

Health Education England south east bulletin (Issue 18) 7 August 2020

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 is also ensuring education and training news is shared widely. In this bulletin, we will provide:

- 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 Professor Sheona MacLeod, Acting Director of Education and Quality and Executive Medical Director

This [week's message](#) is written by Professor Sheona MacLeod and focuses on the importance of working together to restart careers, building hope for the future, and confidence in education and training.

Feedback survey for the draft Advanced Clinical Practice (ACP) in Mental Health Framework

HEE's Mental Health team is developing an ACP Mental Health framework to grow the Mental Health workforce. The team is now seeking feedback on the [draft ACP Mental Health Curriculum and Capabilities Framework](#) to ensure it meets the needs of the patients, providers, practitioners, and educators.

To share your views and feedback, complete the [draft ACP in Mental Health Framework feedback survey here](#).

Stay up to date with Allied Health Professional (AHP) student placement innovation and expansion development

To find out more about HEE's work to support the essential supply of AHPs to the health and care workforce, visit the [AHP placement expansion webpage and join the mailing list](#).

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

Pharmacist Education and Training Reform - Interim Foundation Pharmacist Programme

On 23 July 2020, HEE with NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE/I) published [a joint letter setting out the context for accelerating the reform of pharmacist education](#). This letter also announced that HEE, in partnership with key stakeholders, is establishing an Interim Foundation Pharmacist Programme (IFPP). The IFPP will provide provisional pharmacists in England with foundation support. It is a HEE funded 12-month education and training programme, starting in September 2020.

The IFPP aims to:

- Support provisionally registered pharmacists in England transition to full GPhC registration and beyond
- Develop pharmacists' ability to achieve high-quality outcomes for patients and improve patient safety
- Inform the next stage of Pharmacist Education and Reform.

For further information, visit the [IFPP update on HEE's website](#).

We anticipate there will be many questions about the new IFPP. Therefore the programme team will be sending weekly updates to stakeholders, and if you are interested, you can subscribe to these updates by emailing fpp@hee.nhs.uk, stating 'IFPP Updates' in the subject header.

Maternity Support Worker (MSW) Fund

The closing date for applications and expressions of interest for the MSW fund is on Sunday 16 August 2020. The supporting MSW Fund webinar delivered on Wednesday 29 July, can now be viewed via the [MSW Fund webpage](#).

The [MSW fund application](#) and expressions of interest are to be sent to maternityprogramme@hee.nhs.uk by, Sunday 16 August, at 23:00. To find out more about the MSW fund, please read the [MSW Fund press notice](#).

Mental Health Nurse Leadership Programme

HEE has joined forces with the Florence Nightingale Foundation to offer a career development leadership opportunity to recognise the contribution of Mental Health Nurses.

This leadership programme is funded by HEE and offers 40 (two cohorts of 20) Mental Health Nurses a bespoke leadership development to become Florence Nightingale Nurses and develop as future leaders of healthcare. Applications will be accepted from Nurses working in the field of Mental Health in the NHS or NHS commissioned services across England.

To find out more and to apply, visit the [Florence Nightingale Foundation website](#). Please note, the application deadline is on Friday 14 August 2020.

Medical trainee webinar recordings

In July, HEE held two webinars for medical trainees, the first focused on training in the private sector and inclusion issues, and the second on out of programme pause.

The recordings for these webinars are now available on the HEE YouTube channel:

- [Training in the private sector and inclusion issues webinar](#)
- [Out of programme pause webinar](#)

Decision support tool, available to all NHS healthcare professionals

Funded by HEE, the [British Medical Journal's \(BMJ\) Best Practice online tool and app](#), has been rated as one of the best clinical decision support tools for health professionals worldwide. The tool provides users with the latest evidence-based information, including, step by step guidance on diagnosis, prognosis, treatment, and prevention, whenever and wherever they need it, for free.

The BMJ Best Practice tool is available online and as an app – which also works offline. Healthcare professionals can now visit [BMJ's website](#) to register and then download the app from their usual app store.

