

# NHS England – London Region stakeholder e-newsletter

Welcome to NHS England – London Region’s monthly stakeholder e-newsletter which provides an overview of workforce, education and training news, and relevant updates from the London region.

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# National workforce, training and education news

## Creating a new NHS England

[Health Education England has merged with NHS England.](#) This means that NHS England has assumed responsibility for all activities previously undertaken by Health Education England. This includes planning, recruiting, educating and training the health workforce, ensuring that the healthcare workforce has the right numbers, skills, values and behaviours in place to support the delivery of excellent healthcare and health improvement to patients and the public.

This follows the merger of NHS Digital with NHS England on the 1 February 2023. The systems and services, functions, processes and structures of Health Education England will continue to operate as normal, and contracts will automatically transfer to NHS England, with terms and conditions unchanged.

## Medical

### Equality Impact Assessment survey – open until 2 June

As part of our Equality Impact Assessment on COVID-19 Training Recovery Interventions, we have [launched a survey](#) for all postgraduate doctors in training to share their experiences of training since March 2020. Findings will help shape improvements to postgraduate medical training aimed at achieving educational equality in terms of opportunity and outcome.

## Nursing and midwifery

### ‘Discovering a nursing career in General Practice’ module available

Nurses looking to start a role in general practice can now undertake a [three-month module](#) to gain a better understanding of the role and assist with applications to general practice nursing. The module is currently being rolled out across the country.

## Allied Health Professions (AHP)

### AHP Educator Career Framework

The [AHP Educator Career Framework](#) has been designed for all AHPs at all [career stages](#), and to support a sustainable and high-quality educator workforce both in practice and in academic settings.

Hosted on the Council of Deans of Health website, the framework describes the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to be an effective teacher, learning facilitator and role model in AHP education across all [career stages](#) and should be seen as an important first step in establishing a national standard for the AHP education workforce.

The full [report](#) contains a review of the existing career and education frameworks for all Allied Health Professions and a targeted literature review of key publications.

### CAHPO Awards 2023 – nominations open until 9 June

The [Chief Allied Health Professions Officer \(CAHPO\) awards](#) are an annual opportunity to recognise and celebrate the vital contribution and impact that [Allied Health Professions \(AHPs\)](#) make towards improving health, care, and wellbeing, of the people and population they serve. This year, the awards will take place virtually on 12 October. [Nominate yourself or an AHP colleague](#) before **9 June**.

### Diagnostic Radiographer (Integrated Degree) (Level 6) Apprenticeship Completion

The Level 6 Diagnostic Radiographer (Integrated Degree) Apprenticeship was approved for delivery in April 2019 and the duration of this gateway is typically 36 months. The first round of students to undertake this course completed it in March 2023. Those who successfully completed the programme are eligible to register with the Health and Care professions Council (HCPC) and work under the title of a diagnostic radiographer.

To celebrate this, we have launched a suite of video interviews and case studies, which include details of their experiences and perspectives from apprentices, as well as educators. Take a look at the [new resources](#).

## Mental Health

### New specialist perinatal mental health Routine Outcome Measures online learning

NHS England, in partnership with Anna Freud and partners, has now made available a [new elearning programme](#) for healthcare professionals working in specialist perinatal mental health services.

The 'Specialist Perinatal Mental Health – Routine Outcome Measures' elearning will help staff to use routine outcome measures to continually assess the results of the care and treatment they provide to patients in order to, where appropriate, make adjustments and improvements.

### Open online mental health learning to better support pregnant women and up to 24 months after birth

NHS England, in partnership with the Parent-Infant Foundation, has launched the online [Perinatal and Infant Mental Health learning programme](#). This elearning is free to use and has been designed to upskill and increase awareness of perinatal mental health among professionals working in a range of settings supporting women during pregnancy and up to 24 months after birth, including maternity services, primary care, charities, and community groups.

To find out more and enrol, visit the [Perinatal and Infant Mental Health learning programme webpage](#) and watch this short [film](#).

### National Clinical Lead for Psychological Professions interviewed by the British Psychological Society

Dr Adrian Whittington, National Clinical Lead for Psychological Professions at NHS England, features in the recent British Psychological Professions members magazine.

The interview highlights how NHS England is creating a unified sense of the psychological professions with a national vision and our opportunity to expand and go further with psychological approaches across health and care. To find out more, [read the full interview](#).

## Advancing Practice

### Learning Disability and/or Autism Network Webinar (20 June)

NHS England is hosting a [webinar](#) as part of its Advancing Practice in Learning Disability and Autism Network on **20 June (9.30am to 12.30pm)**.

