

# Workforce, Training and Education (WTE) Directorate stakeholder enewsletter

Welcome to the London Workforce, Training and Education Directorate's (part of NHS England) monthly stakeholder enewsletter 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

## NETS

### National Education and Training Survey (NETS) opens 3 October

The [NETS](#), running **3 October** to 28 November, is the only national survey open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students and trainees undertaking a practice placement or training post in healthcare, as part of their education and training programme.

The survey gathers opinions from students and trainees about their time working and training in practice placements and training posts, asking them to provide feedback on what worked well and what they think could be improved.

Please share the survey with your networks and [complete the survey](#) from 3 October.

## Medical

### Forthcoming Distribution of Specialty Training posts webinars

We will be holding two MS Teams sessions for postgraduate doctors in training on the Distribution of Specialty Training posts in England. Register your place:

- [24 October webinar \(6-7pm\)](#) – deadline to book: **6 October**
- [6 November webinar \(6-7pm\)](#) – deadline to book: **28 October**

Sessions will:

- cover the importance of achieving healthcare equity and decreasing health inequalities
- share programme updates (including progress on Phase A specialties)
- share next steps for the programme following the publication of the [NHS Long Term Workforce Plan](#)
- update on themes gathered from the recent trainee focus groups, recommendations made and how we have started to progress this work.

There will then be an opportunity for trainees to pose questions to the panel. You will receive a joining link one week prior to the event.

# Pharmacy

## New campaign to help people save money on prescriptions

A new NHS England campaign aims to raise awareness of prescription saving schemes. The campaign is specifically targeting those living with long-term conditions as well as people living in deprived areas, as data shows these populations receive significantly more prescription items than those living in less deprived areas.

People on a low income could be entitled to help with costs or even free prescriptions through the low income scheme, depending on their circumstances.

A [Prescription Prepayment Certificate](#) will save people money if they pay for more than three items in three months, or 11 items in 12 months. The certificate covers all NHS prescriptions for a set pre-paid price, which can also be spread over 10 direct debit payments. People can check their eligibility via the [low income scheme eligibility checker](#).

## Newly-qualified pharmacist pathway 2023/24

[A newly-qualified pharmacist pathway](#) aims to help pharmacists make the transition to more independent learning and acts as a stepping-stone towards enhanced and advanced practice. Pharmacists can access:

- the **E-portfolio**: mapped to the RPS post-registration foundation pharmacist curriculum
- the [RPS post-registration foundation pharmacist curriculum](#) which is designed to support pharmacists progress, from meeting the initial standards of education and training through to being confident practitioners who can provide increasingly complex care
- a curated [learning resource library](#)
- supervision via this pathway.

## Easy read Oliver McGowan Code of Practice consultation open until 16 October

The [easy read version of the Oliver McGowan code of practice consultation](#) is open. Share with your networks and submit your feedback on the draft Code by **16 October**.

## Other workforce and education updates

### 'People Promise in action' week (9-13 October)

The [Long Term Workforce Plan](#) (LTWP) sets out how we must build on the actions in the NHS People Promise, and make the [People Promise](#) a reality to help retain our existing talent.

NHS England is hosting a '[People Promise in action' week](#) to focus on the People Promise and explain how putting the seven elements into action can help retain our existing talent, in line with the LTWP.

Throughout the week, you can hear first-hand from organisations about how they are supporting existing colleagues by putting the People Promise into action and improving experiences at work.

The events will be open to all colleagues who lead and line manage people, from board to ward, and colleagues with staff experience within their portfolios. Each day will have a different focus and offer resources to support you on your organisation's retention journey.

Please [hold the dates in your diary](#) – you'll soon be able to access the full agenda and register. For any queries, please contact [england.lookingafterourpeople@nhs.net](mailto:england.lookingafterourpeople@nhs.net)

### TEL Updates

e-Learning for Health

[Keep up to date with all the latest additions to the eLfH platform here.](#)

# London Region workforce, training and education news

## Nursing

### London Nursing and Midwifery Hub

The [London Nursing and Midwifery Student Hub](#), developed by students for students, is the go-to webpage for nursing and midwifery students in London.

Find out more about the team supporting you, university and placement providers in the region and forthcoming opportunities. [Email Nichole McIntosh](#), Regional Head of Nursing and Midwifery, with any questions.

## Midwifery

### Registered Midwife Degree Apprenticeship – new evaluation report published

NHS England's Workforce Training and Education Directorate, in partnership with the Royal College of Midwives (RCM), has published the [Registered Midwife Degree Apprenticeship \(RMDA\) evaluation report](#). You can find a [short version](#) of the report.

Kings College London was commissioned to conduct the evaluation, surveying apprentices and interviewing representatives from universities and employers and reviewing data provided by universities.

The report concludes that the RMDA offers a sustainable means of boosting workforce capacity to meet local need, improving staff retention and support the implementation of a more diverse workforce.

### Book your place at London Nursing Associate Conference – 7 November

'Bridging the Gap: six years of the Nursing Associate role' will be taking place **on 7 November** at Middlesex University.

London-based student nursing associates, registered nursing associates, practice educators, nurse managers, Integrated Care Service and Higher Education Institute programme leads can [book places](#) by **13 October**.

Attendees will [find out more about/how to apply to the nursing associate role](#), celebrate the achievements of nursing associates in the London region over the last 6 years and share best practice, learning and ideas with peers across the region. [Please email the team](#) with any questions.

## Primary Care

### Forthcoming changes to the way patients access medical records

Catch up on the [Primary Care UK podcast](#) including a September episode on patient records access. From later this month, all patients in England will be able to view their GP medical records online. Find out more about what you need to do to ensure you're ready for this change via:

- the [GP readiness checklist](#)
- [EMIS' guidance](#)

If you have any queries, please email: [england.gprecordaccess@nhs.net](mailto:england.gprecordaccess@nhs.net)

## Advancing Practice (AP)

### New supervision and assessment resources available

New [supervisor and assessment resources](#) set out learning and development principles for practitioners who are supervising colleagues as they progress to advanced level practice.

#### **Further information**

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