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

National Breast Imaging Academy e-learning updates

In May 2020, the National Breast Imaging Academy (NBIA), in partnership with HEE e-Learning for Healthcare (e-LfH), launched the [NBIA e-learning programme](#) for radiographers, radiologists, and breast clinicians. The sessions are designed to support trainees in breast imaging and to provide valuable continuing professional development (CPD) resources for all qualified staff.

The full programme of e-learning sessions is due to launch in Autumn 2020, but many sessions are available now to support your training needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

New NBIA sessions available on the e-LfH Hub include:

- Ultrasound Interpretation – Cysts and Collections
- Clinical Evaluation and Management of Male Breast Disease
- Epidemiology of Breast Cancer
- Other Malignant Breast Disease

For more information about the programme, including details on how to access the NBIA e-learning sessions, please visit the [NBIA e-learning webpage](#).

New Internal Medicine Training e-learning programme launched

HEE e-LfH team has worked with the Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board to launch a new [Internal Medicine Training e-learning programme](#).

This e-learning package is aimed at Educational Supervisors of Internal Medicine Trainees and covers the following areas:

- The Education Supervisor Report
- Capabilities in Practice
- Evidence
- Setting up the Training Year
- Some elements of the Annual Review of Competency Progression

For more information about the programme, including access details, visit the [Internal Medicine Training e-learning webpage](#).

The Learning Hub – Catalogues are coming soon

The [Learning Hub](#) team is currently working on the development of catalogues, which will:

- Enable organisations to have their own area on the Learning Hub
- Offer a home page with branding capability and a place for resources to be made available under an organisation's own identity
- Provide organisations with the functionality to nominate users to administer their catalogue.

The first release of catalogues will be available soon and be enhanced with more functionality over time, in line with the agile, iterative development of the platform.

To access the Learning Hub visit the [Learning Hub website](#). If you have any questions, contact enquiries@learninghub.nhs.uk.

Supporting the wellbeing of the health and care workforce:

We are the NHS: People Plan for 2020/2021 – action for us all

The [NHS People Plan](#) published on Thursday 30 July aims to put NHS staff wellbeing at its heart, with a new recruitment, retention, and support package. It sets out practical support for wellbeing such as safe spaces to rest and recuperate, wellbeing guardians, and support to keep staff physically safe and healthy.

The NHS People Plan also builds on the innovations driven by staff during the pandemic and sets out how the NHS can embed them. To find out about how HEE sets out to expand and

develop the NHS workforce and deliver on the NHS People Plan actions, please visit the [HEE news webpage](#).

Additional information and news:

ACP Virtual Conference 2020: Save the date and research poster competition

HEE's national conference for ACP will be held online as a virtual event on Monday 9 November, and Thursday 12 November 2020. The conference will feature a mixture of live, pre-recorded, and interactive sessions available on demand. Conference registration will open at 09:00 on Monday 21 September 2020. For further information about the ACP Virtual Conference 2020, visit the [conference webpage](#).

Advanced practitioners and trainees are also invited to submit abstracts for poster presentations of their research at the conference. For further information, visit the [abstract submission webpage](#). The deadline for the receipt of abstract submissions is 12:00 on Wednesday 23 September 2020.

Free online event: The Apprenticeship Diversity and Social Mobility Forum

The BAME Apprenticeship Alliance is delighted to be holding The Apprenticeship Diversity and Social Mobility Forum - an online series of conversations between leading experts in the fields of apprenticeships, skills, diversity, and inclusion.

The forum will be held on 10, 11, and 12 August at 11:00-12:00 each day. To find out more, visit the [Apprenticeship Diversity and Social Mobility Forum event booking webpage](#).

South east regional updates:

Support for Health Careers and UCAS clearing campaign

Across the South East, there are many universities still offering clearing spaces for Nursing, AHP, and other healthcare professional courses, which can be identified via [the UCAS clearing webpage](#).