This webinar will provide the opportunity to connect and network with advancing practice colleagues and share good practice. There will also be several keynote masterclasses to support practitioners in their roles, including one on systems leadership and one on leadership around neurodiversity. If you would like to attend, complete the [registration form](#).

## Dental

### Dental Education Reform Programme – survey open until 2 June

NHS England's Dental Education Reform Programme is working to develop a new training pathway is intended to broaden the experience of postgraduate dentists in training and support their career progression.

If you are a Community Dental Service (CDS) or Dental Core Training (DCT) provider, we need your help. We are carrying out a stocktake of Community Dental Service (CDS) providers to help us understand the landscape and potential future training opportunities.

Please [complete this survey](#) by **2 June**, if applicable, and disseminate it across your CDS networks so we get as strong a response as possible.

# London Region workforce, training and education news

## New Regional Director for London appointed

Caroline Clarke has been appointed as the new Regional Director for London. Caroline has spent a large part of her career in the NHS and is currently Group Chief Executive at The Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust, one of England's largest teaching trusts. Caroline will play a key role as part of NHS England's Executive Group in supporting the NHS country-wide to deliver better outcomes for our patients and communities.

## Take part in Pride 2023

This year, [Pride in London](#) is due to take place on **1 July**. The event is run entirely by volunteers and it really is a fun day for all involved. It's a great way to make friends, learn new skills and make a difference. You can [hear from others](#) about why they volunteer and what they have gained from the experience.

If you'd like to volunteer to be a steward on the day, or you would like to support in another way (for example, operations, communications, finance) in the run up to the event, [apply now](#) and the team will be in touch with more information.

## Medical

### Medical Specialty Distribution Programme London trainee engagement event (10 July)

As part of the wider Medical Specialty Distribution Programme, the London Distribution Programme Team will be running a session for Doctors in Training in the London region, as part of our ongoing engagement.

This Microsoft Teams session, taking place on **10 July (11am to 12 midday)**, is an opportunity for the Programme Team to meet with London-based trainees and share updates on how the programme is progressing.

If you would like to attend, please [email the London Distribution Programme Team](#) by **3 July**. You can find [national programme information](#) and [London-based programme information](#).

## GP Specialty Trainee 3 and 4 Career Intentions survey open until 28 June

Please complete the London GP Specialty Trainee 3 and 4 Career Intentions 2023 survey by **28 June**. The survey is open to all GP specialty trainees due to qualify and gain their Certificate of Completion of Training during summer 2023 and seeks to find out more about their intentions on completing training now, and over the next 2-5 years.

Previous survey findings have been shared with service commissioners, educators and training hubs to inform:

- future workforce development opportunities for newly-qualified GPs
- the development of recruitment and retention initiatives that address the factors that influence career choice.

By completing the survey, participants are consenting to take part and for responses to be used in the final analysis. Survey participants will find further resources and career development support at the end of the survey. The survey will be analysed by NHS England, and all responses will be anonymised.

No personally identifiable data will be shared in the final report. Data will be managed in compliance with standard UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please [email the Primary Care Team](#).

## Nursing and midwifery

### Join the next Student Nurses' Talk (15 June)

Student Nurses' Talk is a free, monthly online forum for all student nurses. The next session on **15 June (5-6pm)** will focus on recognising LGBT peoples' contribution to nursing.

The forum aims to:

- provide a space for student nurses to connect with each other, and nursing leaders
- listen to student nurses' experience and examine ways to improve these experiences
- connect student nurses nationally and internationally through shared professional experiences
- look at ways of improving support for student nurses.



## Other workforce and education updates

### Attend next cancer community of practice group meeting (21 June)

Our newly-formed cancer community of practice brings together primary care and community nurses and Allied Health Professional (AHPs). [Register for your place](#) for the next face-to-face group meeting on **21 June (9am-12.30pm)** which will focus on quality improvement (QI) and share with colleagues.

Guest speakers include Anna McGuinness, Head of Clinical Education Transformation (Workforce, Training and Education Directorate, NHS England) and Louis Faber and Hannah Pearson, QI Facilitators (Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust).

The group aims to:

- learn, network and work together to improve and develop practice, innovate, and provide a collective voice for out-of-hospital cancer healthcare
- work collaboratively with secondary care cancer nurses and AHPs to support the ambitions of integrated care.

Please bring along ideas you may have to improve the care for cancer patients in your practice, team or clinic. It will be a great opportunity to learn from colleagues and to network (lunch is provided). If you have any questions, please [email Sandra Dyer](#).

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