AHP programme has recently launched a new film and short stories to demonstrate how they have collaborated with Step into Health to support several Armed Forces personnel who retrained to have a new career as an AHP. The [AHP Armed Forces career changer film can be viewed on HEE's YouTube channel.](#)

A new toolkit offers paediatric trainees learning on health promotion

The Academy of Public Health for London and KSS has worked with public health consultants from Eduqual Ltd, to deliver a toolkit for paediatric trainees, integrating public health knowledge and understanding into their education and training. The toolkit is now available on the [Population Wellbeing Portal.](#)

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) webinar

On Tuesday 11 August, at 10:30, HEE will be delivering a webinar on ESOL in the Health and Care workforce. The webinar will include a presentation from Finbar Lillis (Middlesex Uni, Centre for Apprenticeships and Skills) and a discussion with participants on future HEE action on ESOL.

If you have an example of successful ESOL practice from your workplace to share, please email a 100-word max summary to Finbar@finbar.lillis.com. If you would like to sign up for this webinar, please email talentforcare@hee.nhs.uk.

South east regional updates:

Scoping demand for national procurement: Mammography, Speech & Language Therapy and Coaching Professional apprenticeships

Elaine Lancaster, HEE South East Talent for Care Relationship Manager (Apprenticeships) is looking for interest/potential numbers, however small for the below standards to encourage the market provision and look at a national procurement framework:

- [Mammography Associate Level 4](#)
- [Coaching Professional Level 5](#)
- [Speech & Language Therapist Level 6](#). In addition to potential numbers, we would like to know if any organisations have procured this standard.

If you have any potential demand for the above standards, however small, please contact Elaine.Lancaster@hee.nhs.uk.

South east Public Health Practitioner Apprenticeship Level 6 webinar

On Monday 7 September 2020, HEE and PHE are hosting a webinar for employers interested in the public health practitioner apprenticeship to find out what it is and what they would need to do to implement the apprenticeship. Further details will be released soon, so please save the date in your diary. In the meantime, you can find out more about this apprenticeship by watching the [Public Health Practitioner Degree Apprenticeship – Employers Guide video.](#)

KSS Hub

KSS staff continue to work remotely and are well equipped and are available on email, mobile, Microsoft Teams, and Skype.

Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education (PGMDE)

The Healthcare Education Team (HET) can be contacted for any medical and dental trainee enquires via the [support portal](#) in the first instance. Trainees should be aware that the HET team are working hard to respond to queries, and that they should explore the FAQs available first to see whether their query has already been raised and addressed by someone else.

Quality

The KSS Quality Team recently sent out communications to stakeholders outlining plans to restart **routine** quality assurance and monitoring, in line with national HEE restart plans.

For KSS Trusts, this includes reviewing any paused quality interventions to determine whether these are appropriate for the current climate, working with Trusts to arrange virtual quality interventions only if required.

Outstanding action plan monitoring will commence from 1 September 2020.

A letter sent to Trusts also noted that the process for Training Site Approval During COVID process was under review; the revised process has been shared this week. [The Training Site Approval During COVID letter and process can be viewed online here](#).

For Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), restart plans include a return to usual mechanisms for HEI **routine** reporting of concerns regarding the quality of clinical learning environments for healthcare students from 1 September 2020.

For more information, please contact the team at KSSQuality@hee.nhs.uk.

The routes to raise any concerns linked to Induction, Supervision, and Trainee/Patient safety for all students and learners remain in place via the escalating concerns process. All students, trainees, and learners have been informed on how they can raise any concerns related to their clinical learning environment via their professional/educational networks.

In the case of significant or urgent concerns which has not been possible to resolve using local or usual routes, trainees can contact HEE directly via the emerging concerns email for all learners on EscalatingConcerns.KSSQuality@hee.nhs.uk. This email inbox will be monitored closely by the senior dean team and should only be used where local resolution has not been possible.

Pharmacy

The KSS pharmacy team continues to ensure that trainees, educators, and pharmacy leads are kept informed of any changes to the programme of activity in the short term and have a

dedicated COVID-19 webpage on the pharmacy website, which is updated daily. The team can also be contacted via lasepharmacy@hee.nhs.uk.

KSS Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) Innovate magazine

The KSS AHSN has released a new [digital Innovate magazine](#) that looks at a single theme from three different perspectives. In this first edition of the new format, the AHSN focus on COVID-19 from the perspective of Kent and Medway Sustainability and Transformation Partnership, HEE, National Institute for Health Research, and Clinical Research Network. To find out more, [read the magazine on the KSS AHSN website](#).

Further contact

For all other KSS learners (incl. SAS Doctors) or business support enquiries, the team can be contacted on Business.KSS@hee.nhs.uk.

Wessex Hub

Wessex staff continue to work remotely and are well equipped and are available on email, mobile, and Skype.

Quality

The Wessex quality team will continue to liaise with trust providers to keep up to date where concerns exist. Where triggered visits were cancelled, these are now undertaken on a remote basis. The team is working with placement providers to do this. The Wessex Quality Committee continues to meet to review current educational quality issues and deal with new concerns. The quality team can be contacted with any concerns via quality.wx@hee.nhs.uk.

Pharmacy

The HEE South Pharmacy team continues to ensure that trainees, educators, and pharmacy leads are kept informed of any changes to the programme of activity in the short term. There is a dedicated Pharmacy COVID-19 webpage on the HEE website. The South pharmacy team can be contacted via Pharmacy.South@hee.nhs.uk.

Thames Valley Hub

Thames Valley staff continue to work remotely and are well equipped and are available on email, mobile, and Skype.

Quality

Trainees will continue to be able to report any concerns directly as per the Thames Valley escalating concerns process. For further information please contact the Thames Valley quality team on escalatingconcernstv@hee.nhs.uk. The quality team can be contacted on quality.TV@hee.nhs.uk.

Pharmacy

The HEE South Pharmacy team continues to ensure that trainees, educators, and pharmacy leads are kept informed of any changes to the programme of activity in the short term. There is a dedicated Pharmacy page on the HEE website. The South pharmacy team can be contacted via Pharmacy.South@hee.nhs.uk.

Thank you for reading and further information:

By following [@NHS_HealthEdEng](https://twitter.com/NHS_HealthEdEng) on Twitter 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 incredibly important. If there's any information you think is missing on the [HEE webpages](#), please let us know by submitting your question to the [HEE Q&A helpdesk](#).

If you have any direct queries regarding this bulletin, please email SouthEastRegionalTeam@hee.nhs.uk.

Useful resources:

HEE's national COVID-19 page: <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/COVID-19-COVID-19>

Primary Care COVID-19: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/COVID-19/primary-care/>

Secondary Care COVID-19: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/COVID-19/secondary-care/>

UK Government: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

General Medical Council – information and support news: <https://www.gmc-uk.org/news/news-archive/COVID-19-information-and-advice>

General Dental Council: <https://www.gdc-uk.org/>

Health and Care Professions Council: <https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registrants/updates/2020/how-we-will-continue-to-regulate-in-light-of-novel-COVID-19/>

Nursing and Midwifery Council: <https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/how-we-will-continue-to-regulate-in-light-of-novel-COVID-19/>

General Pharmaceutical Council: <https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/>

e-learning for Healthcare COVID-19 programme: <https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/COVID-19/>

Learning Hub: <https://learninghub.nhs.uk/>