[HEE's Health Careers](#) team is currently working alongside UCAS on a campaign until October to encourage A-Level students to enrol onto clearing health-undergraduate courses.

During this period, we are asking our stakeholders in the South East to support the Health Careers team to improve the reach on social media. You can do this by:

- Retweeting and liking NHS Career posts from [@HealthCareersUK](#) and [@NHSHEE_SEast](#) Twitter account via your personal and organisation accounts
- Sharing and liking NHS Career posts from [@healthcareersUK](#) Facebook account via your personal and organisation accounts

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- Using your external communication channels and networks to promote the Health Careers website to A-Level students on the lead up to A-Level results day on, **Thursday 13 August 2020**
- Utilising the health and profession-specific career resources available on the [Health Careers website](#) when engaging with individuals seeking a career in health.

South East Behavioural and Social Science Hub launched

HEE Thames Valley and Wessex hubs have launched The South East Behavioural and Social Science Hub. This event was marked by the first in a series of webinars hosted by Behavioural Science and Public Health Network (BSPHN). HEE is working closely with BSPHN and Public Health England to design the webinar series, ensuring the content reflects the behaviour and social science work in the South East region.

The Hub offers resources and the ability to network with others on learning in this area. We are offering free memberships to the Hub, so please do circulate among your networks.

The introduction webinar: 'The case for behavioural and social science in England' can be accessed on the [Learning Hub](#).

Vacancies for Reducing Pre-registration Attrition and Improving Retention (RePAIR) Fellows

The South East region currently has Fellow secondment opportunities to join HEE's RePAIR programme. The RePAIR programme aims to support the retention of students on programmes for Nurses, Midwives, and AHPs, as well as facilitate employment into the NHS following completion of studies and provide support for those who are newly qualified. RePAIR Fellows will ideally be a Registered Nurse, Midwife, or AHP, working clinically with students studying programmes leading to registration in one of these regulated professions.

For further information about the vacancies, please visit the [South East RePAIR job Fellow vacancy on the Health Jobs website](#). The closing date for applications is Monday 17 August, and virtual interviews will take place on Friday 28 August.

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 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.

HEE London and KSS Pharmacy team are delighted to announce new funding to support the training of pre-registration trainee pharmacy technicians (PTPTs) as part of a cross-sector integrated programme from February 2021.

The team is looking to work with employers to support the training of up to 54 pharmacy technician apprentices across London and Kent, Surrey, and Sussex. If you are interested in finding out more, please join the team for a PTPT stakeholder engagement webinar on, Thursday 20 August 10:00 – 12:00, and read the [PTPTs webinar information flyer](#). To register for the webinar, [visit the Pharmacy team webpage here](#).

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 webpage on the HEE website](#). The South pharmacy team can also be contacted via Pharmacy.South@hee.nhs.uk.

HEE South School of Pharmacy is delighted to announce funding to support the training of pre-registration trainee pharmacy technicians (PTPTs) in general practice from February 2021. HEE want to work with employers to support the training of up to 30 pharmacy technician apprentices across the South West, Thames Valley and Wessex area, with GPs ideally as the host employer. This will enable a new pharmacy technician workforce with primary care experience.

Please read the [South Pharmacy team PTPTs flyer](#) for further information and access joining links to PTPT Q&A webinar on, Monday 10 August 2020, where further details and the application process will be described.

Thames Valley Hub

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

Quality

The Thames Valley quality team will continue to liaise with trust providers to keep up to date where concerns exist, and the most urgent quality visits have taken place virtually. The monthly Quality Committee continues to meet virtually, to review current educational quality issues and deal with new concerns. The team is now looking to schedule its main quality activities and visits remotely over the next few months.

Learners will continue to be able to report any concerns through the usual routes within the escalating concerns pathway or directly to the Thames Valley local office at escalatingconcerns.tv@hee.nhs.uk. For further information, please contact the Thames Valley quality team on quality.TV@hee.nhs.uk.

Pharmacy

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Thank you for reading and further information:

By following [@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.

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/>
